

In One Accord

Part 5

The Lord's Supper

Acts 2:42

Introduction:

The Cup of Thanksgiving (Eucharist): The Heart of Communion & the Happiness of Christ

Many Good Benefits of the Gift of the Lord's Supper:

1. A Graphic Portrait of the **Cost** of Our Redemption & the **Love** of Our Redeemer.
2. A Call to Remember, not **Reside**, at the Cross.
3. An Announcement of Our **Union** with & **Allegiance** to Christ.
4. An Antidote to False **Assurance** (by Association) of Saving Grace.
5. A Check-point in Our **Relationship** with God's People (with sober warnings).
6. A Celebration of New **Covenant** Life & the Hope of Christ's **Return**.

The Main Point of Acts 2 about the Lord's Supper (and why we miss it today):

7. An Injection of the Eternal into **Everyday** & of the Transcendent into the **Tedious**.

The Breaking of Bread - v. 42

Breaking Bread - v. 46

That we might Stop Breaking Our Lives in half..

Christ's redemption creates in us an Eternal Life which - at the same time - both transcends this present life and injects the whole of ordinary life with extraordinary significance. Communion announces that we are aliens in this world - but *in this world* none-the-less - and living in this world, moment by mundane moment, with super-human power and an unstoppable mission from God Himself.

Acts 2:40-47

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.