

Introduction

- I. Is Christ present in the Lord's Supper? How is Christ present at the Supper?
- II. In the Lord's Supper we experience communion with Jesus Christ. LD 29 explains this more fully.

Christ's Real, Spiritual Presence

- I. *In The Elements* – When Christ said about the bread, "This is my body which is broken for you" and about the wine, "This is the cup of the new testament in my blood," what did He mean?
 - A. The RCC and Lutherans take those words of Christ literally and say that Christ is present physically.

- B. Scripture teaches that Christ is spiritually present in the elements.

- II. *In The Operation*

- A. Christ is present as the Host, who administers the Supper through the minister and elders. A. 79

- B. Christ is also present in the spiritual operation through the work of the Holy Spirit by faith in the hearts of His people.

- III. *In The Result* – we see in the Supper what Christ works in us: spiritual nourishment.

- A. Christ blesses His people through the means of partaking of the Lord's Supper.

- B. Partaking of the Lord's Supper is a great delight by faith and through the working of the Holy Spirit.