

THE LORD'S SUPPER: ITS OBSERVANCE

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At least four different religious ideas are connected with our observance of the Lord's supper. All of these have very deep significance.

First, the communion is always associated with prayer. When He set up this act of worship, Jesus, our example, gave thanks for each of the elements of the communion service. The serious prayers uttered when we commune with the Lord involve thanksgiving and petition.

The second important element to remember in the communion service is the element of fellowship. In this practice there is fellowship with each other as members of God's chosen family; fellowship with God, the Father, and fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 26:29 suggests that since the establishment of the kingdom on the day of Pentecost, our Lord has been meeting with His disciples. In some way, He is present when we all come together to participate in the communion.

The third element of the Lord's Supper is to be found in the fact that it is a memorial. Paul speaks of this in 1 Corinthians 11. This institution is the perpetual reminder that we are saved by the blood of Christ. When we partake of this meal we remember that Jesus died on the cross. We remember that on that cross He shed His blood for us, for the remission of our sins. God wants us to keep that memory alive.

Finally, the communion service is a declaration. When we partake, as Paul states in 1 Corinthians 11, we declare our faith that Jesus will come again. The Lord's Supper is observed in a spirit of hope with an attitude of optimism on the first day of every week. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (1 Cor. 11:26).

~ Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL ~

The Lord's Supper

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Please observe the following New Testament teachings:

- (1) Its **Name**—"the Lord's supper" (1 Cor. 11:20).
- (2) Its **Institution**—on the night of Christ's betrayal (1 Cor. 11:23; Mat. 26:26-29).
- (3) Its **Place**—in the worship of the New Testament church (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:20-26).
- (4) Its **Elements**—unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine (Luke 22:19-20).
- (5) Its **Purpose**—as a memorial to remind followers of Christ of His death (1 Cor. 10:16; 1 Cor. 11:24-26).
- (6) Its **Participants**—those who have been added to Christ's church (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:20).
- (7) Its **Manner of Observation**—self-examination and proper discernment of the Lord's body on the part of the participant (1 Cor. 11:27-31).
- (8) Its **Frequency**—upon the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

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News & Notes

OOPS! NOVEMBER CALENDAR CORRECTION: Evening worship times for Nov. 13th, 20th, and 27th SHOULD BE 5:30 p.m. NOT 2:30 p.m.

Please correct your calendar. Sorry for the error!

TODAY: COVERED DISH DINNER: About Noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our **early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

WV CHRISTIAN RENEWALS: Are due now. The group rate is \$8 per year for 12 issues. Sign up by Sunday, Nov. 20th on the sheet on the desk in the foyer. Give your money to one of the Elders or to Rico.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Nov. 12th, 8:30 a.m. at Columbiana. The Columbiana brothers have requested that the Chester men cook and host this event. Sign up sheet in the foyer or see Rico.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES: Tuesday, Rico to Nov. 15th, 7:00 p.m.

DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSION: Saturday, Nov. 19th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. **FREE - no sales, just pictures.** Choose a time on the sign-up sheet under the window in the foyer. Please participate to make this a successful effort.

PANTRY: Corn muffin mix.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Linda Parkes, Beulah Walker, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox, Peppercorn Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **Weston, WV:** Rick Beck.

Refreshing the Hearts of the Saints

One of my all-time favorite passages of scripture is found in Philemon 7. There, the apostle Paul commended Philemon "because the hearts of the Saints have been refreshed through thee, brother." Wouldn't it be wonderful if that could honestly be said of every member of the church? Every Christian could be like that with a little work on the matter of "attitude." Unfortunately, some who profess to be Christians just never seem to "get it" concerning the importance of having a Christ-like spirit and spend most of their lives "out of sorts," disgruntled and unhappy. Isn't there enough "doom and gloom" in the world already without Christians adding to it? Let us resolve to be like Philemon in this regard and spread a lot of cheer and sunshine in the lives of those with whom we come in contact. One question: are others refreshed when they see you coming?

- Maxie B. Boren (*Bulletin Digest*)



Turkey Time

Why did the state policeman arrest the turkey?

Answer: He anticipated fowl play!

Remember: bring a turkey to church!