

Sermon Title: "It's Suppertime!"

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Central Idea: It's important that we understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper and that we're prepared and faithful to partake of it. Do you understand it's meaning, and are you prepared to partake of it?

Introduction: At the time of the institution of the Jewish Passover, the Israelites were told not only to observe it forever, but also what to say when their children asked them, "What mean ye by this service?" (Exodus 12:26). Even so we, who have been given an ordinance to take the place of the Jewish Passover, should be able to answer when asked, "What mean ye by this service?" It has been given many names: the Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Supper, the Holy Communion, the Sacrament, the Eucharist. But what does it mean?

I. Meaning of the Ordinance

1. The statements of Christ
2. The memorial of Christ's death.
3. The meaning of His death.

II. Symbolism of the Ordinance

1. Symbolism

- (1) Breaking bread and pouring out wine
- (2) Eating and drinking

2. Meaning

- (1) It symbolizes partaking of Him.
- (2) Christ is to the soul what bread and wine are to the body.
- (3) We are to "feed" upon Him.

3. Eligibility

The Lord's Supper is open to those who are in feeding and obeying fellowship with Christ.

III. Application of the Ordinance

1. Unity and oneness
2. Love for one another
3. The Lord's Supper is open to those who are in fellowship with God and with one another in the Lord.

Conclusion: Our purpose is not to block from the communion table, but rather to invite to it all who are ready. If you are not, why not get ready now?