

Worship God

The Theology and Practice of Worship (Part Seven)

The Lord's Supper

Luke 22:15-20

And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God..."

And when He had taken some bread and 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 in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

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Fulfillment of Passover

1. Jesus' sacrificial death is the means of ultimate deliverance and redemption
2. Eating and drinking signify participation in the benefits of Jesus' sacrificial death
3. Eating and drinking are done in anticipation of the celebration with Jesus in the consummated kingdom

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Ongoing Celebration

➤ *What did Jesus institute at the last supper?*

1. Not a Christ-centered celebration of Passover once a year (Passover has come to an end)
2. A celebratory meal with believers signifying our participation in the benefits of Christ's death and our unity as the new covenant community

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Ongoing Celebration

- In the NT, the Lord's Supper is...
- a meal ("supper"), not a symbolic meal
 - not tied to sacred times, places, priesthood
 - amongst disciples, not private
 - done in remembrance of Christ

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Acts 2:42-46

- "breaking of bread" refers to common meals shared by disciples in their homes

Acts 20:7-11

- "breaking of bread" is a common meal not a liturgical celebration

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34

1. The Lord's Supper/Table was a real meal to be eaten together
2. A primary significance of the Lord's Supper was to demonstrate and experience unity and mutual care as the community of Messiah
3. The special character of this meal was its specific remembrance of Christ through the proclamation of His death

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In celebrating the Lord's Supper...

1. We are to remember Christ by the proclaiming of His death
2. We are to demonstrate and experience unity and mutual care as the body of Christ
3. We are to anticipate the consummated kingdom when we will feast with Christ as His redeemed bride