

# LOOKS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INTRODUCTION

- I. Each Sunday, the Lord's people observed what is called "The Lord's Supper, in memory of the death of Jesus on the cross of calvary.
  - A. It is referred to in the New Testament as "The Lord's Supper", "The Communion", or "The Breaking of Breaking of bread," and is a special meal in common with the Lord. 1 Cor. 10:16
  - B. It is called the "Lord's Supper" because it was instituted by Christ, it is about Christ, and is a supper that is contrasted with a common meal. 1 Cor. 20-25 (Discuss fully)
    1. The word "supper" is from the Greek word *deipnon*, which simply means "the chief meal."
    2. It is found 14 times in the New Testament, and refers to any special feast or meal whether it be a birthday meal, or a feast of any kind, whether it is served with special observance as a "chief" meal of some kind.
      - a. In our day and society, it used to refer to an evening meal or primary meal of the day.
      - b. The Lord's Supperj is observed **every Sunday**, whether observed in morning or evening, and NOT just on special occasions, as is observed in most denominations on special occasions.
- II. Our lesson today is entitled, "LOOKS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER."

## DISCUSSION

### **I. The 1<sup>st</sup> look of the Lord's Supper is the BACKWARD LOOK.**

- A. We look BACK to the Garden of Gethsemane and Calvary when Jesus suffered and died for the benefit of mankind.
  1. His body was offered and nailed to the cross. Matt. 26:26; John 19:31-37; 1 Cor. 11:24
  2. Jesus shed His blood in his death as the price for salvation. Matt. 26:28; John 19:34-37
- B. Also, we look BACK to the time WE were baptized into Christ's death to be united with Him.

### **II. The 2<sup>nd</sup> look of the Lord's Supper is the UPWARD LOOK.**

- A. We take this look as we look UP to the Father in thanksgiving for His giving Jesus for us.
  1. Jesus set the as HE gave thanks for the bread and fruit of the vine, that He was going to use in the representative elements of His body and blood. Luke 22:17-20 (Discuss)
  2. In our giving of thanks, we specifically give thanks FOR these elements.
- B. Then, in our meditation as we observe the Lord's Supper, we lookward to body and blood as we call the death of Jesus to mind. 1 Cor. 11:27-30