

Sermon Series: Holy Communion

Sermon Text: Luke 22:14-23 Receiving the Gift of Christmas Every Lord's Day

Because Jesus earnestly desires your fellowship, He ordained the Lord's Supper to convey to you the joy of God's reign and the grace of His body.

1) Receive the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day because of the earnest desire of Jesus' suffering.

- a) "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer"
 - i) Earnest Desire
 - ii) Passover Suffering
 - iii) Communion
- b) **Application:** Does Christ's love and desire for you create a reciprocal love and desire in you for Him?

2) Receive the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day to enjoy God's reign in Jesus' exaltation.

- a) "I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God . . . I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."
 - i) God's Reign
 - ii) Jesus' Exaltation
 - iii) Glad Surrender
- b) **Application:** Christ will nourish your joy in His authority at the Lord's Table.

3) Receive the Lords' Supper each Lord's Day to enjoy the grace of the body of Christ.

- a) "This is My body, which is given for you."
 - i) Is Means Is Not?
 - ii) Given
 - iii) For You
- b) **Application:** You need the body broken. You need the body exalted. You need the body coming.

Because Jesus earnestly desires your fellowship, He ordained the Lord's Supper to convey to you the joy of God's reign and the grace of His body. What will you do to foster your appetite for the Lord?

Doxology: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. (Psalm 81:1-3)