

The Message

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The Communion of the Saints

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To the Unknown God

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you” (Acts 17:23).



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“He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood
remains in Me, and I in him” (John 6:56).



The Memorial

“Do this in remembrance of Me.”



How Is the Lord's Supper Taken in an Unworthy Manner?

For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body (1 Corinthians 11:29).



The Lord's Supper Comes with Sanctions

“For this reason many are weak and sick among you,
and many sleep [die]” (1 Corinthians 11:30).



Judas

“Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, ‘What you do, do quickly’” (John 13:27).



Positive Sanctions (Blessings)

“Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him” (Luke 24:31). “And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread” (Luke 24:35).



Baptism is Required

“In Him you were also circumcised . . . by the circumcision of Christ . . . buried with Him in baptism (Colossians 2:11).



What Exactly Happens When We Take the Lord's Supper?

There are three views:

1. The realist view
2. The nominalist view
3. The conventional or representative view



David's Example

David would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD. And he said, “Far be it from me, O my God, that I should do this! Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy? For at the risk of their lives they brought it” (1 Chronicles 11:18-19).



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