

CALL to PRAYER -

Lord's Prayer / Model Prayer

Intro – Lord's Supper Sundays are extra special. We meet on the first day of every week but every other month we set aside a service for the observance of Communion. Our aim is for the entire service to prepare us for this holy meal. Our Lord commanded that we keep this religious rite as a memorial meal in remembrance of Him. The Lord's Supper is not an option for the Christian; it is a holy obligation and celebration. We eat in obedience, and we eat in remembrance of Him who died for us. Lord's Supper Sundays ought to be eagerly anticipated by us. Jesus eagerly desired to eat it (Luke 22:15) and we should feel the same. I heard a radio preacher tell that when he was child his father was hurrying them out to get to church. The father told them they were going to church for the Lord's Supper and boy remarked, "*I hope we aren't having peas.*" We aren't having peas for the supper, but we are having 4 P's before Supper to help us remember. We are going to think about a: *Payment, Promise, People & Product.*

Matthew 26:26-28 - A Meal to Remember

A PAYMENT

- Matt. 26:28 *"for this is My blood..."*
 - This meal reminds us of a price that was paid.
 - The high price was not because of our great worth but because of our great sin
 - Our great sin earned a great debt. Rom. 6:23a
- Our salvation required a transaction of blood. A perfect life to purchase eternal life
 - Heb. 9:22
 - 1 Peter 1:18-19
- This meal reminds us of the price paid to purchase our salvation
 - Acts 20:28 *"...the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."*
 - The price purchased a people and paid off their enormous debt

A PROMISE

- Matt. 26:28 *"...My blood of the covenant..."*
 - The price paid was part of a promise...a Trinitarian promise sealed in blood
- Eternal covenant / promise
 - Titus 1:2 the promise of eternal life was made in eternity past
 - Heb. 13:20 the promise was that the Shepherd would die for the sheep and be raised for the sheep so the sheep would be saved
- Last Will & Testament / Covenant
 - OT & NT - our salvation is based on a Will & Testament
 - Heb. 9:14-17
 - The Trinitarian promise is that upon the death of the Testator the people in the will...will receive the promised inheritance

A PEOPLE

- ❖ Matt. 26:28 *"...which is poured out for many..."*
 - Many are included in the covenant promise. NOT JUST A FEW
- ❖ Salvation is of the Jews ...and for the Jews... but not only the Jews.
 - John 4:22 Rom. 1:16
 - Jesus has other sheep – John 10:14-16
 - Jesus died for the Jewish nation AND the scattered children... - John 11:51-52
 - Rev. 5:9
 - John 1:29
- ❖ Jesus died for not just a few...there is room for you
 - John 3:16 - *"...whoever believes in Him shall not perish..."*
 - Mark 10:45 *"...give His life a ransom for many."*
 - Rev. 22:17 (Isaiah 55:1-3)
 - If you hunger & thirst for righteousness there is a place at the Table for you

THE PRODUCT

- Matt. 26:28 *"...for forgiveness of sins."*
 - We are prone to forget that our forgiveness is purchased and promised
 - 2 Peter 1:9
 - This meal is a reminder to be clear-sighted about our salvation
- God is a forgiving God
 - Psalm 130:3-4
 - Ex. 34:6-7
- Our forgiveness is purchased
 - *"It is Finished"* (John 19:30)
 - The price is paid...the debt is covered...and what was paid for is secure
 - Not *"a hope so salvation"* ...but a *"know so"*because it is *"a paid for salvation"*
 - Eph. 1:7
- Jesus has the power and authority to forgive sins Mark 2:10
 - This meal reminds us that forgiveness is promised and paid in full for whosoever believes.

Open / Close Communion (one body)

Fencing the Table (for the many)

Examine yourself (1 John 1:9)

Discern the Body

Solemn Celebration

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Man of Sorrows

#329 - Grace Greater than Our Sin