

The Confession Of The Lord's Supper

Intro: The Lord's Supper is a significant item of worship performed by the Christians on the Lord's Day.

1. Its importance is readily seen in the following:
 - a. Its institution by Christ.
 - i. Mat. 26:26-28 ²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. ²⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; ²⁸ For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."
 - ii. Luke 22:16-20 ¹⁶ For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves: ¹⁸ For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. ¹⁹ And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁰ Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."
 - b. 1 Cor. 11:28-29 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."
2. 1 Cor. 11:26 ²⁶ For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."
 - a. *Show* is used in this text means, "declare, proclaim, demonstrate, or confess."
 - b. For the Christian, therefore, the Lord's Supper is a confession.
3. Exactly, what does one *confess* when he partakes of the Lord's Supper.

I. THE DEATH OF CHRIST.

- A. 1 Cor. 11:26 ²⁶ For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."
- B. Mat. 26:27-28 ²⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; ²⁸ For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."
- C. **To confess Christ death simply means to acknowledge the facts pertaining to His death.**
 1. The fact of it; 1 Pet. 3:18 ¹⁸ For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit:"
 2. The nature of it.
 - a. That it was a vicarious death.
 - b. 1 Pet. 3:18 ¹⁸ For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit:"
 3. The purpose of it. For our sins.
 - a. 1 Pet. 3:18 ¹⁸ For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit:"
 - b. Heb. 9:22 ²² And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."
- D. **Therefore, the modernist cannot partake of the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner.**

II. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

- A. 1 Cor. 11:26 ²⁶ For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."
- B. **The Lord's Supper looks forward as well as backward.**

- C. To confess his second coming simply means to acknowledge the facts pertaining to it.**
1. The nature of it.
 - a. His coming in the air.
 - b. Acts 1:9-11 ⁴⁹ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹ Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”
 2. The time of it.
 - a. Like a thief in the night (unexpected).
 - b. 2 Pet. 3:10 ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”
 3. The purpose of it.
 - a. To give each their reward.
 - b. 2 Cor. 5:10 ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.”
- D. Therefore, a Kingite (Realized Eschatologist) cannot partake of the supper in a worthy manner.**

III. THE VALIDITY OF THE NEW COVENANT

- A. Mat. 26:28** ²⁸ For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”
- B. 1 Cor. 11:25** ²⁵ After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.”
- C. The ending of the Old Covenant and the establishment of the new was prophesied of old.**
1. Jer. 31:31-34 ³¹ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ³² Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: ³³ But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”
 2. Heb. 8:8-13 ⁸ For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: ⁹ Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. ¹⁰ For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: ¹¹ And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. ¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. ¹³ In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.”
 3. The blood of the Old Covenant foreshadowed the blood of the New.
 - a. Exo. 24:8 ⁸ And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.”
 - b. Mat. 26:28 ²⁸ For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

D. Thus, Seventh-Day-Adventist cannot partake of this supper in a worthy manner.

IV. THE EXISTENCE OF THE KINGDOM AND THE IDENTITY OF THAT KINGDOM AS THE CHURCH

A. Mat. 26:29 ^{“29} But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

B. Luke 22:29-30 ^{“29} And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; ³⁰ That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

C. 1 Cor. 11:23-34 ^{“23} For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: ²⁴ And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁵ After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me. ²⁶ For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 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. ³⁰ For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. ³³ Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. ³⁴ And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.”

1. 1 Cor. 1:2 ^{“2} Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:”

2. Acts 20:7 ^{“7} And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.”

D. For this reason, premillennialist cannot partake in a worthy manner.

Conclusion: Let us make sure we partake of it in a worthy manner.