



WHY IS THE LORD'S SUPPER SO IMPORTANT?

The Lord's Supper is a time of...

1. Commemoration: I remember how my relationship with God is broken by my sin

When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 3:20-23 (NLT)

2. Appreciation: I'm thankful that my friendship with God was restored through the sacrifice of Jesus.

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:9 (NLT)

This table of the Lord isn't where sinners find Christ but where sinners celebrate being found ... Maybe some morning, instead of solemnly passing these trays, we should dance for joy. Maybe we should sing every born-again song we know. Maybe we should tell our "homecoming" stories and laugh like people who no longer fear death. Maybe we should ask if anyone wants seconds and hold our little cups high to toast lost sisters found and dead brothers alive.

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3. Examination: I take the time to reflect on my own spiritual condition

4. Consideration: I evaluate my commitment to the Body of Christ—the church