



## From the Supper to the Song

1<sup>st</sup> in The Last Supper Series

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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### Introduction

In this sermon we learn about the importance of the Lord's Supper for the spiritual health of the Christian.

### The Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

1. The Lord Jesus gave his church two "ordinances" or "sacraments" to sign and seal his love to us.

*(a) **Baptism** provides initiation into the church, functioning as a tangible expression of conversion and corporate identification in the church family.*

*(b) **The Lord's Supper** provides continuing fellowship with the church, functioning as a tangible means by which grace is shared with the believer from God by the Spirit ("vertical") and grace is shared among believers ("horizontal").*

2. Over the last century the Evangelical tradition within Protestant Christianity has lost the sacredness of the Lord's Supper and made worship music their primary "sacrament."

*Hebrews 13:15: Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.*

**Application:** There are several consequences of the church's shift from the Supper to the Song.

*1) God's Word is marginalized.*

*2) Our assurance is threatened.*

*3) Music is given a priestly role.*

*4) Division is increased.*

*5) The ministry of Christ to us through the Spirit is hindered or forsaken.*

### Response

Father, help us to receive the ministry of Christ through the Spirit and not rely on our own power and provision.

## Sunday Text Questions

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- 1) Starter Question: What role does the Lord's Supper have in your Christian life?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why does the Lord's Supper ceremony become more significant because Paul says he "received" it "from the Lord" (v. 23)?
- 4) How many times does this passage refer to Jesus as "Lord," and how is that different from "Savior?"
- 5) Why did Jesus give thanks (v. 24) before he enacted the first Lord's Supper ceremony?
- 6) What is the significance of the "bread" and "the cup" in the ceremony of the Lord's Supper?
- 7) What does Jesus mean when he describes the cup with the phrase "the new covenant" (v. 25)?
- 8) What does Jesus mean when he says that this Supper "proclaims" his death "until he comes" (v. 26)?
- 9) While not the only text on the Lord's Supper, how might this text give the church instructions on the practice of the Lord's Supper?
- 10) How might this text explain the importance of the Lord's Supper in the life of a Christian?

**Further study this week:** Passages related to the Lord's Supper: Matthew 26:26-29 (Mon); Mark 14:22-25 (Tue); Luke 22:14-23 (Wed); John 6:52-58 (Thurs); 1 Corinthians 11:17-33 (Fri).