

# **AUG. 18-02 FIVE LOOKS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

## **1) LOOK "UPWARD" IN GRATITUDE:**

### **A. I Cor. 11:24 "WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS"**

When we take the Lord's Supper we look up in gratitude

- because Jesus did. Jesus gave thanks for everything
- because of his body. It was sacrificed for us.
- because of his blood, the only thing that brings forgiveness

### **B. Rom. 5:8 "GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS LOVE TOWARD US..."**

when we take the Lord's supper, we demonstrate our love for him.

### **C. We look upward in gratitude**

- when we look backward in memory
- when we look outward in proclamation
- when we look forward to his coming
- when we look inward to take it personally.

## **2) LOOK "BACKWARD" IN MEMORY:**

### **A. I Cor. 11:24 "DO THIS IS MEMORY OF ME"**

1. The "Lord's Supper" Is To Help us Keep ALIVE A Very Precious Memory Of God.

2. We Fill Our Hearts With MEMORIES We CHERISH.

a. Wedding, Birthdays, First Dates, First Kisses....

b. How Much More Should We Remember Jesus' Death?

### **B. I Cor. 11:29-30 (READ) {Can You Hear The Warning Buzzer?}**

29: For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30: For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

## **3) LOOK "OUTWARD" IN DECLARATION:**

### **A. I Cor. 11:26 "you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

1. This compares to the passover

2. Exodus 13:9--"sign on your hand, reminder on your forehead, word on your lips.

9: And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

### **B. If we fail to take the Lord's Supper**

1. we fail to proclaim his death until he comes.

2. Like the Passover, we will not be able to say, "I do this because of what the Lord has done for me." Ex. 13:8

#### **4) LOOK "FORWARD" IN ANTICIPATION:**

##### **A. I Cor. 11:26 "TILL HE COMES"**

1. II Pet. 3:12 **"LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY AND SPEEDS ITS COMING."**
2. Titus 2:13 **"LOOKING FOR THE BLESSED HOPE AND GLORIOUS APPEARING OF OUR GREAT GOD AND OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST."**

##### **B. Hebrews 11:13-16 (READ)**

- 13: These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
- 14: For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.
- 15: And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.
- 16: But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

C. When We Eat The "Lord's Supper" Is Should Be With Joyful Anticipation That Jesus Is Coming Back!

#### **5) LOOK "INWARD" IN SELF-EXAMINATION**

##### **A. I Cor. 11:28 "A MAN OUGHT TO EXAMINE HIMSELF BEFORE HE EATS."**

1. We Are To Take It "TOGETHER"
2. Yet, It Is Very PERSONAL!

##### **B. One Can Partake Of It In An "UNWORTHY MANNER"**

##### **C. How Can We ABUSED The "Lord's Supper"?**

1. I Cor. 11:17 {Meeting Did More Harm Than Good}
2. I Cor. 11:18 {Church Is Divided}
3. I Cor. 11:19 {Giving Allegiance To Men}
4. I Cor. 11:20-22 {Giving No Real Thought To The Lord During The Supper-- Treating It Like A Normal Meal}
5. I Cor. 11:27-29 {No Concern For What Christ Went Through}
- 27: Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
- 28: But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.
- 29: For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

D. We Are Not To Partake Of The "Lord's Supper" For The Sake Taking It!