

Lord's Supper

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Sunday Morning

1. Paul takes us from the time of the first Lord's Supper into eternity future
2. He received his knowledge by divine revelation

1 Corinthians 11:23 For *I received from the Lord* that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

1. "I received from the Lord"
 - a. His understanding came directly from God
 - b. Paul probably received this revelation during the 3 years he spent in the Arabian desert
 - c. Paul saw clearly "how" the first Lord's Supper came to pass
 - i. His vision of the Christian life goes into eternity future
 - ii. His description is found in 1 Corinthians 11

V.24 (V.23...He took bread) – and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

V.25 In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

V.26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death *until He comes*.

1. "until He comes"
 - a. In four verses Paul gives the inception of the Lord's Supper & its continuation until the Lord's return
 - b. In other writings we know that Paul could see not only the Lord's Supper but: the Church age, the rapture of the Church, Christ 2nd coming & eternity future
 - c. But we also have a view going the other direction – basically from the Lord's Supper going into eternity past
 - i. The Lord's Supper isn't mentioned but the viewpoint is correct
 - ii. It is recorded by Peter

1 Peter 1:18 knowing that *you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,*

1. "you were not redeemed"
 - a. "Redeemed" is literally "ransomed" – the root word means to loose, set free

2. "not redeemed...with perishable things like silver or gold from futile...life...inherited from your forefathers"

a. Peter could see from his time & back how men conducted their religious activities

b. Judaism had become more about money than God

i. Christ criticized the religious leaders for this attitude

Matthew 23:16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, *that* is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple is obligated.'

¹⁷ "You fools and blind men! Which is more important, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold?"

¹⁸ "And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, *that* is nothing, but whoever swears by the offering on it, he is obligated.'

¹⁹ "You blind men, which is more important, the offering, or the altar that sanctifies the offering?"

ii. The religious leaders had also distorted the meaning of the Law, to give them control over people

Matthew 15:1 Then some Pharisees and scribes

*came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said,

² "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."

³ And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?"

1 Peter 1:18 x knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, V.19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

1. "but with precious blood"

a. Peter states that it is the blood of Christ that purchased man's freedom – not man's religious works

b. Peter looked back to all the animals that were sacrificed & declares their blood had no lasting value

- i. The writer of Hebrews says the same thing

Hebrews 10:1 For the Law, since it has *only* a shadow of the good things to come *and* not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.

² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?

V.4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

1 Pet.1:19 x but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

- 2. "with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ"
 - a. The structure of the sentence isn't normal – it is written this way to emphasize **"CHRIST"**
 - i. **He** is the unblemished, spotless Lamb
 - ii. It is **His blood** that ransomed us – nothing you nor I do contributes to salvation
 - b. Peter continues to gaze deeper into eternity past – V.20

1 Pet.1:20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

- 1. "For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world"
 - a. It appears, at first glance, that when man sinned – God responded accordingly by sending His Son to redeem us from the curse of sin
 - i. A cursory glance gives that impression

Genesis 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

¹⁶ The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

V.5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life;

¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

b. Romans sums it up

Romans 5:18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

¹⁹ For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

c. But Peter takes us deeper V.20

1 Pet.1:20 x For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

1. "For He was foreknown **before** the foundation of the world"

a. God becoming a man & paying for sin was established from eternity past

- b. In God's foreknowledge He wrote your name in heaven before the world existed

Revelation 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

Revelation 17:8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.

- c. Christ coming to redeem man was more than a response to sin
- d. It was planned in eternity past

2. *"has appeared in these last times for the sake of you"*

- a. While it was planned – it wasn't revealed until the right time

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

- b. The question may be ask why?

- i. Why did God allow man to sin?
- ii. Why did He make man, knowing we would sin?
- iii. On & on go the questions

- c. There are only 1 question we can begin to answer today

- i. Why did God do things this way?

01. The **first** answer is easy – God's ways are not our ways

Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

02. The **second** answer – this reveals the greatness of God's love

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

We memorialize Christ death b/c it reveals a level of love that is found no where else

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

WE have the greatest news the world will ever hear!