

Morning Worship

January 3, 2016

Worship Leader — Tim Waters Piano — Marcia Hart

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

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Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People

Chorus # 230 "How I Love You" Tim/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Hymn # 538 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" Tim/People

Responsive Reading #671 Allan/People

Chorus # 22 "Bless His Holy Name" Tim/People

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music Marcia Hart

Hymn # 572 *"I Love to Tell the Story"* Tim/People

Anthem *"In Remembrance Medley"* Worship Choir

Children's Worship

Scripture Reading Allan/People

Message Allan Lane

Hymn # 287 "Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord" Tim/People

Lord's Supper Observance Allan/People

Prayer Concerns

Chorus of # 571 "Let Others See Jesus In You" Tim/People

Mind Your Manners

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act that reminds us of the death, resurrection and promised return of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is much more than some religious ritual. It is one of the most important things that we can do as the body of Christ. Paul gives instructions on how to "Mind Our Manners" at the Lord's Table.

1) The Error of the Church.

A. The Damage – verse 17

They had been instructed to keep the ordinances but the way in which they observed the Lord's Supper was almost blasphemous. The time of communion should have been a great spiritual blessing but their observance did not amount to that. They came together and observed a ritual and nothing more. Paul is telling them that when they come together it is not for the better but for the worse.

The same is true for us. If we come to church and simply go through the motions it is worthless. It's like being baptized when you are not truly a believer. In most cases it does more harm than good. This is especially true for the Lord's Supper. We must realize the importance of what we are observing today.

B. The Division – verse 18

Paul mentioned the division at Corinth in 1 Corinthians 1:12. There were different groups than had pledged their allegiance to different leaders. There were several different cliques who had formed in this church.

This is a problem that infected the entire church at Corinth. When there is division you cannot have unity and unity is one of the core elements of a church.

C. The Distraction – verse 20

Those who were a part of the early church had fellowship dinners (Wow. You mean Baptist didn't invent that?). This was called an agape feast or a love feast. This fellowship dinner would immediately precede the Lord's Supper.

The new pastor had just begun a pastorate. A few weeks in the church had a fellowship dinner. As they dismissed for lunch each family gathered together and went to separate tables. The food was not pooled together. Everyone had their own food at their own table. He, like most of us had never seen this. Thinking this was an anti-church habit he went from table to table and helped himself to the food. At first the people looked at him like he was crazy. When they realized he was the pastor they decided it was all right. He used it as a teaching moment to train the people there is no fellowship in that kind of attitude.

The fact of the matter is that this happens in ways other than meals. We must have unity with the brethren. The Word of God addresses this in many of the scriptures. If you have anger or hatred toward your brother you need to get right with God, get right with your brother or go somewhere else. The church cannot move forward with any type of divisions among it. If this describes you just let the plate and cup pass by.

2) The Example of Christ.

This is such a simple part of the Christian life but it is the one we overlook most of the time. To do what is right we must look to Christ.

A. The Procedure – verse 23

Paul did not learn this from the other apostles or read it in the scriptures; he received this directly from Jesus. The same night that Jesus was betrayed He gave thanks and broke the bread and told His disciples to eat and realize that this represented His body that was broken for them. In the same manner He took the cup and told them that it represented His blood. It's the blood that washes away our sins.

B. The Purpose – verse 26

The whole observance is about remembering what Jesus has done for us.

A certain family lived on a farm alongside a dirt road. Only on rare occasions would an automobile pass by. But one day as the ten year old son was crossing the road on his bicycle, a car came roaring down a nearby hill, struck the boy, and killed him. An older brother said that when his father picked up the mangled twisted bike, he heard his father sob uncontrollably for the first time in his life. His father carried it to the barn and placed it in a spot they seldom used. The Father's terrible sorrow eased with the passing of time, but for many years whenever he saw that bike, he would sob again and tears would stream down his face.

The older brother felt tender compassion for his father. Once when he was observing the Lord's Supper at church he began to understand his father's sorrow and applied it to how a believer should approach the Lord's Table. He has often prayed, "Lord, keep the memory of Your death as fresh as that to me. Every time I partake of Your memorial supper, let my heart be stirred as though You died only yesterday."

Let us never forget the price that was paid for our freedom. Praise God for the precious blood of Jesus.

C. The Preparations – verses 27-28

These verses often concern people but they must be taken in context. Remember Paul has just spoken about the divisions and attitudes of the Corinthians. He goes on to say, "Let a man examine himself." We must take time before we partake in the Lord's Supper to examine our hearts and lives. This is not something that we should take lightly. This is the reason that we often give an invitation before the communion begins.

Many in that time did not take this seriously. We can tell that by the rebuke that Paul is giving them in this chapter. We must realize the importance of what we are doing and understand the fact that there are consequences to disobeying these verses.

Think back to those who were at the Agape feast. They were selfish, divided and bitter. Some were drunk and full while others were left out and hungry. We are told that we should love our neighbor as ourselves; some of the Corinthians did not observe this command.

Two kinds of individuals are forbidden to partake: The Unsaved and the Unclean. However, there is an opportunity for the unsaved and the unclean to partake in communion.

- 1) The Unsaved - John 3:16
- 2) The Unclean - 1 John 1:9

If you are lost or backslidden you cannot properly observe the Lord's Supper. Even if you are not lost or backslidden there is still more involved. To this point we have seen the error of the church and the example of Christ. We know that some of the Corinthians had partaken unworthily.

3) The Effects of Carelessness.

Preachers of old have made this statement in the past: "If you partake of communion and you are lost you are going to hell!" Of course they are going to hell. They are lost!

If you are saved and in a backslidden condition I would recommend that you either repent or do not partake, but I will say that the meaning of these verses goes even deeper than just someone who is away from God (notice what verses 29-30 say).

Unworthily – irreverently

Paul doesn't say, "If anyone who is not worthy partakes," but rather he is saying, "He who partakes in an unworthy or irreverent manner."

What is the Lord's Supper about? It's about remembering the eternal work of Jesus Christ. You can repent all you want, you can be prayed up and right with God

and still do this in an unworthy manner. When we partake in the wine and the bread we must be focused completely on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We must remember the price that was paid for our salvation.

Damnation - judgment, chastisement

Contrary to popular belief there are still consequences for sin. When believers do not examine themselves, when we do not properly discern the Lord's body as we observe communion there is a price to be paid.

What are these consequences? Notice the ones mentioned in verse 30. Some were weak, some were sick, and some had died as a result of the consequences.

Nothing more should have to be said here. This should prove how serious the Lord's Supper really is. Don't get me wrong - not every person who is weak, sick or dying is experiencing these things because they partook of the Lord's Supper unworthily. But if we believe that the Bible is God breathed then we must admit that may be the case for some.

You may say, "But preacher, if God is a God of love He wouldn't do those things to us." That is exactly why He would do it, because of His love.

4) The Explanation of Chastisement. Verses 31-32

J. Vernon McGee says "It says if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. Now is our opportunity to examine ourselves and prevent the chastisement of the Lord. We can judge ourselves when we are wrong. If we don't He will judge us. When we are judged of the Lord, we are chastened so that we shall not be condemned with the world. He is going to judge the world in the future. Therefore He has to deal with His own now."

Conclusion

May this message today help us see the seriousness and importance of the Lord's Supper. Perhaps you can see more clearly why it is important to "Mind Your Manners" at The Lord's Table.

Can you observe communion today in a "worthy manner?" Can you properly "discern the Lord's body?" If not, we want to give you an opportunity to make things right before we proceed.

Behave at the Table!

"This is My Body"

Wanting to meet the needs of their parishioners, one church staff agreed to offer "gluten-free" bread for their Lord's Supper observance since there are now so many who require it for their diet. However, the first Sunday it was used, the senior pastor made a horrible blooper that the people will never let him forget. He instructed participants that if they would come to the altar, the staff behind each table would serve them the Lord's Supper that day. The staff was there to pray for them or minister to them in any way necessary. And, for the first time, they were offering a very special ministry to their church family. The table on the far left was a "GLUTTON-FREE" table for those who had need of that, too.

It was related that once when the Duke of Wellington remained to take communion at his parish church, a very poor old man went up the opposite aisle, and reaching the Communion table about the same time, knelt down close by the side of the Duke. Immediately, tension and commotion interrupted the silence of the church. Someone came and touched the poor man on the shoulder, and whispered to him to move farther away, or to rise and wait until the Duke had received the bread and the wine before he would partake.

But the eagle eye and the quick ear of the Duke caught the meaning of that touch and whisper. He clasped the old man's hand and held him to prevent his rising; and in a reverential but distinct undertone, the Duke said, "Do not move; we are all equal here."

The Scriptures declare salvation to be a mystery that can be difficult to understand,

especially when it's not clearly explained. During the Middle Ages, the most educated person in European villages was usually the priest. He was a source of information and help, as well as the one holding the keys to heaven.

However, the people coming to mass could not have spoken Latin, much less read it. The Roman Catholic priest taught them from the tradition of the church that something magical happened to the bread and cup when he prayed and said the words, "Hoc est corpus meum," meaning "this is my body." He said that the bread and cup changed into the body and blood of Christ Himself. The people couldn't explain it, but they knew it still tasted like bread and wine; they couldn't tell the difference. Somehow it was lost in translation and they began to speak of it as something suspicious, like "hocus pocus." But what we remember at communion is not "hocus pocus." We remember that the creator of the universe came to earth and died, so that we could be saved. There is nothing more real for time and eternity than the new covenant Jesus died to bring to us.

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, January 3, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Observe the Lord's Supper

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Steven Buckley, Ken Nice,
Don Sharp, Fred Kerns

Alternate: Larry McKahan

No Evening Service..... 6:30 pm

Monday, January 4

Food Kitchen.....5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 5

SJBA Listening Session.....6:30 pm Faith United

Wednesday, January 6

No Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

No Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm

No Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 7

SJBA Listening Session.....6:30 pm FBC King City

Sunday, January 10, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough,
Joseph Coats, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 13

Prayer Warriors..... 10:00 am

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study 6:30 pm

Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 14

R Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

January 3, 2016 — Celebrate the Lord's Supper in Morning Worship

January 4, 2016 — Food Kitchen

January 5, 2016 — SJBA Listening Session 6:30 pm Faith United

January 7 — SJBA Listening Session 6:30 pm FBC King City

January 17, 2016 — Collection for Food Pantry

— Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting

January 18 — Food Pantry Day

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Nights

We will not have Sunday Evening Service here tonight. Watch the weekly schedule to know when we will meet during the month of January.

**Wednesday Night Prayer
and Bible Study**

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

THANK YOU

Thank you for your recent donation to our food pantry. We appreciate your faithfulness in helping us meet the needs of others.

God Bless you

Maggie Wall

Patee Park Baptist Food Pantry

Today, January 3, 2016, we will observe the Lord's Supper in our morning worship service. All loose money in the offering plates will go to benevolence.

The Christmas Card

Mail Box

Thank you for sharing cards with your church family. Don't forget to check the box for any you might have missed. And remember to contribute to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This is the last day - the boxes will be put in storage this week.

Food Kitchen

We will serve Monday, January 4, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.

Luncheon and—Business Meeting Sunday, January 17, at Noon

Please plan to attend and fellowship with us as we share a meal and also conduct the business of the church.

In Sympathy

We offer Christian Sympathy to the family of Lois Pace, who passed away Friday, December 25, 2015. Memorial services were held December 29, 2015

For the Record-

Attendance: December 27, 2015

Sunday School.....	41
Visitors.....	6
Total.....	47
Contacts Made.....	4
Morning Worship.....	67
Children's Worship	12
Sunday Night	N/A
Wednesday Night	N/A

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received...	\$ 1,956.96
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 1,885.00

Offering Received by Mail:

January Counting Team:

John Lewis and Bill Schottel

January Van Driver:

George Burgess

Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a ride.

January Member Birthdays:

01... Carol Helean

01... Marcia Hart

16... Sue Higgins

19... Juanita Haskins

22....Eric Thompson

24....Aubrey McCamy

25... Gary Higgins

27... Gary Yarbrough

28... Donna Dunn

29... Sharon Waters

January Anniversaries

Allan and Ellen Lane

Married January 2, 1983

Philip and Kelsey Lane

Married January 3, 2009

Prayer Requests ...

The family of Lois Pace

Charlie Lamm—regain strength

Sue Higgins—regain strength

Flo Conard—health issues

Betty Anslinger—upcoming surgery

Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew

Lois Ulmer—Elvera's daughter-in-law

Maxine Stark—friend of Conard's

Kenneth Hoenshell—friend of Conard's

Maxine and George Ferbert

Bill Haskins—recovery

Joyce Izer—Praise the Lord for healing!

Stacy Gray—cancer treatment

Muriel Elder and Family

Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris' Richardson's sisters

Grant Schottel—advanced training

Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister

Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew

Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health

Bob Barquist—cancer

Louanne Laurence—Joyce's Mother

Lester Buck Kathryn Beavers

LoLeta Middleton Dorothy Post

Allen Jennings Ann Riddle

Jim Winans Jozy Winans

Nellie Reynolds Leona Reynolds

Kevin Duty Kenny Duty

Madeline Swink Bobby Griswold

Susan Patten Debbie Sands

Brenda Burgess Judy Anderson
Carolyn Houts Roscoe Lane
Keon McKahan Dorothy Post
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People

Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
