

“YOU PROCLAIM”

1st Corinthians 11:26

In eating the Lord’s Supper, we proclaim certain facts of the gospel.

I. THAT JESUS DIED

When you eat the Lord’s Supper, you proclaim that Jesus died.

A. 1st Corinthians 11:26

*“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death...**”*

B. Romans 5:7-8

He died for sinners.

C. 1st Thessalonians 5:9-10

He died that we might live.

II. THAT JESUS WILL COME AGAIN

When you eat the Lord’s Supper, you proclaim that He will come again.

A. 1st Corinthians 11:26

*“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death **till He comes.**”*

B. John 14:1-3

He promised to come again.

C. Acts 1:9-11

Angels explained that His return would imitate His departure, when *“He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”*

D. 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18

1. Those believers who are living when this happens *“shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”*

2. His return will not involve Him stepping foot on the earth again, for we will meet Him above.

E. **2nd Peter 3:10**

His return will be unexpected.

F. **1st Thessalonians 5:1-4**

It should not surprise us, however.

III. THE NEED FOR SELF-EXAMINATION

When you eat the Lord's Supper, you proclaim that it is necessary for men to examine themselves.

A. **1st Corinthians 11:27-31**

1. We assume the guilt of the Lord's death when we partake in an unworthy manner (27).
2. One must examine himself before partaking (28).
3. Failing to discern the Lord's body in this Supper brings about judgment (29).
4. To avoid judgment, we must first judge ourselves (31).

B. **2nd Corinthians 13:5**

Self examination is required in order to verify our qualification in the gospel.

IV. WE ARE FORGETFUL

When you eat the Lord's Supper, you proclaim the need for remembrance.

A. **1st Corinthians 11:24-25**

When He instituted the Lord's Supper, Jesus said, "*Do this in remembrance of Me*".

B. **2nd Timothy 2:8**

We need reminders of what Jesus has done for us.

V. THE NEW TESTAMENT IS BINDING

When you eat the Lord's Supper, you proclaim the existence of the New Testament.

A. Luke 22:20

Jesus spoke of "a new covenant in [His] blood".

B. Hebrews 9:15-17

This new covenant became effective with the death of Christ, when His blood was shed.

C. Hebrews 8:7-13

A new covenant has replaced the old. Therefore, we are no longer bound by the Old Testament.

VI. THE KINGDOM IS ESTABLISHED

A. Matthew 26:29

The Lord said He would not partake again until He could do so anew with us in the kingdom.

B. Acts 2:42; 20:7

Because this feast was observed in Jerusalem and Troas in the first century by the disciples we must conclude that the kingdom now exists.

C. 1st Corinthians 10:16

1. When we partake, we have communion with Christ.
2. That means He partakes, as well.
3. He said he wouldn't partake until in the kingdom.
4. Thus, the kingdom now is.

D. 1st Corinthians 11:18, 20

1. When the Supper is eaten, it is done in the church.
2. Jesus said He would partake in the kingdom.
3. That means the church is the kingdom.

CONCLUSION

- A.** In eating the Lord's Supper, we proclaim that:

1. Christ died.
2. He will come again.
3. We need to examine ourselves.
4. We forget.
5. The New Testament is in force.
6. The kingdom has been established.

B. If you are not a Christian, we wish to inform you by way of this feast that:

1. Jesus died for you, that you might have life apart from sin.
2. Christ will return when you least expect it.
3. You had better examine yourself, spiritually.
4. Don't forget your present condition and what the Lord did to change it.
5. You can commit to the New Testament of Christ.
6. You may be a citizen in His kingdom!