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THE LORD'S SUPPER

INTRODUCTION

(Exodus 12:1-14, v21-32; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23;
John 13:1-5; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34)

1. WHAT IS THE SETTING WHEN JESUS ESTABLISHED HIS SUPPER?

(Matthew 26:19) "So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them,
and they prepared the Passover."

The Passover celebrated an event in Israel's history when they escaped the 10th plague
and made their exodus out of Egypt.

Plagues: 1. (Ex. 7:17) river waters turned to blood. 2. (Ex. 8:5) frogs.
3. (Ex. 8:16) lice. 4. (Ex. 8:24) thick swarms of flies. 5. (Ex. 9:3) severe pestilence.
6. (Ex. 9:9) boils. 7. (Ex. 9:18) very heavy hail. 8. (Ex. 10:4-5) locusts.
9. (Ex. 10:22) thick darkness. 10. (Ex. 11:4-5) death of the firstborn.

Israelites make preparations to avoid the 10th plague: (Exodus 12:1 – 14, v21 – 32)

A meal consisted of a lamb, (v8) "with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs"
(v7) the lamb's blood would be placed on their doorposts and lintel.
(v13) "when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you
to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt."

(Ex. 12:14) "So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast
to the Lord throughout your generations"

Now, Jesus and His disciples, (Matthew 26:26) "as they were eating ... "

2. WHAT ARE THE 2 ITEMS IN THE LORD'S SUPPER?

- 1) Unleavened bread from the Passover table: (Matt. 26:26) "As they were eating,
Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples ... "
- 2) (Mark 14:23-25) "23-25) **"Then He took the cup**, and when He had given thanks He
gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, This is My blood
of the new covenant, which is shed for many. Assuredly I say to you, I will no longer
drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in the
kingdom of God."

3. WHAT ARE THE BIBLE NAMES FOR THIS EVENT?

- 1) (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) **"The cup** of blessing which we bless, is it not **the communion**
of the blood of Christ? **The bread** which we break, is it not **the communion** of the body
of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake
of that one bread."
- 2) (v21) "... you cannot partake of **the Lord's table** and of the table of demons."
- 3) (1 Corinthians 11:20-21) **" ... the Lord's supper ... "**
- 4) (Acts 20:7) "Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together
to **break bread** ... "

4. ON WHAT DAY SHALL WE PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER?

(Acts 20:7)

5. DOES PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FORGIVE ME OF MY SINS?

No!

Neither does the singing, offering, scripture reading, listening to the sermon.
(Acts 2:38) "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ
for the remission of sins ... "

6. WHO SHOULD PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER?

(Matthew 26:29) "... when I drink it new **with you in My Father's kingdom**"
(Acts 20:7) "... **when the disciples** came together to break bread"
(1 Corinthians 1:2) "**To the church** of God at Corinth, **to those who are sanctified in Christ**
Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord, ... "
Instructions concerning the Lord's supper, (1 Cor. 11:18) "First of all,
when you come together as a church ... "

7. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER?

- 1) It is a memorial: (1 Cor. 11:24-25) "... this do in remembrance of Me ... "
- 2) It is a proclamation: (1 Cor. 11:26) "... you proclaim the Lord's death till He come"
- 3) It is a communion: We enjoy a relationship with Jesus and with one another.

8. WHAT IS THE MANNER IN WHICH I SHOULD PARTAKE?

- 1) (v27) speaks of an "unworthy manner"

The definition of the word speaks to the actual manner at the time of partaking and
not to our "worthiness" (none righteous), nor to our manner of living last week.
When not living correctly, repent and pray.

- 2) An "unworthy manner" would include: (v29) "not discerning the Lord's body."
- 3) So, (v28) "let a man examine himself, and so let him eat ... "

9. WHAT IF I FAIL IN THE "MANNER" OF PARTAKING?

The consequences are listed: (v27) "will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord"
(v29) "eats and drink s judgment to himself" and (v30) "for this reason
many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep"

These consequences are a warning to those who view Christianity hypocritically,
without reverence, don't really care, have displeasure toward spirituality.
The warning is toward those who habitually go through the motions and
willfully have no regard for the occasion.

These become spiritually "weak," then get spiritually "sick," and
it will eventually lead to being spiritually "dead."