

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is patterned after an Old Testament Passover observed in Exodus (Ex 12:1-28). Only Luke makes the Passover connection in his explanation of the Lord's Supper (Lk 22:7-14). The Passover meal was built around four cups: the cup of blessing; the cup of judgment, the cup of redemption, and the cup of praise for redemption accomplished. The Lord's Supper serves four purposes of "remembrance."

Key Idea – "This do in remembrance of Me" Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24, 25

1. Remembrance Intensifies Love for God & Others – Lk 22:15

- Remember, Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us, 1 Cor 5:7
- Remember, greater Love has no man than to lay down life, Jn 15:13
- Remember, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, Rm 5:6
- Remember, God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love, Eph 2:4-10

2. Remembrance Deepens Gratitude to God & Others – Mt 26:26-28

- Remember, Jesus died for us, we give thanks for Him, 1 Cor 11:24
- Remember, the fellowship with Him and each other, 1 Cor 10:16-17
- Remember, the fellowship of the Gospel we have in Christ, Phil 1:3-5
- Remember, to give thanks for all things in God's will, 1 Th 5:16-22

3. Remembrance Heightens Future Hope -Mt 26:29; Mk 14:26; Lk 22:25

- Remember, Coming Kingdom - Drank the cup of redemption, Mt 26:28, but the 4th cup of praise is postponed until new in the Kingdom, Mt 26:29
- Remember, Coming Redemption – Messianic Psalm 118, used 5 times in NT (Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10, 11; Lk 20:17; Acts 4:11; 1 Pt 2:7)
- Remember, Coming King – Show Lord's death 'til He comes! (1 Cor 11:26)

4. Remembrance Encourages Holiness for Ourselves & Others, 1 Cor 11:27ff

- Remember, warning! Examine self, not eat, drink unworthily, 1 Cor 11:26
- Remember, motive, present ourselves as a living sacrifice, Rm 12:1-2
- Remember, seek Holiness, As He is, we should be holy, 1 Pt 1:15-16
- Remember, keep the feast not with old leaven (sin), 1 Cor 5:8; 10:21

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