



### **Wednesday Word**

“For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come” (1 Cor. 11:23-27 *KJV*)

For every Christian body the observance of the Lord’s Supper is a worshipful experience. Different denominations use different terms to describe it, but for all it is worship. The church at Corinth, like many contemporary churches, abused the ordinance. This is the context of our Scripture reading.

The design of the Lord’s Supper is to keep believers “in remembrance” of the death of Jesus (1 Cor. 11:24). Jesus said, “This do in remembrance of me.” Paul said that we show forth the Lord’s death. It is somewhat strange that those who have been saved by the death of Jesus would need something to remind them of it, but that is the way it is.

It is designed to remind believers of the nature of the death of Jesus. The Passover feast is an example of a reminder. The story connected with it is the passing of the death angel. The celebration of it was a declaration. In the partaking of the bread and wine, the Christian celebrates the manner of Jesus’ death. It was excruciatingly painful and bloody. The end of it was a sacrifice for human sin. Its sufficiency is salvation from sin.

It is designed to show forth Jesus’ death “till he come” (1 Cor. 11:26). In due time Christ will come again. When he does come, believers will not need a reminder of the death, because then we will enjoy Jesus’ constant presence and the blessings he brings.

The importance of observing the ordinance is to be obedient. The Lord’s command is specific. Each Christian should observe the ordinance. There are differences of opinion as to the frequency, but most people believe without question that it is commanded.

It is important because each Christian needs to be reminded of Christ’s death. Again, true students of God’s Word will find several different interpretations of the meaning of the bread and wine. Most all interpretations still hold to the fact the observance of this ordinance is to remind us of the broken body and shed blood of Jesus. It also reminds us that one day Jesus is coming again.

My hope and prayer is that each time you worship the Lord in church by observing this ordinance, it will be a real worship experience for you.

God’s blessings on us all