"Angry With Your Brother?"
Coming To The Table in the Spirit Of The Sixth Commandment
Acts 2:46; Matt. 5:21-24; Exodus 20:1-13

As we come to the Lord's Table, the sixth commandment brings a pointed message: do not murder humans with your hand or hate your brother in your heart. Human beings are God's image-bearers (though corrupted), therefore human life is sacred and must never be taken unlawfully (remember Gen 9:6 & Ro. 13:4). But Christ digs deeper in Matthew 5:22 applying the commandment to a time when "your brother has something against you." Uproot your anger and bitterness! Pursue reconciliation through forgiveness so that you might "receive your food with glad and generous hearts" today!

I. A Commandment for _____ and _____ (Ex. 20:6 & Matt. 5:22)

  1) Israel's _____ code (Lev. 24:21) honored human _____.

  2) We must trace murder back to its _____ in the sinful human heart (Mt. 15:19).

  3) Where a _____ sin is required the opposite _____ is required.

  4) Are you committed to _____ and _____ relationships with God's people?

II. A Commitment To _____ heart-_____ (Luke 17:3-4)

  1) Forgiveness is easy until _____ is violated and serious _____ is inflicted.

  2) Grace enables us to _____ the violation to God's _____.

  3) Be ready to _____ your sin against God and _____ or _____ forgiveness.

  4) Confession and forgiveness bring _____ and unlock _____!

III. A Communion of _____ and _____ saints (Acts 2:46)

  1) Their _____ were fed and their souls _____.

  2) They received the _____ signified in this _____.

  3) Their unity was _____ and evident to _____.

  4) We are _____ in _____!

Application Questions:
1. Study the Hebrew word translated in ESV *murderer* (with intent) or *manslayer* (w/o intent).
2. What happens when bitterness comes (see Heb. 12:15)? Has this ever happened to you?
3. A genuine confession of sin often unlocks genuine forgiveness! Be ready…
4. Meditate on the duties required in the sixth commandment (LC #135) plus Scriptures.