

Four Looks at the Lord's Supper

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Introduction:

1. Our worship must be in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
2. It is important to pause and consider the Lord's Supper.

I. Look Backward

- A. Remember Jesus' instructions.
 1. Command (Luke 22:19-20)
 2. Emblems (Matthew 26:17, 26-28)
 3. Practice (Acts 20:7)
- B. Remember Jesus death.
 1. His body (Luke 22:41-44, 63-65; 23:16, 33)
 2. His blood (John 19:1-3, 17-18, 30-34)

II. Look Within

- A. The need for self-examination
 1. To avoid judgment (1 Cor. 11:31-32)
 2. To see mistakes (Hag. 1:5, 7; Jam. 1:22-25)
 3. To repent and return (Psa. 119:59; Lam. 3:40; Eze. 18:28; Rev. 2:5; Luke 15:17-19)
 4. To live with confidence (2 Cor. 13:5; Gal. 6:4)
- B. Individual salvation and communion

III. Look Without

- A. To the covenant (11:25)
- B. To the church (11:29-30, 17-22, 33-34)
- C. To the world (11:26)

IV. Look Forward

- A. In fellowship (Matthew 26:29; 1 Cor. 10:16)
- B. In faith (John 14:1-3; Ac. 1:11; Heb. 9:28; Rev. 1:7)
- C. In fact (1 Jn. 1:7; 2:28; 3:1-3; Rev. 21:3, 22-23)

Conclusion:

1. When a Christian partakes of the Lord's Supper...
2. Do you need to adjust how you look at the Lord's Supper?