

Episode 65 — Jesus Brings Us to God

Lord's Supper Meditation

Text: 1 Peter 3:18 (CSB)

Episode Summary

On Friday we step out of our walk through Matthew and gather around the Lord's table. 1 Peter 3:18 is just one verse, but it carries the whole gospel inside it: Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. This meditation anchors on the small phrase tucked in the middle — *that he might bring you to God* — and treats the cross not as the destination but as the road. The substitution is the path. The destination is a person. The table reminds us, again and again, that the way to God was never our own merit.

Key Themes

- Substitution as the path, not the destination
- “Brought to God” — access opened by Christ's work, not our effort
- A new standing, not just a single moment
- The table as a recurring reminder of finished work
- Receiving over self-cleaning

Key Scripture

“For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.” — 1 Peter 3:18 (CSB)

Takeaway Truth

The cross was never the destination. It was the road. Christ suffered to bring you somewhere you could not go on your own — to God himself.

Application for Today

Come to the table without trying to clean yourself up first. Your job here isn't to add anything to what Christ already finished. Your job is to receive — to let the bread and the cup tell you again that you've been brought home.

Series Focus

Cornerstone Today walks through the New Testament verse by verse Tuesday through Thursday, currently in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5). Friday episodes step out of the main series for a Lord's Supper meditation. Today's text — 1 Peter 3:18 — sits behind every table we gather around: the substitution that opened the way, the access that is now ours, and the reminder that we bring nothing to this meal except the willingness to receive what Christ has already done.