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## Are We Neglecting the Lord's Supper?

Kevin Cauley

There is a growing sound in the brotherhood that the church has been neglecting the Lord's supper. It is asserted by some that "pinching a cracker and sipping a cup" was not the way that the Lord's supper was originally practiced and that we need reform in this area of our worship. The reformers would change the Lord's supper into a less formal and more casual meal setting where each would eat a satisfying portion of bread and drink a satisfying portion of fruit of the vine (some say alcoholic wine) until everyone had received their fill. Is this really what the Lord's supper is all about?

Jesus established the supper the night before his betrayal. In Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25 and Luke 22:19,20 we read about this memorial meal. First, Jesus limited and distributed the elements. He did not throw a basket of bread at the disciples and say, "Here, have your fill!" He did not keep refilling the cup over and over again until they had enough to drink. Second, the inauguration of the Lord's supper occurred at the END of the Passover feast after everyone had completed their Passover meal. Jesus merely takes the symbols of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and makes use of them to illustrate His body and blood. Third, it is clear from an honest reading of the text that it did not involve more than one moderate piece of bread and one moderate drink from a cup. The important thing was that it was the bread and cup that JESUS blessed and gave, just as He gave His body and blood. When all the disciples had eaten his own portion of bread and drank his own portion of the cup, the supper was done.

Second, Paul quite clearly forbids making a

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## Kevin's Korner

I want to personally extend my sympathy to the families of Larry Elliott at the loss of his grandfather and to Wanda Bozarth in the loss of her sister this past week. The Bible says that death is the product of sin, but Christ has taken the sting of death away (1 Corinthians 15:57). As Christians we know that we must shed this mortal coil and one day go to our judgment. Jesus said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment" (John 5:28,29). Even so, come Lord Jesus!



I went to the nursing home and the hospital this afternoon (Thursday) to check on our dear ladies and two of them are not doing so well right now. Sister Georgia Bonner is in ICU and having extreme difficulty breathing. Sister Lucille Wright had a fall this past week and was put on some different medicine and she is really not doing well either. We need to intercede before God for these two beloved ladies. Make it a point to mention them in your prayers this week; no, today!

Lucille Fort, as many of you know, has a broken foot. This is, of course, unacceptable behavior! Dear Lucille, we love you so much. Do get better soon! We will certainly be praying for you.

Wednesday morning we had our first ladies Bible class. Personally, I thought it was WELL attended. Until our material arrives, we are studying the story of David and Bathsheba. We have worked through the first half of that story and will complete the second half this coming Wednesday morning. I am glad that there are so many ladies that are interested in studying the Bible. Please take advantage of this study opportunity if you are able.

# "And Then What?"

"Have you given any thought to your future?" a father asked his young son. "Why sure, Dad, I've got it all figured out!" he exclaimed. "Tell me your plans, Son" inquired his father. "Well, after I graduate from high school, I'll go to college." "Fine, Son - then what?" "After I graduate from college, I'll get a good paying job and buy a big house and a nice car," he replied. "Great, Son - then what?" "Then I'll marry and raise a family - just like YOU, Dad!" "Wonderful, Son - then what?" "Then, I'll continue to work until I am old enough to retire." "Excellent, Son - then what?" "Well, then I guess I'll live out my golden years traveling and enjoying my grandchildren." "Splendid idea, Son - then what?" Now feeling somewhat frustrated, his son replied, "Well, then I'll die of course!!" At this point, the father looked straight into the eyes of his son and asked one last time, "Okay, Son... **THEN WHAT??**"

It is amazing how we plan so many things in our lives, yet often fail to plan for that which is the most important. **We plan for the journey, but give no thought as to our destination!**

Two things which are certain in this life are **NOT** death and taxes, but rather, **death** and the **judgment** to follow! "It is appointed for men to die once but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Wise are those who prepare for appointments that they know they must keep. Death (unless the Lord comes first) and the judgment to come are two such unavoidable appointments (we see a preview of the judgment to come in Matthew 25:31-46, and Revelation 20:11-15 -- **Please Read!**).

**It is also certain, according to the Scriptures, that beyond the judgment,** eternity awaits....

Because of His great love, God sent His Son into the world that through Him we might not only be prepared for these inescapable appointments, but **ALSO that we might live eternally with Him in heaven.** "So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many" (Hebrews 9:28). On the cross, Jesus bore the sins of the world upon Himself; He paid the price for sin. One may receive the benefits of His sacrificial death by faith (Acts 16:30), repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confession (Romans 10:9-10), baptism for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38), and then "walking in the light as

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# SILENT ONES

*Beverly Rainwater*

Even if you are quiet as a mouse  
With not even the noise of breath.  
You probably won't be able to hear  
The sound of the silent one in your ear.

There in that quiet protected place  
In the snug and warm home there  
Waits the silent one without a word  
Never knowing or even dreaming what might await.

If the silent one should realize  
The horror that invades some minds,  
They might try much harder  
>From the warmth a sound to make!

I wonder if a sound was made  
If that would change the minds,  
Of those who insist upon disturbing  
The silent ones domain!

The silent one waits quietly  
Without a sigh, or complaint  
Patiently willing to snuggle and thrive  
Until the special day arrives.

Then one day without warning  
The silent one's home is invaded.  
The scream must tear at the throat  
But only silence is there not a word is heard!

When will we learn the price that will be paid  
For destroying the life of one so small?  
When will we unite once and for all  
To fight for life of the silent ones so small!  
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Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

From Seed for Thought  
Hardy, Arkansas

*"For You have formed my inward parts; You have covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well" (Psalm 139:13, 14).*

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common meal out of the Lord's supper. This is exactly what the Corinthian brethren were doing. We read in 1 Corinthians 11:20-22 "When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not." Clearly it was an abuse to use the Lord's Supper as an occasion to have a meal. Paul plainly states the pattern to them in the next verses. The Lord took bread, gave thanks, and gave it out. He did the same thing with the cup. We often use this to talk about the pattern of the Lord's supper (and there IS one), but the instructions that Paul gave to the Corinthians were primarily to bring them back to an orderly (1 Corinthians 14:40) observance. This meaning is clear. 1) Everyone is supposed to partake of it (v.21). 2) It is NOT to be a common meal type setting (v.22). 3) It is to involve a LIMITED amount of the elements (not an UNLIMITED amount) (v.23-25). 4) It is to be a time of memorial and somber proclamation in reflection of the body and blood of Christ and His death (v.24-26). 5) It is SERIOUS business to partake in a manner that was less than worthy (v.27-32). 6) The brethren are to wait for everyone to partake before moving on to other matters of worship (v.33). 7) The hungry should eat at home because this meal is NOT about eating to satisfy hunger (v.34).

People want to tamper with the Lord's Supper to make them feel better about partaking it and to "de-ritualize" it. But, it is not about how WE feel. It is about what Christ did for us and for us to remember that event forever! The Lord inaugurated this ritual; we should respect it. To those who don't, "What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not."

## Sunday's Sermons

For March 10th

Morning .....Great Moral Questions

Scripture..... Titus 2:11,12

Evening .....Specific Authority

Scripture.....Hebrews 7:12-17

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He is in the light" through a life of obedience to God's will (1 John 1:7).

Life is a journey, which one day will end. God's emphasis is on direction and NOT speed!

When you finally get to where it is you are going, where will you be? And then what?

God bless you!

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## Quotable Quotes:

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate. -Albert Schweitzer, philosopher, physician, and musician (1875-1965)

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. -Ralph Waldo Emerson, writer and philosopher (1803-1882)

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you." Ephesians 4:32.

Mathematics is the language with which God has written the universe. -Galileo Galilei, physicist and astronomer (1564-1642)

If we have not quiet in our minds, outward comfort will do no more for us than a golden slipper on a gouty foot. -John Bunyan, preacher and author (1628-1688)



## Our Record

Week of 3/03

Sunday Class .....	30
Sunday A.M.....	39
Sunday P.M. ....	49
Wednesday .....	55
Contribution.....	\$1128.15

## News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Geneva Atchley, Leon and Ray Duncan, Lucille Fort, Carolyn Roller, Grace Windle.

- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Jessica Lovelady is also in the nursing home in room 307.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Sunday night we will have our youth devotional at Clyde and Wanda's house. It was postponed last week due to the weather conditions.
- Due to the postponement of the youth devotional, we will move the VBS meeting up to 5:00 PM TODAY.
- Next Sunday evening we need those who work on the House to House and Heart to Heart to meet to label and send it out.
- Next Sunday there will be an elders and deacons meeting.
- Next Sunday will be our potluck!
- Remember ladies Bible class Wednesday morning at 10:30.
- Our youth rally will be April 26th-28th. Start making your plans to attend!
- We need volunteers to house kids coming to the youth rally during the weekend of the event. If you would like to volunteer in this effort, please see Brent.
- Any items remaining in the storage building will soon be permanently donated to some charity or discarded. If you have personal items in there, grab them quick!
- We love and appreciate Art Roberts. It is our blessed privilege to be able to prepare his meals on Sundays. Please sign up for an opportunity to do this!
- The Pantry Item for this week is canned peas.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>		
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Brent Stevens	Ken Smith
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Bill Fort	Bruce Foster
<b>Scripture:</b>	Perry Foster	Leon Duncan
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Leon Duncan	George Eddings
	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
<b>(assist)</b>	Brandon Foster	Perry Foster
	Larry Elliott	Brandon Foster
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bruce Foster	Glenn Williams
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Bruce Foster	Glenn Williams
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Glenn Williams	Brent Stevens
<b>Scripture:</b>	Bob Moore	Brent Moore
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Leon Duncan
	Perry Foster	Ray Duncan
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ken Smith	Dale Pinkley
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Quigley	Glen Williams
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Leon Duncan
<b>Invitation:</b>	Bill Fort	Bob Moore
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Brandon Foster	Perry Foster

**Elders:** Clay Bozarth, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley

**Deacons:** Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Dale Pinkley, Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle

**Preacher:** Kevin Cauley .....870-423-6707

## Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class: .....9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: .....10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: ..... 6:00 PM

Wed. Evening Bible Class: ..... 7:00 PM

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