

Instructions About the Lord's Supper

- Jesus instituting the Lord's Supper, promising He would drink it new in His Father's kingdom, (Mt. 26:26-30; Mk. 14:22-26; Lk. 22:14-23),
- Paul rebuked Corinth for not taking it in a worthy manner, (1Cor. 11: 17-34),
- An example in Troas (Acts 20:7).
- This is the extent of what God chose to reveal about the Lord's Supper.

Instructions Regarding Worship

- **Lord's Supper** 1Cor. 11:17-34
 - **Singing** Eph 5:19
 - **Praying** 1Tim 2:8
 - **Preaching** 2Tim 4:1-4
 - **Giving** Cor. 16:1-2
 - No instructions on sequence, time for each, etc.
 - Although these are specific commands, we also have many general commands, examples and necessary inferences.
- 1Cor. 14:15-16, 26

The Sabbath as a “*shadow & type*”

- Sabbaths were a “*type and shadow of good things to come,*” (Col 2:16-17), revealing the true spiritual realities of the 1st day of the week.
- Israel was the first to enter the kingdom.
- From infancy they had been trained to hold this day with awe, reverence, respect and fear.
- God only needed to reveal the true spiritual realities of the types & shadows of the Sabbath.
- The rest had already been prepared & revealed

The Sabbath “*typified*” & “*shadowed*”

- A day set apart as Holy and Sanctified.
- *seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God*
- A day of Remembrance:
 - *in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.*
 - *Remember you were a slave in Egypt*
- *A sign between Me and you throughout your generations.*
- *the seventh day shall be a holy day for you*
- A violation of sanctity of this day brought death.
- This a part of the schoolmaster – brought to Christ

All of this Ended at the Cross

- *taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or **sabbaths which are a shadow of things to come.***” Col. 2:14-17
- The entire tabernacle and priesthood were a *“**type and shadow of the heavenly things.**”*
- ***The Law having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things***
- (Heb. 8-10; 8:5; 10:1)

1st Day – No Less Holy Than 7th

- *hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father*
- Spoke of worship under the New Covenant.
- *hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth*
- He spoke of the 1st day of the week.
- All disciples follow the example of Troas: “*Now, on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread.*”
- Must develop same reverence, awe and respect for this day that Israel had for their Sabbaths!

Paul's Instructions

- *What I received from the Lord, delivered to you*
- *Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.'*
- *This cup is the new covenant in My blood as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*
- *Since Paul had already delivered it, was an established practice in all the churches. 1Cor 4:17*
- *“remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.”*

Violating / Profaning the Lord's Day

- Paul could not praise (exhort) but rebuke:
- *Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, **since you come together** not for the better but for the worse.”*
- *“For first of all, **when you come together as a church**, I hear that there are divisions among you,”*
- This is why Paul could not praise them.
- *Therefore **when you come together in one place**, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.*

Corinth – Going through the Motions

- A “**worthy manner**” do everything God revealed with reverence, awe and fear.
- An “**unworthy manner**” partake of the Lord’s Supper without proper spiritual and emotional attitude and thoughts.
- “**A worthy manner**” honors Christ, pleases God *worshiping in spirit and truth.*”
- “*whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord* **in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.**”

Compare Forsaking / Unworthy Manner

- **condemnation and punishment for forsaking.**
- Far beyond eating / drinking in unworthy manner
- Don't come together with church to take Lord's Supper forsake the assembling together.
- God sees disciples who forsake as guilty:
- *trampled the Son of God underfoot,*
- *counted the blood of the covenant a common thing*
- *insulted the Spirit of grace"* (Heb. 10:29-30).
- What is the difference: "*guilty of the body and the blood*" with "*trampling the Son of God underfoot,*"
- Same guilt in different words.

Far Worse Punishment than Sabbath

- violate Sabbath” *died without compassion on the mouth of two or three witnesses.*
- Type and the shadow of violating Sabbath.
- *how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy? Of violating 1st day of the week by forsaking. Heb. 10:29*
- We need same holy awe and sacred reverence.
- It is far more holy and sacred than the Sabbath.
- Jesus promised to draw near to us on this day.
- Treat it with disrespect by not coming at all, God considers it a personal insult to His Son and plans on severe retribution.

Unworthy Manner vs Forsaking

- Any time eat Lord's Supper unworthily – guilty
- Any time we forsake assembly – guilty
- To be Worthy of Him must never place anyone or anything above Him Mt. 10:37-39
- Though only God sees it, *“vengeance is mine, I will repay.”*
- Paul didn't stop there, repeated for emphasis: *“For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.”*

Insulting the Spirit of Grace

- Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit would “*teach them all things.*”
- He taught this about the unworthy manner and forsaking.
- A direct revelation from the Holy Spirit the Lord’s Day is as sanctified as the Sabbath.
- Must be treated with the utmost respect and submission. What could be more insulting to Him than to treat it lightly and irreverently, or give some other activity a higher priority by forsaking it? (Jn. 14:26; 1Cor. 2:9).

Two Ways to Violate Sanctity of 1st Day

- First is the manner in which we partake of the Lord's supper, (1Cor. 11:17-34), becoming ***guilty of the body and blood of the Lord***
- Second is to ignore the command, forsake the day completely, and thereby, "***has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace.***"
- By these actions, those who do them are ***weak and sick among you, and many sleep.***