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The Lord's Supper Pt 1 Received of the Lord and delivered by Paul

This is a new topic on the Lord's Supper. In this teaching we will establish that the risen Lord Jesus Christ gave the apostle Paul the Lord's Supper for the church.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. The Lord's Supper that Paul wrote of was given to him by the risen Christ.

1Cor 11:23 "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread".

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles refers to two specific things that he received from the risen Lord and delivered to the church (i) the gospel of Christ crucified whereby the lost who believe his gospel are saved today (1Cor.15: 3 & 4) and (ii) the Lord's Supper (1Cor.11: 23).

2. The Lord's Supper received from Christ and delivered to the church included – Christ on the night He was betrayed –

i) took bread, gave thanks, and brake it

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it..." (1Cor. 11: 23 & 24a).

ii) saying – take eat – this is my body, which is broken for you.

"And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you" (1Cor.11: 24).

iii) In like manner the Lord Jesus took the cup, and gave thanks, and He supped from it

"After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped..." (1Cor.11: 25).

iv) believers eat the bread and sup from the cup as Christ did to –

a) remember Him.

"this do in remembrance of me" (1Cor 11:24)

See also 1Cor.11: 25.

b) show the Lord's death until He comes.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (1Cor.11: 26).

An illustration to help apply the teaching to our life today.

A preacher on the Queen street witnessed to a Roman Catholic Irishman who was puzzled by a Protestant going to church where the service was not a MASS.

Question to think about.

i) Why do Christians not take part in the Roman Catholic MASS?

ii) What is the difference in the two accounts of the Lord's Supper – that which Paul received from the risen Lord Jesus and that recorded in the four gospels?

My answer to our questions from the scriptures.

i) Christians do not take part in the MASS because the central component of the MASS – the Eucharist distorts the scriptural account of the Lord's Supper by claiming that the bread turns into the body of Christ and the wine into the blood of Christ. Additional heresies follow –

* The priest worships the wafer in disobedience to the word of God (Ex.20: 4 & 5), and

* The priest drinks blood in disobedience to the word of God (Lev.7: 27 and Acts 15: 20) and

* Only the priest drinks the wine, hence the congregation disobey the Lord by not taking part.

ii) The difference in the two accounts is – In 1Cor.11. Paul records the purpose in believers receiving the Lord's supper which is not outlined in the gospels – "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (1Cor.11: 26).

Account in the Gospel of Matthew,

Mt 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

Mt 26:27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

Mt 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Account in the Gospel of Mark.

Mk 14:22 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

Mk 14:23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

Mk 14:24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

Account in the Gospel of Luke.

Lk 22:17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:

Lk 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Lk 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

Supporting verses in the Gospel of John.

Jn 6:50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Jn 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Jn 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Jn 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Jn 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

Jn 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

That which Paul received of the Lord which he delivered unto the churches –

1Cor 11:23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

1Cor 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

1Cor 11:25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

1Cor 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.