



A vital blessing from God

30:1: What is the Lord's Supper?

The supper of the Lord Jesus was instituted by Him the same night He was betrayed. It is to be observed in His churches to the end of the age as a perpetual remembrance and display of the sacrifice of Himself in His death. ...

1. Instituted by Jesus on the night he was betrayed
 - a. **1 Corinthians 11:23–26** (cf. Luke 22:19-20)

2. Local churches carry on this ordinance (cf 1689:28)
 - a. The Supper is meant to be observed as a body

 - b. Scripture speaks of the Supper as something the church does together
 - i. 1 Cor 11:18; cf 20, 23, 33, 34; cf.14:23, 26; 1 Cor 10:16-17

 - c. The Supper was meant to be a unifying corporate event

3. A perpetual remembrance and display of Christ's sacrifice
 - a. Cf 1 Cor 11:26 "until he comes"

 - b. Remembrance

 - c. Display (originally, "shewing forth" best would be "proclaim")

 - d. This faith in and proclamation of the Gospel are God's perpetual desire for us.

It is given for the confirmation of the faith of believers in all the benefits of Christ's death, their spiritual nourishment and growth in Him, and their further engagement in and to all the duties they owe Him.

1. The Lord's purposes in the Supper
 - a. *Confirmation of the faith of believers in all the benefits of Christ's death*

 - b. *Spiritual nourishment and growth in Christ*
 - i. More in 30:7

 - c. *Further engagement in and to all the duties they owe him*
 - i. **Psalm 116:12–14**

How does this lead us to love the Lord?

Next Steps

1. Why is the Lord's Supper meant to be observed with the body of Christ?
2. How are believers meant to exercise faith in this remembrance? Why does that matter?
3. Consider the purposes of the Supper that we discussed. How do these purposes minister to you?