

# **PLAIN SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**1Cor.11:23-29**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The Lord's Supper is a N.T. institution.
2. Therefore what we need to know about it can be learned from the N.T.
3. In this study we shall examine the N.T. to learn, reveal, declare and or explain the simple, Scriptural truths about the Lord's Supper, which are as follows:

## **II. DISCUSSION**

- A. IT WAS INSTITUTED BY THE LORD HIMSELF, THE NIGHT HE WAS BETRAYED, Mt.26:26-29; Mk.14:22-25; Lk.22:19,20; 1Cor.11:23,24.**
- B. IT IS A MEMORIAL FEAST TO BE OBSERVED IN REMEMBRANCE OF JESUS CHRIST, Lk.22:19; 1Cor.11:23-25.**
- C. ITS OBSERVANCE IS A PROCLAMATION OF JESUS' DEATH, HIS RESURRECTION, AND HIS 2<sup>ND</sup> COMING, 1Cor.11:26.**
- D. IT IS TO BE OBSERVED WITH SELF-EXAMINATION DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY (recognizing, making a distinction to judge correctly what the bread and the fruit of the vine represent; keeping your mind on that; always remembering what is the nature and purpose of the Lord's Supper as it was instituted by Jesus Christ; the one who partakes without doing his brings the condemnation of God upon himself), 1Cor.11:27-29.**
- E. IT IS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS, 1Cor.11:18-22,33,34.**
- F. WHEN IT IS SCRIPTURALLY OBSERVED, THOSE EATING HAVE COMMUNION, OR FELLOWSHIP, OR SHARE IN THE REALIZATION OF THE EFFECTS OF THE BLOOD (i.e., the death) OF CHRIST AND THE BODY OF CHRIST, AS SET**

**FORTH BY THE ELEMENTS OF THE SUPPER, 1Cor.10:16; AND CHRIST HIMSELF COMMUNES WITH THEM IN IT, Mt.26:29; Mk.14:25.**

**G. ITS ELEMENTS ARE UNLEAVENED BREAD AND THE FRUIT OF THE VINE (The juice of the grape), FOR IT WAS INSTITUTED AT THE TIME OF THE JEWISH PASSOVER FEAST, AND NO LEAVEN WAS EVEN ALLOWED IN THEIR HOMES AT THAT TIME.**

**H. IT IS TO BE OBSERVED ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, Ac.20:7.**

1. See Mk.16:19; 18:18; Ac.2:41,42.
2. The necessary implication is every 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week. Cf. Exo.20:8.
3. Cf. Rent is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.
4. Also, Independence Day is celebrated on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**I. THE FACT THAT IT CAN BE SCRIPTURALLY OBSERVED IN THIS AGE IS PROOF THAT THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST IS IN EXISTENCE AND THAT IT AND THE CHURCH BELONGING TO CHRIST ARE ONE AND THE SAME INSTITUTION, Mt.26:29; Mk.14:25; Lk.22:18; Lk.22:28-30; 1Cor.10:16,21; 1Cor.11:23-26.**

**J. IT IS TO BE OBSERVED BY THOSE IN THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST OR THE CHURCH BELONGING TO CHRIST, Lk.22:28-30; 1Cor.11:17-34; 10:16,17; Ac.20:7.**

### **III. CONCLUSION**

1. How can any person successfully refute any one of these truths?
2. In spite of this, several of these truths are ignored, refused to be practiced as authorized, and even declared to be unnecessary by some religious bodies – even some bodies that claim to be followers of Jesus Christ and to be governed by the N.T., wherein those truths are plainly taught and bound by the authority of Jesus Christ.
3. Remember this: Jno.12:48-50; Heb.5:8,9; Mt.7:21; Lk.6:46.