

Morning Worship

October 7, 2018

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Don Beavers

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

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Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Missions Moment

Bobblehead

Hymn # 206

Blessed Be the Name

Don/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Christ's Sacrifice for our Sin Medley

#132 There is Power in the Blood

#142 There Is a Fountain

#368 Here, At Your Table Lord

Offering Prayer

Fred Kerns

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Children's Worship

(Children are dismissed)

Message with Observance of the Lord's Supper

God Speaks through Prayer Allan Lane

Hymn # 134

Jesus Paid It All

Don/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Closing Chorus # 387 *Blest Be the Tie*

Don/People

God Speaks through The Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

A minister responded to a Red Cross appeal for blood donations. When he didn't come home by the time his young son expected him, the boy asked his mother, "Is Dad going around visiting all the sick people?" His mother replied, "He's giving blood." To which the boy said, "But we know it's really grape juice, don't we, Mom?"

In some minds, there is great mystery connected with the observance of Communion or the Lord's Supper. Maybe this message will help clear up some of the questions you may have. We will discuss the origin and nature of the Lord's Supper, its place in the early Church, and its importance today.

1. Its Origin and Nature .

a. The Dying Request of Joseph .

Allow me to give you a little illustration. I'm sure you remember the dying request of Joseph. It's recorded in Genesis 50:22-26 and Exodus 13:19. Joseph had spent most of his life in Egypt and longed for his homeland. He wished to be buried there. His brothers made the oath to do so, but Moses buried him there hundreds of years later. Moses was not bound by the oath. But, the request of a dying man is to be honored over all obstacles.

b. One of Jesus' Last Requests.

This memorial was one of Jesus' last requests of His disciples. Not long afterward, He is crying out to God in Gethsemane and is arrested, tried, and murdered. How can we ignore one of the last requests of the Savior? This is how He wants to be remembered: a broken body, spilt blood, a sacrifice for others.

Paul emphasizes this was given by Jesus Himself. Not from angel, prophet, teacher, or Apostle. Paul writes, "I received it from the Lord." What could be more important to a Christian than a request from Jesus Himself?

2. Its Place in the Early Church.

a. Observed with Frequency .

The early Church observed the Supper with great frequency. It pictured His death, the event they considered most important (Matthew 26:26-28). He gave them an Object Lesson: "This is My body" and "This is my blood." The bread and the cup were not really His body and blood, but represented them. If I held up a photo and said "These are my grandchildren," you would agree technically it is only a picture of them. So it is when Jesus says, "This is my body, blood, etc." They devoted themselves to breaking of bread, along with Apostles teaching, fellowship, and prayer (Acts 2:42). Later, it seems they observed it each first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

b. Observed with Proclamation .

It was one important means of proclaiming the Lord's death to others (I Corinthians 11:26). While it's not as graphic as Mel Gibson's portrayal of the passion, it's graphic enough to remind us. Symbolism is seen in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. As Jesus gives the memorial, He breaks the bread, and pours the wine. Each time they met, unbelievers were present. This witnessed to them in a graphic, yet symbolic way.

c. Observed with Abuse .

It was apparently observed as part of a fellowship meal, a "love feast." This was the occasion for abusing the poor. The extent of their abuse is seen in I Corinthians 11:17-22. The Apostle writes very strongly against their abuse (I Corinthians 11:17, 29, 30).

3. Its Importance for Today.

a. A Reminder of Jesus' Sacrifice .

We still need an occasional reminder of what we owe to Jesus. We still need to honor His dying wish to be remembered. We come to remember Jesus. It's appropriate we remember Him in the way He asked.

b. Who should Partake ?

There is always a question who may participate in communion. Some think only baptized believers. There is no clear definitive Biblical guideline. In other words, it appears we are instructed more about who should not partake than we are about who should.

Of course, it is especially intended for Christians. It's "participation" or "communion" in the body and blood of Jesus, as Paul said in I Corinthians 10:16, 17. Why would anyone else want to remember or honor Jesus?

Paul emphasized how we partake more than anything else. It could be argued anyone sincerely wishing to remember Jesus for who He truly is would be welcomed by God. The term "unworthily" has specific connotations.

Paul says there is a problem in the church. This problem has many consequences. The problem is that many people were drinking unworthily. The effects are as followed:

- 1) People are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
- 2) One eats and drinks damnation to himself.
- 3) Many are weak and sickly among you, and many are sick.

Wow! This is one of set of Scripture that you wish you could read and say, "That is for the past." But Paul is talking about the Lord's Supper and what can happen if it is taken unworthily.

So what does it mean to eat and drink unworthily? Unworthily means to partake of the Lord's Table in an indifferent, self-centered, careless, and irreverent spirit, without any intention or desire of departing from known sins and of accepting the covenant of grace with all its promises and obligations. One who participates in such an unworthy manner sins terribly against the Lord.

He is guilty of re-crucifying Christ and immediately comes under special judgment and retribution. Being "guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" means being held responsible for his death.

1Corithians 11:31-34 tells us the proper way to observe:

1. Approach the Lords supper by judging ourselves.
2. Accept the chastening of the Lord.
3. Serve one another.
4. Straighten our lives out early.

Perhaps you have been in a Communion Service when someone next to you passed or refused to take communion. Some think that is a sad thing, but we need to come to the place where our hearts are stirred in saying that is the better thing to do.

c. Its Place for us.

There are those who want to remove it. They say the emphasis on blood offends "seekers," those we used to call sinners. It is still a powerful testimony to the sacrifice of Jesus and the love of God Who sent Him. More than ever, we need a reminder of these things.

Conclusion

Some congregations, I understand, have even dropped the communion service from the regular morning worship hour, just inviting those who wish to partake to go to another room for the Lord's Supper after the service or serving it during the week. The reasoning, I'm told, is that the strange practice of taking the loaf and cup frightens away "seekers" (formerly known as sinners).

Don't they realize that the Lord's Supper is the greatest evangelistic tool we have? Paul says through the proper observance of the Supper "you proclaim the death of the Lord till He comes" (I Corinthians 11:26). The Communion service is certainly a greater aid to evangelism than a cross on a church building, on the baptistery wall, or on a necklace.

Our Greatest Tool!

Filled with God's Spirit

We've been watching a study by Ken Hemphill on Wednesday nights on Spiritual

Gifts. It's pretty good. If you aren't busy, you should be viewing this. It's a great teaching on how to discern and utilize our Holy Spirit given gifts for the Kingdom of God and service to God's church. It reminds me of a devotion I read by Dr. Tony Evans. He says:

Have you ever been to a gas station to fill up your car? I imagine you have. One thing you know for sure—when you fill up your car, the gas is not going to last forever. Eventually, the fuel gauge on your dashboard is going to remind you that you are nearing empty, and you need to find a gas station again. If you want to continue driving your car, you must keep gas in the tank. No gas, no trip.

Many believers today don't realize that even though we received the Holy Spirit when we trusted in Christ for salvation from our sins, the ongoing filling of the Holy Spirit's presence is something we need to seek on a regular basis. Just as driving your car is difficult if it's running on fumes, living the victorious Christian life is impossible without the flame of the Spirit burning bright.

So how do you fill yourself with the Spirit's presence? There are a number of ways, but the one that comes to mind is prayer. Praying and meditating on the character and attributes of God, keeping your mind set on truth, engaging in an atmosphere of communication and communion with God—these things draw you into His presence.

Some struggle every day with anxiety, depression or anger. Others wrestle with the consequences of bad choices made in the past. Whatever your hardship, prayer has the capacity to deliver victory in your life.

When you turn prayer into something more than a casual commitment, you will experience the ongoing filling of God's Spirit. Commit yourself daily to seeking the throne of God, and He will delight in providing you with the equipment you need to start winning at life again.

Our Wednesday night prayer and Bible Study time is for ALL the church, not just a select few. It's a time when we, the church can meet and intercede on behalf of other church members and those in need. It's a time when we can practice the spiritual disciplines of prayer and Bible Study. Won't you take time to be a part of this ever-important ministry of our church?

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

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

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice, Fred Kerns, Don Sharp

Alternate: ? ? ? ?

Lord's Supper Observance

Evening Service.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 10

Prayer Warriors 10 am
Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm
Worship Team 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 10

Grand Oaks Event 4:30 pm

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Joseph Coats, Gary Yarbrough, ? ? ? ?

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Evening Service.....6:30 pm

Movie Night

Wednesday, October 17

Prayer / Bible Study ...6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

October 10 — Prayer Warriors

**October 13 — Grand Oaks Fundraising Kickoff Event
4:30 pm at Grand Oaks**

October 14 — Movie Night 6:30 pm

October 20 — Valley Community Center Soupfest

October 22-23 — Missouri Baptist Convention

Annual Meeting, Springfield, MO

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** have Sunday night service tonight. Please join us tonight as we study God's Word. Don't miss it!

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

Prayer is such a vital part of everything a church does. Please come as we pray for the direction of our church. Hope to see you this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Valley Community Center 5th Annual Soupfest!

909 West Valley Street

St. Joseph, Missouri

October 20 from 5-7pm

Suggested donation:

Adults \$10

Children \$5

Reuben L. South

Missouri Missions

“Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.” 1 Chronicles 29:14b

Our Goal: \$1,500.00

So Far: \$1,781.00

Lord's Supper

Observance

Today, October 7, 2018

*All loose, undesignated monies in the offering this morning will be used
in the benevolence
ministry of our church.*

For the Record-

Attendance: September 30, 2018

Sunday School.....	27
Visitors.....	0
Total.....	27
Contacts Made.....	7
Morning Worship.....	36
Sunday Night.....	7
Children's Worship	9
Wednesday Night	10

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,286.39
 Offering Received ... \$ 1,667.91
 Long Family –Sept. ... \$ 75.00
 MMO \$ 1,781.00

Offering Received by Mail:

Toni Wyrick

October Counting Team:

Don Beavers and Jordan Lane

October Van Driver:

Mike Green

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

October Birthdays:

03...Don Hart
 08...Brigida Winans
 09...Gina Harr
 10...Fred Kerns
 10...Jaden Schottel
 14...Dillon Burgess
 18...David Schottel
 19...Caitlyn Schottel
 22...Angie Liechti
 25...Tom Lefever
 28...Ellen Lane
 28...Marie Hren
 31...Tim Izer

October Anniversaries

Mike and Martha Green
 October 1, 2005

Prayer Requests ...

Sandy and Stanley Wilson
 Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery
 Mike Green—recovery
 Brendan Conner—Swymeler's Grandson
 Ruth Anne Bush—healing
 Sharri Duty—Jerry Garcia

Kenny Kirkpatrick
Mary Sharp—back surgery recovery
Linda Huff—cancer treatment
Jim Winans—recuperation
June Fritchle—recovery
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Arlette Duty—strength
Donna and Bill Dunn—health
Jack and Flo Conard
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health
Randy and Gina Harr—new pastorate
Tammy Panning, Emily Jones & Liam
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Stephanie & Jason Terpack
Shawna Hughes—recovery
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter
LoLeta Middleton—strength
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
The Waters Family Betty Campbell
George Ferbert Kevin Duty
Nellie Reynolds Ann Riddle
Don Beavers Tim Izer
Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...