

Scripture: 1 Cor. 10

Lord's Day 30.82

Singing: 408:1-3 – 40:1-6 – 138:1-4 – 4:4-5

Intro. The Lord's Supper is an encounter with the heavenly Christ

A. Don't interpret guarding the communion table as a restriction of the Gospel

B. According to Matthew 22:1-10: *we all are invited to come to Jesus Christ*

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<p style="text-align: center;">I. Purpose II. Practice III. Partaker IV. The protection</p>

IV. The protection of the Lord's Supper

A. The Lord's Supper has reserved seats for 'the guests only'

1. No participation without the wedding garment (Matt. 22:11-14)
 - a. the wedding garment is not something **in you**

- b. the wedding garment is something **on you**

B. What is the Biblical support for limited attendance of the 'communion' table?

1. Examine 1 Cor. 10:21 and 1 Cor. 11:27-28 (Ps. 50:16)

2. Consider 1 Cor. 10:22 leading to 1 Cor. 11:29-34

C. What is the Biblical method of *guarding – protecting Table*?

1. By the use of two **keys** of Kingdom: *preaching and Christian Discipline*

D. Who are **not** to be admitted to Lord's Table?

1. You who are strangers to God and His truth (Matt. 5:3-6)

2. You who are hypocrites are warned to stay away (1 Cor. 10:21-22)

3. You who are insincere are warned likewise (1 Cor. 11:17-29)

4. You who by mouth and life confess to be unbelieving and ungodly

E. Why are they to be excluded?

1. Because God says so in 1 Cor. 10-11 – 1 Cor. 5:11 – Matt. 7:6

Consider these Applications:

A. The need for examination remains always necessary: Ps. 139:23-24

1. Missing the ongoing blessings of the sacrament can have different reasons
 - a. unrepented and unconfessed sin
 - b. Satan's assaults
 - c. forgetfulness

B. The call to *prepare to meet God* stands undiminished before us: Amos 4:12

1. Job 9:2-4 *I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God? If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of thousand? He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him and hath prospered?*

C. God's command and our fallen condition grips us in vise grip of God's truths!

1. Best course of action: *submit to His Gospel offer* (2 Cor. 5:20)
2. Continue to place yourself there were Spirit blows (John 3:8)