

Welcome

Tuesday Bible Study

Practical Questions

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Practical Questions

Why is it important?

- The simple fact that Jesus commanded us to observe it makes it important.
- Participating in this celebration allows us to deepen our relationship with Jesus and with other believers.



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Why is it important?

- The better and more deeply we understand Jesus' death on the cross on our behalf, the more we know Jesus' heart, the more we are willing to follow and obey him.
- Sharing in the meal together as one also promotes unity and love among believers.



Practical Questions

Why is it important?

- Participation also requires personal reflection and confession of one's sins.
- The Lord's Supper is an incomparable time for self-evaluation, confession, and repentance.



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Why is it important?

- The Lord's Supper is a crucial moment for Christian fellowship.
- It is a moment in which we proclaim we are one in Christ and bear witness as a body that our Lord and Savior has risen and will come back one day.



Practical Questions

How often should we celebrate the Lord's Supper?

- The Bible does not clearly indicate how often.
- The early church seems to have celebrated the Lord's Supper every time they met to share meals together. It is not clear if that occurred daily, weekly, or on a different schedule.

Practical Questions

How often should we celebrate the Lord's Supper?

- The frequency of the celebration depends on our understanding of the Lord's Supper.
- The central issue is that all believers participate in the celebration, understand its importance, and grow in their relationship with Christ and other believers.

Practical Questions

How did the early church celebrate the Lord's Supper?

- The early church left some instructions about what was important.
- The Didache is an ancient Christian document known as “The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles.” The word *didache* is a Greek word meaning “teaching.”
- Written some time soon after the time of the apostles, this book gives instruction on the Christian way of life, and contains a short section on the Eucharist.

Practical Questions

The Didache

“Do not let anyone eat or drink of your Eucharist except those who have been baptized in the name of the Lord. For the statement of the Lord applies here also: Do not give to dogs what is holy.”

Suggestions

- Think about your baptism.
- Remember the words of Scripture that talk about how you were baptized into Jesus' death (Rom. 6:3–4).
- Know that when you became a believer, you died to the old life and were born into a new and holy one.

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The Didache

“On the Lord’s day, when you have been gathered together, break bread and celebrate the Eucharist. But first confess your sins so that your offering may be pure. If anyone has a quarrel with his neighbor, that person should not join you until he has been reconciled.”

Suggestions

- Think about where you have gotten off track from God’s plan for your life.
- Have you hurt or argued with someone recently? (Matt. 5:23–24).

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The Didache

“Celebrate the Eucharist as follows: Say over the cup: ‘we give you thanks, Father, for the holy vine of David, your servant, which you made known to us through Jesus your servant. To you be glory for ever.’”

Suggestions

- Think about the cup of wine and how it stands for the blood of Jesus.
- Think how God will keep all his promises to you because of Jesus!

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The Didache

“Over the broken bread say: ‘we give you thanks, Father, for the life and the knowledge which you have revealed to us through Jesus your servant. To you be glory for ever.’”

Suggestions

- Think about how Jesus’ body was broken like the bread.
- Now think how you are a part of Jesus’ body, you are like an individual piece of bread.

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The Didache

“As this broken bread scattered on the mountains was gathered and became one, so too, may your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. For glory and power are yours through Jesus Christ for ever.’

Suggestions

- Think how someday God will gather all those fragments together from all around the world just like the fragments were gathered up from Jesus’ miracles (Matt. 16:8–12).
- Think about how your new life is kept alive by Jesus, the Bread of Life.
- Ask yourself if you are hungry. Remember Jesus promised to satisfy those who hunger for God (Matt. 5:6)

Practical Questions

Is there one right way to do it?

- No. But there are some elements included in all valid celebrations of the Lord's Supper.
- Next are some biblical guidelines for meaningful worship before, during, and after participating in the Lord's Supper.



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Before the Lord's Supper

- The apostle Paul encourages us to examine ourselves before partaking in the Lord's Supper.
- He encourages us to identify sin, bitterness, anger, hatred, or any other feeling or attitude and bringing it before God.
- Repentance is necessary before participating in the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:27–30).



Practical Questions

Before the Lord's Supper

- Once we have confessed our sins and asked God for his forgiveness, we must come in faith to the Table of the Lord believing that because of Jesus' sacrifice, God offers us his forgiveness.
- We must end our prayer with the certainty of God's forgiveness.
- Our eating and drinking of the bread and wine is our witness that we are forgiven.

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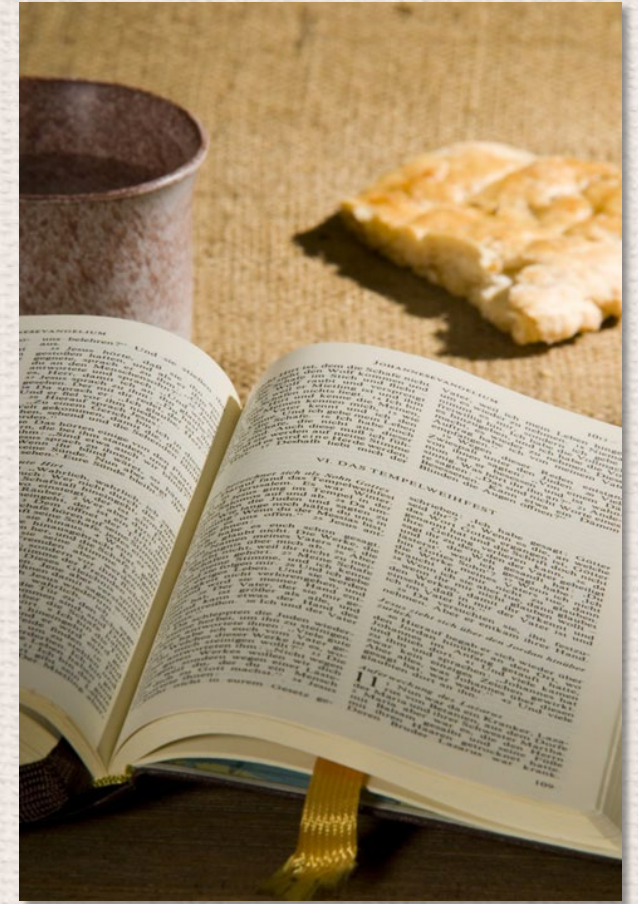
Before the Lord's Supper

- Although the Lord's Supper is a solemn moment, it is also a moment of thanksgiving, celebration, and great joy. We are remembering and celebrating Christ's wonderful work of redemption!
- We are also celebrating our unity with Christ through the Holy Spirit and with each other.

Practical Questions

During the Lord's Supper

- We do not have specific instruction in Scripture for how we are to celebrate the Lord's Supper.
- We only have the words of Jesus and Paul, which often the ministering person will repeat directly from the Bible.



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During the Lord's Supper

- Different churches celebrate the actual Supper differently.
- Many churches use individual cups of grape juice and small pieces of bread, which are distributed among the celebrants.
- Once all the bread and wine are distributed, the celebrants eat the bread and drink the juice together as a way to emphasize the unity of the church.



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During the Lord's Supper

- Other churches prefer to use a chalice with juice or wine and a whole loaf of bread.



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After the Lord's Supper

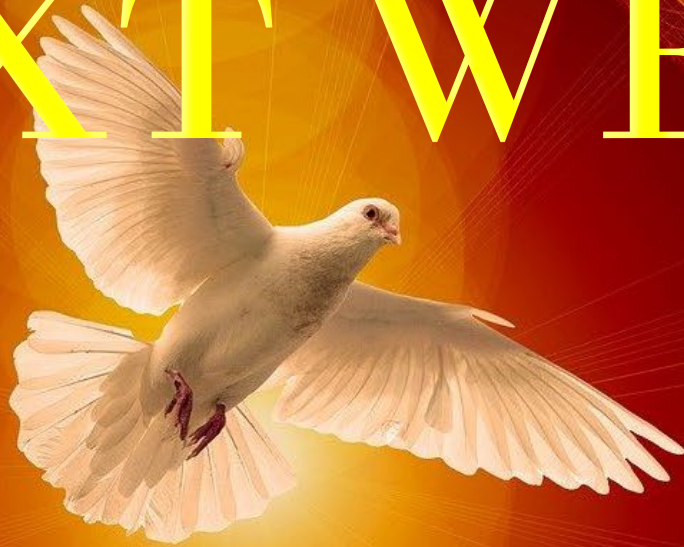
- The celebration of the Lord's Supper reminds us who we are in Christ (the church is Christ's body).
- With this conviction in mind, we should go out into our lives to live out this reality.
- We should seek to reflect Christ in our daily lives, pursue reconciliation where relationships are broken and bring peace where unrest exists.

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After the Lord's Supper

- The Lord's Supper reminds us that Jesus will come back as a victorious King.
- Our lives are shaped by this knowledge: despite trials and sufferings, we can live in hope that our Lord and Savior is coming back. For this reason, all believers can boldly proclaim, *Maranatha!* "Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

NEXT WEEK



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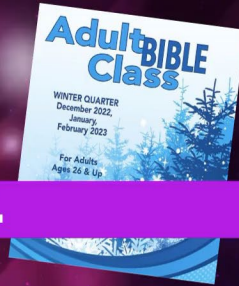
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8:30-9:30AM -- IN-PERSON or VIRTUAL

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Meeting ID: 709-940-080#

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Sunday School: 8:30am

Bible Study: Monday - 7:00pm

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WEDNESDAY
NOON DAY
12:00 - 1:00 PM

BIBLE

Study

With:
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Anderson

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2024

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