Thoughts On Breaking Bread

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INTRODUCTION

- Some thoughts tonight I want to share with you on the important subject of the Lord's Supper.
- So many questions relate to the practice of partaking the Lord's supper. So many different practices in the religious world.

1 A New Spiritual Feast During the Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

- Jesus introduced a new spiritual feast during the observance of the Jewish Passover.
- Clean out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened, for Christ, our Passover, also has been sacrificed.
- He is our escape from death, like the original initial Passover was part of their escape from that plague of death. He is our Passover.
- Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ.

2 Why Luke 22 Reads Cup, Bread, Cup

Luke 22:14–20; Matthew 26:26–29

- This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
- This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
- Within the Passover observance, there were four occasions when they would drink of the fruit of the vine.
- The reason why Luke mentions cup, bread cup, is because he also says something significant at the second cup in terms of the timing of this memorial and the ushering in of his kingdom.

3 The Significance of the First Day of the Week

1 Corinthians 11:26; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2

- For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- Each of them point to the significance of the resurrection occurring upon the first day of the week.
- On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread.
- When we see these examples all put together, we see the reason why the supper should be taken every first day of the week.

4 Four Static Truths

1 Corinthians 11:29; Galatians 6:10

- Number one, the day, the first day of the week. Number two, the elements.
- We must not add anything to the observance beyond those elements, the place. Not a particular geographical location, but the assembly of the saints.
- It is an individual observance. Though we are partaking as a group.
- Just because a we is used does not mean that we're talking about collective action. This is distributive, and the Lord's Supper is observed distributively.

5 Let It Never Be an Afterthought

Philippians 2:5–11; 1 Corinthians 14:26

- If we're going to offer the Lord's Supper on Sunday night, let it never be an afterthought in our assemblies.
- It should not be treated as an afterthought by those who are serving it or officiating or leading it. But neither should it be an afterthought by those who are partaking.
- You don't have to speak for a very long time to give an event solemnity.
- Look at some other texts, use those so that we don't just get into the habit of always reading Matthew 26.

6 Blindly Loyal to Tradition?

1 Corinthians 11:20–22; 1 Corinthians 11:33

- I don't want to embrace something merely because it's a tradition.
- What about their opportunity on the first day of the week to partake of the supper?
- Whether there's ten minutes between our observance or six hours, it's still the first day of the week.
- So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

THE CHALLENGE

Have your sins been forgiven by your coming to Him in faith and obedience.

MY NOTES