

***Intro:***

READ WLC Q&A 169.

Main Point of Text: Jesus institutes and performs the N.T. version of the O.T. sacrament feast, and calls His ministers to keep repeating it as His people keep receiving it to actively participate in His salvation and sanctification.

Six acts in the Lord's Supper. Two by you to be really received.

Sermon Point: *Partake of the Lord's Supper by Active Participation.*

***Move 1: Christ took action to leave you a way to feed your faith with hope.***

LC: "Christ hath appointed the ministers of his word, in the administration of this sacrament of the Lord's supper, to set apart the bread and wine from common use, by the word of institution, thanksgiving, and prayer": First act of Christ, "blessing" (consecration):

- *Appointed ministers of the meal:* "administration" is by Christ's set apart administration:
  - 1 Cor. 11:23: *For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you ...*
  - 1 Cor. 4:1-2; Titus 1:7: ministers of Christ are the stewards of the mysteries of God.
  - 1 Cor. 14:40 applies to administration of sacraments (all things done in decent order).
- *Appointed the meal and its manner.* Mark 14:22-24:
  - Set apart from common to religious use. Actions: commanding, explaining, blessing.
  - Vs. 24: "my blood of the New Testament." From OT to NT (during Passover Meal). "Testament" usually "Covenant". Here testament because His will is enacted by His death, benefits now fully transferred. "shed": lit., "poured out". 1 Cor. 5:7.

***Move 2: Christ actively gives you hope in this spiritual meal.***

LC: "to take and break the bread, and to give both the bread and the wine to the communicants": Mark 14:22-23: three other actions of taking (1 Tim. 2:5), breaking (Psalm 22), giving (John 3:16).

***Move 3: You must respond with the acts of faith to actually be fed with sustaining hope.***

LC: "communicants: who are, by the same appointment, to take and eat the bread, and to drink the wine, in thankful remembrance that the body of Christ was broken and given, and his blood shed, for them": Mark 14:22, 23: they took, ate/drank. Faith response in Christ as Personal Savior and Sanctifying Lord. Psalm 116:13.

***Conclusion:***

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