
WHY DO CHRISTIANS PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ON SUNDAY?

In Matthew 26, it talks about the Lord's supper. However, it never says anything about taking of the Lord's supper on Sunday (the Lord's Day). Why do we partake on Sunday? Does the Bible say we should?

We read in Matthew 26:25-29 "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. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." It is interesting to note that in this passage, Jesus says that He will drink of the cup with the apostles in His Father's kingdom. The kingdom was established on the day of Pentecost (Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1, 4) which was always observed on a Sunday according to Leviticus 23:15, 16. It was on this day that Jesus was raised from the dead (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2, 9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1), and it was on this day of Pentecost that many became Christians for the first time. Acts 2:42 says, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." This is the first mention that we have of Christian worship within the kingdom, and it includes the breaking of bread, one of the elements of the Lord's Supper.

Paul writes concerning the Lord's Supper, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (1 Corinthians 11:26). Notice specifically the phrase, "As often as." This indicates regularity to the matter. In other words, it was not just once in a blue moon that they partook of the Lord's Supper, but on a regular basis. What was that regular basis? It was the first day of the week. In Acts 20:7, we read, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." Immediately before this particular verse, we see Paul waiting in Troas for a period of seven days. Paul expected the church to meet and he knew the day of their meeting. We can conclude from this that it was customary for the church to meet to worship once a week, (every seven days, upon the first day of the week) and that this day was when they partook of the Lord's supper. So, "as often as" means "upon the first day of the week, every week." Such was also true of the contribution that was to be taken on the first day of the week. 1 Corinthians 16:2 states, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." The church met upon the first day of the week to worship and this included observing the Lord's Supper.

In thinking about the principles of worship, one of the most important is the principle of authority (Colossians 3:17). We have the command to partake of the Lord's Supper. We have several examples of the early Christians partaking of the Lord's Supper upon the first day of the week. If we were to suggest that we could partake of the Lord's Supper upon some other day of the week, we would find ourselves in the position of not having any authority to do that. There is no command, example, or implication within the scriptures that authorize the church to partake of the Lord's supper upon any other day than the first day of the week and with that we must be content if we are going to walk by faith—if we are going to live and act based upon the word of God (Romans 10:17).

But how do we know that we need to partake of it upon every first day of the week. This should be obvious from the expression, "upon the first day of the week." The expression does not indicate any other time value except a weekly value. If I were to say to you that I go to volunteer at the community center on the third day of the week, you would understand me to mean, every Tuesday. If I did such any less than every week, you would expect me to qualify that statement with a "once a month" or such like. So also is the meaning of "upon the first day of the week." The correct understanding of that phrase without additional clarification is a weekly.

Such was also true regarding the Sabbath day under the Old Law. God said, "Honor the Sabbath." If the Israelites were to honor the Sabbath once a month, would that have been what God commanded? No. They were to honor every Sabbath and that was understood. We are on safe ground by partaking of the Lord's Supper upon the first day of the week, every week. We know that this is something with which God cannot be displeased and faith seeks to please God (Hebrews 11:6). By observing the Lord's Supper in some other way or less than weekly, we step out of God's authority and onto our own without any biblical statement of support for such practices.

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JULY:

BIRTHDAYS: 7-Linda Ballentine; 7-Angie Holmes; 10-Helen Pinson; 15-Orvaline Mann
23-Emily Kelley; 25-Rhonda Aden; 28-Wendy Rogers

ANNIVERSARIES: 7-Shane & Brooke De Priest; 15-Derek & Tonya Box; 21- Mickey & Judy Keen;
24- Jerry & April Williams; 28-Jimmy & Tina Kelly

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17

We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16

We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21

We must live faithfully until death. Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

•THOSE TO SERVE – JULY LIST IN FOYER

(Please check for your assignment and PLEASE contact one of the Deacons if you know you are going to be absent on that date).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- SYS Tomorrow night
- Gospel Meeting at Atwood begins today; 7 p.m. nightly; Bill Irby, Minister
- Annual Singing here Friday night, July 27th LOTS OF FINGER FOODS NEEDED!
- AUGUST-: 2nd Sunday Fellowship Lunch; All Invited

SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME:

Martha Nell Reed, Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie 38201

Elvy Sauls Jr., Life Care of Bruceton, 105 Rowland Ave., Bruceton 38317

PRAYER LIST Sympathy to the family of James Feger (funeral service was Tuesday at Bodkin) Charlie Wachsmuth had hip replacement surgery Tuesday, George Aylor; Lori's mother, Kaffie Green had surgery Thursday; Kristie Deruiter, Gary Wallace, Lacey Appleton, Wanda Smith, Carnell McAlister (bypass surgery at Baptist East this past week), Christopher Dunavan, Jimmy McClain; Dwayne Bateman; Jim, Paige & Everly Halford; Sybil Hamilton, Jimmy McClain, Tom Aden, Doris Haskell, Mary Bryant, Tim Rogers, Charlotte Russell, Harold Hutcherson, Charles Foster, Penny Warren, Vicki Murphy (Lexington), Mike Lane, Ruth Bennett, Heather Harris, Chris Bowers; Aaron Sutton; Valerie Allen

CANCER: Dan Foster, Jane Woodson, Ray Box, Denise Clemmer, Kenneth Foster, Joe Gordon, Linda Cherry; Jackie Smith, Keith Inman. Lynn Harrison, Deborah Browning; Hattie Brinkley Berry, Christine Johnson, Jimmy Greene, Lalanie Murphy

(If you requested that someone be added to the prayer list please provide updates. Names normally remain on prayer list for 1 month, unless requested to remain)

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Services:

Sunday Morning

Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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DATES	WEEK OF 07/01	WEEK OF 07/08	WEEK OF 07/15	WEEK OF 07/22	WEEK OF 07/29
PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH
GREET	CHARLIE AND ANNIE	CHARLIE AND ANNIE	CHARLIE AND ANNIE	CHARLIE AND ANNIE	CHARLIE AND ANNIE
POWERPOINT	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER
ANNOUNCEMENTS	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVIS BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	DALE ADEN	JOHN HENRY LONG	WILLIAM MOORE	SHERRILL SMITH	DALE BALLENTINE
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY A.M.	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	GREG MCCLAIN	GREG MCCLAIN	GREG MCCLAIN	GREG MCCLAIN	GREG MCCLAIN
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE
SERVE LORD'S SUPPER	EDWARD RAY FORD JOSHUA BRASHER DREW KELLEY NOAH BRASHER	EDWARD RAY FORD JOSHUA BRASHER DREW KELLEY NOAH BRASHER	EDWARD RAY FORD JOSHUA BRASHER DREW KELLEY NOAH BRASHER	EDWAR RAY FORD JOSHUA BRASHER DREW KELLEY NOAH BRASHER	EDWARD RAY FORD JOSHUA BRASHER DREW KELLEY NOAH BRASHER
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY A.M.	DANIEL ROGERS	JACOB KEEN	STEVE FOSTER	DYLAN HOLT	MONTE MORRIS
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	DAVID BRYANT	JOHN HENRY LONG	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	DALE BALLENTINE	STEVE FOSTER
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	MARK WRIGHT	GREG MCCLAIN	SHERRILL SMITH	DAVID BRYANT	JOHN HENRY LONG
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY P.M.	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY P.M.	JACOB KEEN	MONTE MORRIS	JACK LAWRENCE	NOAH BRASHER	MONTE MORRIS
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	NOAH BRASHER	NICK BRYANT	JACOB KEEN	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE
OPENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	JUL 4 CHARLIE WACHSMUTH	JUL 11 STEVE FOSTER	JUL 18 DAVID BRYANT	JUL 25 DALE ADEN	
LEAD SINGING WEDNESDAY	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	
DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY	DANIEL ROGERS	DALE ADEN	DALE BALLENTINE	STEVE FOSTER	
CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	JACOB KEEN	JOSHUA BRASHER	NOAH BRASHER	DYLAN HOLT	