

Lord's Supper #6

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain;
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me Thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee!

Be near me when I'm dying;
Oh, show Thy Cross to me!
And for my succor flying;
Come, Lord, and set me free!

These eyes, new faith receiving,
From Jesus shall not move;
For he who dies believing,
Dies safely, through Thy love.

- Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153
Tr. Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676
Eng. Tr., James Waddel Alexander, 1859-

1904

Communion

As we come to this table, we come to what is called the –

Lord's Supper

- He invited us
- we eat with Him
- it's His meal

But it is also the :

Communion Service

As we sit here in front of His table, we are Communing –

- with God
- with His saints
- with this supper

We have examined the aspect of:

- I. Communing with the Lord's Supper with it's powerful perspectives.
(1 Cor. 11:27-34)
 1. Reflecting the Passover
- God's redeeming us from wrath
 2. Revealing New Covenant

- God's marvelous salvation worked out from within us
- 3. Reaffirming the judgement of sins
 - Christ's warning us to stay pure
- 4. Remembering the Return
 - Christ is coming soon

All of history pivots about this fact.

- Christ came humbly to a manger (Matt. 1; Luke 2)
 - To Redeem**
- Christ is coming in the air secretly (1 Th. 4; Rev. 4, Acts 1)
 - To Snatch Up His Own Harpadzo**
- Christ is coming in glory and all the world will see Him
 - (Rev. 19; Matt. 25:31)
 - to judge the world**
 - roll back the curse**
 - set up His earthly rule**

Are you watching?

- 5. Proclaiming the Lord's Death
 - With every observance, celebrating our entrance into salvation by Christ's sacrifice and resurrection

So we are first of all, Communing with this supper in all it means from these vantages –

What else?

II. We are communing with His saints

How?

In just these special ways.

As we fulfill our obedience to:

Communion of saints:

According to Christ's prayer, John 17:20, 21.

Is with God, 1 John 1:3.

Saints in heaven, Heb. 12:22-24.

Each other, Gal. 2:9; 1 John 1:3-7.

God marks with his approval, Mal. 3:16.

Christ is present in, Matt. 18:20.

In public and social worship, Ps. 34:3; 55:14; Acts 1:14; Heb. 10:25.

In holy conversation, Mal. 3:16.

In prayer for each other, 2 Cor. 1:11; Eph. 6:18.

In exhortation, Col. 3:16; Heb. 10:25.

In mutual comfort and profit, 1 Thess. 4:18; 5:11.

In mutual sympathy and kindness, Rom. 12:15; Eph. 4:32.

Delight of, Ps. 16:3; 42:4; 133:1-3; Rom. 15:32.

Exhortation to, Eph. 4:1-3.

Opposed to communion with the wicked, 2 Cor. 6:14-17; Eph. 5:11.

Exemplified: Jonathan, 1 Sam. 23:16. David, Ps.

119:63. Daniel, Dan. 2:17-18. Apostles, Acts 1:14.

The primitive church, Acts 2:42; 5:12. Paul, Acts 20:36,38.

Let's do that even now as we:

- Commune with His Supper
- Commune with His saints

Next time?

Commune with God Himself