

..In Remembrance of Me

The Ongoing Celebration of the Lord's Supper

And while they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

And when He had taken the cup and given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."



The Last Supper/Passover

The Significance of His words

- 1. Jesus' sacrificial death ratifies the new covenant and is the means of the forgiveness of sins
- 2. Eating the bread and drinking the cup convey the benefits of His sacrificial death
- 3. This supper was done in anticipation of celebration with Jesus in His consummated kingdom



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Ongoing Celebration

- not merely an annual "Christian" Passover
- a fellowship meal with other disciples
- done in remembrance of Christ

Possible allusions: Acts 2:46; 20:7 ("breaking of bread")



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- 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
 - 1. The Lord's Supper was a actual meal (supper) to be eaten together
 - The value of the Lord's Supper was negated by their self-centered, disregard of one another



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- 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
 - Eating the Lord's Supper with a self-centered, disregard for the "body" is to eat in an unworthy manner and invite God's judgment
 - 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 signify, by eating and drinking, our participation in the benefits of Christ's saving death
- 2. We demonstrate and experience unity and mutual care as the body of Christ
- 3. We anticipate final deliverance and celebration with Jesus in the consummated kingdom