

Series: Why We Do What We Do

We Observe The Lord's Supper Weekly 1 Corinthians 11:17-30

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1. Baptism has always been the outward sign of true believers. Jesus Himself inaugurated His personal ministry by asking John the Baptist to immerse Him in the Jordan River.
 2. Jesus established the Lord's Supper as a commemorative ordinance
 3. Just like baptism, there are many controversies related to the Lord's Supper.
 4. Fellowship has always been important in the Lord's church. As we work through this passage of Scripture, we will examine the PERVERSION of the Lord's Supper by the Corinthians, and the true PLAN and PURPOSE of the Supper given by the Lord.
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- I. The Perversion of the Lord's Supper. 1 Corinthians 11:18-19, "In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval."
 - A. There were divisions in the church.
 - B. The aim of the Lord's Supper was to bring people together.
1 Corinthians 11:20, "When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk."
 1. Acts 20:7, "On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight."
 - II. The Plan For The Lord's Supper. 1 Corinthians 11:23, "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,"
 - A. The Lord's Supper was Jesus' way for us to remember His death, burial and resurrection. Luke 22:17-20
 - B. The first century church had weekly observance of the Lord's Supper.
 - C. The Lord's Supper in church history.
 - III. The Purpose of the Lord's Supper. 1 Corinthians 11:23, "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,"
 - A. Paul makes it clear that this was "received from the Lord."
 - B. The purpose of the Bread. 1 Corinthians 11:24. "and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.'"
 - C. The purpose of the Cup. 1 Corinthians 11:25, "In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'"