

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER

I. WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?

THE BIBLE SAYS: MATT 26:26-28 MK 14:22-24 LK 22:19-20 I COR 11:23-25

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. The Lord's Supper was instituted on the evening before the Lord Jesus' death. Matt 26:26
2. It is intended for Christians as a memorial of His death and Second Coming. Lk 22:19

II. WHAT ELEMENTS ARE USED IN THE LORD'S SUPPER?

THE BIBLE SAYS: LUKE 22:14-20

FROM THIS WE LEARN: TWO ELEMENTS

1. He used bread to represent the body (19).
2. The bread used in passover was always unleavened. Leaven was a symbol of sin.
3. It was not Jesus' intention to teach that the bread actually became His flesh.
4. Fruit of the vine represented his blood – shed for the atonement of sin (20).
5. Fruit of the vine comes from Matthew 26:29 and Luke 18. New wine was freshly pressed juice – not old, fermented juice.
6. Great care was taken to remove all leaven. Certainly, the juice was unfermented.
7. Fruit of the vine was not His actual blood – just a symbol of his pure blood.

III. HOW OFTEN ARE WE TO OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I COR 11:25-26 ACTS 2:42 LUKE 22: 19-20

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. It should be observed frequently – often
2. Some observe each Sunday – others – once a year
3. We observe the Lord's Supper each quarter
 - Not so infrequent that we grow indifferent.
 - Not so often that it becomes commonplace and loses it's purpose of stirring our remembrance

IV. HOW LONG ARE WE TO CONTINUE THE ORDINANCE?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I COR 11:26

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Till He comes
2. We are told to preach till He comes
3. We are told to pray till He comes
4. We are told to occupy till He comes

V. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER?

THE BIBLE SAYS: LK 22:19

1. We are forgetful. So, this ordinance is to cause us to remember Christ's death and soon coming.
2. The Jewish Passover Lamb reminded them of an event. Communion is to remind us of a person.
3. We need to remember:
 - Christ's life as He lived
 - Christ's death – understand to cost of our salvation
 - Christ's resurrection – to inspire confidence and not be ashamed at His coming

CONCLUSION: At John F. Kennedy's grave in Arlington National Cemetery, there burns an eternal flame. It serves no purpose but to remind people of a man who gave his life as he served his nation as president. The Lord's Supper serves as just such a reminder for Christians.