



Every tradition and denomination of Christianity celebrates and observes the Lord's Supper. But with all the differing traditions, rituals and methods the meaning of this essential ordinance can become lost. So what is the Lord's Supper? Why do we do it? Why is it so important? Pastor Tim will answer these questions as he continues with part 5 of his "Answers" message series.

Grace and Peace,

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Group Study Questions

Ice Breaker

Go around the room and discuss what your experience or concept of the Lords Supper has been. Are there differences in the group?

Have someone in the group read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 aloud.

So with all the different traditions, denominational differences and methods, the question that we are going to answer is:

What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper?

1. Pastor Tim explained that the Lord's Supper is a **SYMBOL**. What does the symbolism represent? (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25) What does the broken bread represent? What about the cup? Discuss.

2. What did Jesus mean when He said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood"? What is "the new covenant"?

The Lord's Supper²

God of all good,

*I bless thee for the means of grace;
teach me to see in them thy loving purposes
and the joy and strength of my soul.*

*Thou hast prepared for me a feast;
and though I am unworthy to sit down as guest,
I wholly rest on the merits of Jesus,
and hide myself beneath his righteousness;
When I hear his tender invitation
and see his wondrous grace,
I cannot hesitate, but must come to thee in love.*

*By thy spirit enliven my faith rightly to discern
and spiritually to apprehend the Saviour.
While I gaze upon the emblems of my Saviour's death,
may I ponder why he died, and hear him say,
'I gave my life to purchase yours,
presented myself an offering to expiate your sin,
shed my blood to blot out your guilt,
opened my side to make you clean,
endured your curses to set you free,
bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice.'*

*Oh may I rightly grasp the breadth and length of this design,
draw near, obey, extend the hand,
take the bread, receive the cup,
eat and drink, testify before all men
that I do for myself, gladly, in faith,
reverence and love, receive my Lord,
to be my life, strength, nourishment, joy, delight.*

*In the supper I remember his eternal love,
boundless grace, infinite compassion,
agony, cross, redemption,
and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory.
As the outward elements nourish my body,
so may thy indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul,
until that day when I hunger and thirst no more,
and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast.*

² "The Valley of Vision – A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotion", edited by Arthur Bennett