

Questions & Answers About The Lord's Supper

1Corinthians 11:17-34

The Connection Between Baptism and the Lord's Supper:

Baptism demonstrates our INITIAL identification with Christ and His church and the Lord's Supper celebrates our CONTINUAL identification with Christ and His church.

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:40-42

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1. WHO Should Participate in the Lord's Supper? *1Corinthians 11:17-20*

- BELIEVERS partake of the Lord's Supper with one another.
- UNBELIEVERS watch the Lord's Supper as it is partaken.

What about Kids and the Lord's Supper?

Children are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper when they can understand its significance, when they are able to give a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and when they desire to follow Jesus in obedience. Therefore, it is recommended that children wait until they are baptized before they partake in the Lord's Supper.

Should an Unbaptized Believer Participate in the Lord's Supper?

All believers are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Preceding the Lord's Supper, we encourage people to examine themselves, prayerfully confessing and repenting of sin in obedience to Christ, and because refusal of baptism reflects disobedience to Christ, we exhort every believer who has not yet been baptized to be baptized as soon as possible in a local church.

2. WHEN Should We Have the Lord's Supper? *1Corinthians 11:23-26*

The Biblical Command:

Observe the Lord's Supper OFTEN.

3. WHAT Should We Understand About the Lord's Supper? *1Corinthians 11:24*

- Traditional misunderstanding: the elements are a CHANGE of substance that results in salvation.
- Biblical understanding: the elements are a SYMBOLIC meal that reflects our salvation.

4. WHY Should We Celebrate the Lord's Supper? *1Corinthians 11:24-32*

- To REMEMBER the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross.
- To REFLECT on our sinfulness and God's forgiveness and faithfulness.
- To RENEW our commitment to Christ, each other, and His mission.
- To REJOICE in Christ's resurrection from the grave and imminent return for His people.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper:

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust in Christ as Savior for the forgiveness of their sins and the gift of eternal life and commit to follow Christ as Lord by obeying His commandments) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables throughout the auditorium. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!