

“Ecclesiology: The Doctrine of the Church:
The Lord’s Supper; Celebrating His Amazing Grace”
1 Corinthians 11:17-32; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

“Some neglect the Lord’s Supper altogether; some completely misunderstand it; some exalt it to a position it was never meant to occupy, and turn it into an idol.”

“Reminding ourselves of what God has done for us is the fuel to do what He has commanded us.”

- Laying a foundation for understanding the Lord’s Supper:
 - Why was the Lord’s Supper ordained?
 - **Remembrance:** (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25) The power of the Christian life is found in *remembering* what it is that Christ has done for us (Luke 22:19-20). We must *remember* what was done for us and the *benefits* of that act.
 - The *bread* represents Christ’s body that was given for our sins. Even though his bones were not broken, his physical body was punished for sins He never committed; our sin debt was placed on Him. The bread also represents His perfect life that was lived in the flesh. The bread also points to our unity in Him.
 - The *cup* represents the blood that was shed on our behalf for our sins. That through His death and resurrection we have been redeemed from the power of death, sin, and hell.
 - This is a deeply personal celebration. Christ died for you. His body was given for you. His blood was shed for you. This isn’t simply a religious act, it is personal.
 - **Participation:** (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) We are not just remembering what Jesus has done for us but what our salvation has resulted in. The power that has been given to me to walk in obedience to God.
 - I have also died and been given the newness of life (Romans 6:3-5). I have been set free from the slavery and ultimate consequence of my sin, namely, eternal death (Romans 6:23). Because of this freedom, by the Holy Spirit, I can put my sin to death (Colossians 3:5), I can walk in holiness (1 Peter 1:14-19), and I now can give glory to God with my life (1 Peter 4:8-11).
 - **Reconciliation:** (2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Ephesians 2:14-18) The Lord’s Supper proclaims (1 Corinthians 11:26) that by the death of Christ we can be reconciled with God to enjoy Him for all eternity, and we have been reconciled to one another to glorify God by extending to one another what Christ died to give us individually (love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness). I am celebrating the work of Christ as our Mediator as well. The key to enjoying God’s peace and growing in joy is to remember I’m reconciled to God and we are reconciled to one another for our mutual joy in Christ.
 - Who should take the Lord’s Supper?
 - A person who has been saved. They have submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and have fully trusted the work of Christ (His perfect life, death, and resurrection) as the only means of salvation (Romans 10:9-10).
 - A person who has taken the time to reflect (examine themselves) on the great salvation that has been given to them, the joy of participating in the Christian life, and is celebrating the honor and joy of being reconciled with God and one another through the work of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:28).
 - Who should not take the Lord’s Supper?
 - A Christian who is living in open sin with no repentance. We cannot cling to Christ and our sin. We can’t cling to sin and have gratitude for our salvation.
 - A person who has not come to salvation. To enjoy a spiritual feast we must have a spiritual heart, taste, and appetite. A person who has not proclaimed that Christ is their only hope for salvation.
 - What are the benefits (the graces) of taking the Lord’s Supper?

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Worship: Nothing but the Blood (Various Artists)
Christ is Mine Forever More (CityAlight)

Glorious Christ (Sovereign Grace Music)

Closing Song: In Christ Alone (The Gettys)

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- A *strengthening* and *refreshing* in remembering what Christ has done for us and His sufficiency (2 Corinthians 12:9-10) .
- A *delighting* in our full and perfect acceptance in Christ (Hebrews 4:14-16).
- A *fresh* repentance for sins and a *sound mind* from the reality of His work (1 John 1:7-2:1).
- A *renewed zeal* to live for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31-33).
- It brings a *reawakening* of the importance of humility in the Christian walk (Philippians 2:3-8).
- It brings a *great joy, gratitude, and renewed commitment* to live sacrificially for His glory (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).
- Final words....
 - Always take the Lord's Supper with reverence, that is, never just go through the motions.
 - Do not make an idol of the Lord's Supper. Without the gospel we cannot be saved, but we can be saved without the Lord's Supper.
 - Don't ever be absent when the Lord's Supper is administered. Neglecting a means in enjoying Christ is a great disservice to our souls.
 - Do not condemn yourself if you don't have an emotional experience in taking the Lord's Supper every time. But desire it.

Account Balance: \$45,612.91 February Balance: \$33,581.08	Weekly Budget: \$3,200.50
Actual Tithe: March 7	\$3,430
Actual Tithe: March 14	\$4,691
Actual Tithe: March 21	\$10,085
Actual Tithe: March 28	\$1,581

Announcements:

***Volunteers:** We have a wonderful opportunity for our church members to get involved in serving our church body in the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney!

***Donations:** We will be collecting donations for Vertical 196 over the next few weeks. They are in need of the following items: men's medium boxers, regular coffee, powdered drink mixes, hard candy, toilet bowl cleaner, dessert plates, 12 oz plastic cups, 12 oz paper coffee cups.

***Baptism:** Our next baptism service is Sunday, April 18th. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about being baptized, please talk to Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Joel, Elder Richard, or Elder Zach.

***Fellowship Dinner:** We have a Fellowship Dinner scheduled for NEXT Sunday, April 11th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something for the dinner, the theme is Comfort Food (casseroles, pastas, meatballs, etc.)! We invite EVERYONE to stay and enjoy dinner and fellowship with us!

***Evangelism Class:** The sign-up list for the April Evangelism Class is on the back table! The class will be on the last 2 Saturdays of the month, the 17th and 24th, from 6:30-8pm. If you are interested in taking the class, please sign-up! **This will be our last class until the Fall!*

***Members Meeting:** We will be having a short business meeting on Sunday, April 18th, immediately following the worship service. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for that meeting. We do not anticipate this meeting lasting more than 30 minutes!