It Is The Lord's

There is a sense in which every material thing belongs to the Lord. Psalm 24:1 states, "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof." In the New Testament era, there are some specific matters that are designated as "the Lord's." Let us take a brief look at five of them.

"The Lord's day" - The sole use of this term is found in Revelation 1:10, where it is written, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet." Inasmuch as Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week (Mark 16:9) and the early church met to worship on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7), then "the Lord's day" points to the first day of the week or Sunday.

"The Lord's Supper" - This expression is also used only one time in the New Testament, in 1 Corinthians 11:20: When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper." The immediate context points to eating the bread and drinking the cup (11:23-26), so, "the Lord's Supper" refers to the "the communion" (1 Corinthians 10:16) or "breaking bread" (Acts 20:7), which is done in memory of the death of Jesus.

"The Lord's church" - Jesus promised to build His church, referring to it as "my church" (Matthew 16:18). He bought it with His own blood: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). In this passage, the reading of the ASV is "the church of the Lord." The church is His, not man's.

"The word of the Lord" - "But the word of the Lord endureth forever" (1 Peter 1:25). This is the same as "the word of God" (1:23) and "the gospel (1:25). It is the Lord's word, not man's.

"The day of the Lord" - "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise..." (2 Peter 3:10). Please note that "the day of the Lord" is not the same as "the Lord's day" about which we learned earlier in Revelation 1:10. In the context of 2 Peter 3, "the day of the Lord" is the same as "the day of God" (3:12) and "the day of judgment" (3:7). It refers to the time of the second coming of our Lord Jesus.

The only way to be prepared for the coming day of the Lord is to receive the word of the Lord, become a member of the church of the Lord, and properly worship on the Lord's day, including partaking of the Lord's Supper. Thanks be to God for our great Lord!

- Roger D. Campbell, Union Grove Church of Christ, Cleveland, TN

BIBLE PARADOXES

Finding through losing (Matthew 10:39).
Living through dying (John 12:24).
Receiving through giving (Acts 20:35).
Freedom through service (Romans 6:18).
Strength through weakness (2 Corinthians 12:10).
Gaining through losing (Philippians 3:7-8).
Exaltation through humility (James 4:10).

- Mark Posey, Glad Tidings of Good Things (House to House) -

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News & Notes

October 7, 2018

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

NO FELLOWSHIP DINNER OR EARLY AFTERNOON SERVICE IN OCTOBER.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for 1 hour. Men, come and study together with other men of the church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Oct. 13th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ. Sign-up sheet on the desk.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Next Saturday, Oct. 13th, Registration, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at the National Road Church of Christ, Wheeling, WV. Theme: "Survival Skills for the Christian Woman." Speaker: Amanda Parsons. Lunch provided.

FOX NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, Oct. 13th at 2:30 p.m. GOSPEL MEETINGS:

Weirton Heights......Oct. 14-18 (Mon. - Fri., 7:00 p.m.)Dan Kessinger HanovertonOct. 21-25 (Mon. - Thur., 7:30 p.m.)Will Montgomery

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building by signing the sheet on the desk, or arrange an appointment by talking to Rico. Thus far there has only been 30% participation.

PANTRY: Spaghetti & spaghetti sauce.

TO HAVE SURGERY: Jenny Rhodes is scheduled for knee surgery, Wednesday, Oct. 17th at Sewickley Hospital.

SEND CARDS:

Alex Harless, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

Roh & Patty Eddy (Roh is undergoing cancer treatments and Patty is recovering from an auto accident). Their address: 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Ernie Robinson, Charlie Delong, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. FOX NURSING HOME: Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). CROSSROADS: Sarah Miller. AUBURN NURSING HOME, SALEM, OH: Jim Mick. IN FLORIDA: Ilene Rayl.

A HAPPY DAY

A heart full of thankfulness, a thimbleful of care; A soul of simple hopefulness, an early morning prayer.

A smile to greet the morning with; a kind word as the key To open the door and greet the day, whate'er it brings to thee.

A patient trust in Providence, to sweeten all the way,
All these, combined with thoughtfulness, will make a happy day.

- Author Unknown, Christian Advocate, via More Heart Throbs -