

# WHY BOTHER TO COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER?

## I Corinthians 11:26

What IS this Bread and Cup?

NOT a) **M** \_\_\_\_\_ Presence of Christ in the elements  
(Roman Catholic) (*too much*)

b) **M** \_\_\_\_\_ only of the meaning of the elements  
(Zwingli and many evangelicals) (*too little*)

BUT rather it is a **sign** and **seal** (Rom 4:11) of the benefits of Christ's death, the heart of the Gospel.

**Sign:** PICTURE

**Seal:** PLEDGE

What does it signify and seal for us that we **need**?

I. "The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ "

We are always wandering from that to Moralizing and Minimizing the Law of God, which is intended to drive us to Christ (Gal 3:23-24)

The Lord's Supper brings me back to the cross (Gal 2:19-20)

II. The benefits of the \_\_\_\_\_

v25.

I was under obligation to the Old Covenant, sealed by blood (Exod 24:8). I utterly failed.

Jesus came to live under obligation to that same Law Covenant in my place (Heb 10:5-7). He was declared perfect by God. Now He sheds His blood in a New Covenant of grace, whereby He takes my record, and gives me His!

The Lord's Supper seals this exchange, and assures me it has taken place.

III. His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with me now

Cf. John 6:56-57

Beware living by the Gospel, or any principles, no matter how Biblical.

We must be in closest possible communion with Jesus Himself. He invited us, in the most shocking way, of our need.

IV. My \_\_\_\_\_ with my brothers and sisters in Christ

v26: the "you" is plural. You together  
I Cor 10:16-17.

Why we take pieces of unleavened bread, torn from one loaf.

We proclaim we belong together.

Why emphasize sharing at that service.

V. Our \_\_\_\_\_ of the Feast to Come

"until He comes"

The Feast of Rev 19. This is just the hors d'oeuvres.

This is the Seal on the document:

All this is for you, \_\_\_\_\_ .

Sealed and ratified with My Name and love,

GOD, the Father, Son, and Spirit