

Introduction

- I. LD 30, as it describes for us the proper partakers of the Lord's Supper is both comforting and convicting.
- II. May the Lord use this word to comfort us and assure us that we are believers.

**For Believers Only**

I. *Confessing Christ*

- A. We see from Scripture that the Lord's Supper was instituted only for believers who know and confess faith in Jesus Christ. Acts 2:42; I Cor. 11:18, 20, 33. What about children?

- B. We should look at this from the other point of view – who does the admitting and the barring? Jesus Christ does this through the elders of the church – close communion.

II. *Repenting of Sin*

- A. The HC reminds of what a true believer is who may partake of the Lord's Supper.

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- B. Why is this so important?

III. *A Strong Warning*

- A. There is a strong warning for those who eat without a true sorrow or trusting in Christ or turning from that sin. The reason is that those who partake eat and drink judgment to themselves.

- B. There is a strong warning to the church as a whole, if it does not exercise proper oversight of the Lord's Supper – God's wrath will be kindled against the whole congregation.