

GETTING TO THE HEART OF COMMUNION

John 13:1-17

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Memorials intended to bring us together (commune):
 - 1. The rainbow: (*Gen. 9:16*)
 - 2. Passover: (*Compare Ex. 12:14 with Jn. 13:1-17*)
 - 3. The law and the ark: (*Compare Ex. 20 with Rom. 3:28*)
 - 4. The brass serpent in the wilderness: (*Compare Num. 21:8-9 with II Ki. 18:4*)
 - 5. The pile of rocks in the Jordan: (*Josh. 4:7*) (*Gen. 12:1-3; 15:18-21; 28:13-15*)
 - 6. The Lord's Supper: (*Compare Mt. 26:26-29 with I Cor. 11:17-34*)
- B. Lapses of time and repetition that tend to erode communing opportunities:
- C. Transitioning from the Passover Supper to the Lord's Supper:
 - 1. The sequence of time: v. 1
 - 2. The ongoing contention (the absence of communing): (*Lk. 22:24*)
 - 3. The desired impact of this object lesson:

II. PREPPING FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER, HOW COMMUNION IS GROOMED:

- A. The vital lesson of **humility**: vv. 1-5
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 - 2.
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- B. The vital lesson of **holiness**: vv. 6-11
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 - 3.
- C. The vital lesson of **happiness**: vv. 12-17
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 - 2.
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III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A. The Lord's Supper, a repetitious memorial, given to the local church must be safeguarded and never taken for granted with time.
- B. The impact of this object lesson must be applied by this simple phrase - "the same sun that melts the ice hardens the clay". (*Compare Jn. 13:1-17 with Jn. 13:18-35*)