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The Lord's Supper is a blessed act of worship. This is:

- A time of “reflection” in that we are to partake of its emblems “*in remembrance*” of our Lord (1 Cor. 11:23-25).
- It is a time of “appreciation” in that we spend time thinking about the one whose body was broken and blood was shed “*for us*” (1 Cor. 11:23-25).
- It is a time of “proclamation” in that we “*shew*” the Lord's death when we partake (1 Cor. 11:26).
- A time of “self-examination” in that we are to examine ourselves and partake of its emblems worthily (1 Cor. 11:27-32).
- And lastly, A time of “co-operation” in that we are to consider one another in partaking (1 Cor. 11:33-34).

Because of the above truths, we must not neglect the Lord's Supper, but most importantly, treat it as one of the most precious moments of our week. The Lord's Supper reminds us of two sacred things: “Love of God” and “Legislation” of God.

The “Love of God”

“*God commanded his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us*” (Rom. 5:8; John 3:16; 1 John 4:7-11). The Lord's Supper is designed to help us focus on the depth and, yes, the demonstration of that love. Thankfully, every one of us can say like Paul “*Christ loved me and gave himself for me*” (Gal. 2:20) The following is what Jesus did for us:

- He gave himself for our sins that he might deliver us (Gal:1:4).
- He gave himself a ransom for us (1 Tim. 2:6).
- He gave himself for us that he might redeem us (Titus 2:14).

The Legislation of God

When we partake of the Lord's Supper properly we reflect on the "blood" of Jesus. He took a cup and said. "*This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you*" (Luke 22:20). Note the fact that he took a cup and the Bible says He took **a cup** and said "**this cup**"; He did not take cups and say "these cups". Again, His "Blood" was "shed" for us.

There is also a lot of suffering that our Lord experienced; His back was torn into strips by whips (Matt. 22:26 and Isa. 53:5); His side was ripped open by the spear of a Roman soldier.

All of the above happened to Jesus Christ because He sacrificed for:

- Our "remission" "of sins (Matt. 26: 8).
- Our "justification" (Rom. 5:9).
- Our "salvation"(Rom. 5:9).
- Our "redemption (Eph. 1:7).
- Our "reconciliation" (Eph. 2:13).
- Our "sanctification" (Heb. 10:39).
- Our "purification" (1 John 1:7).

We must not forget to add that the greatest "institution" on earth — the Lord's church — was purchased (Acts 20:28). When we partake of the Lord's Supper properly we reflect on the bond that we share with Jesus Christ. This Supper is described as a communion with the blood and the body of Christ. This Supper is described as a "Communion" with the blood and the body of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16). It unites us in heart and thought as we partake. This is a special moment of "fellowship" with each other, and with Christ. When instituting the Supper, Jesus said, "*I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Fathers Kingdom*" (Matt. 26:29). It is surely wonderful and motivating to know that our Lord is with us when we engage in every act of worship. Let us unite with Paul in his words and think of the Lord's Supper as a time in which we engage in a Fellowship of Jesus' suffering. (Phil. 3:10).

God bless all of us as we study this lesson, that we should **NOT NEGLECT THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

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