

Academy: The Ordinances pt. 3 notes

The Lord's Supper

Definitions:

- Lord's Supper
 - It is a meal that is provided and hosted by our Lord
- Communion
 - The act of intimate fellowship between persons
- Eucharist
 - Giving Thanks

1. Why is it a Sacrament?

a. Christ commanded it

i. Explicit

1. And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. **Do this in remembrance of me.**" And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. Luke 22:20 ESV

ii. Implicit

1. Passover parallels with Lord's Supper

iii. Early church

1. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the **breaking of bread** and the prayers. Acts 2:42 ESV
2. On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. Acts 20:7 ESV

b. Sign and seal of the covenant

- i. Exodus 24:7-8, Matthew 26:28, Romans 4:9-11

2. What does it consist of?

a. Bread

- i. "And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

b. Fruit of the vine (Luke 22:17-18)

- i. “Wine diluted with water was obviously considered to be of inferior quality (Isa 1:22), although the Greeks, considering the drinking of pure wine to be an excess, routinely diluted their wine.” -pg 2015
 - ii. Alcoholic?
 - 1. John 2:9-10 ESV, Numbers 6:1-4 ESV
- 3. Why do we consume elements?
 - a. Meals with worship
 - i. Genesis 14:20
 - b. Consumption metaphors
 - i. Psalm 104:14-15 ESV, Proverbs 31:7 ESV
 - ii. Wine fills the body with joy
 - iii. Eating sustains the body and becomes the body
- 4. Who is it for?
 - a. Believers
 - i. Matthew 26:28, John 6:53-54, 1 Corinthians 10:16, 1 Corinthians 11:29
ESV,
 - b. Open/Closed
 - i. Nehemiah Coxe - Open Communion
 - ii. William Kiffen - Closed Communion
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 11:18, 33-34 ESV, Acts 2:41 ESV