

Lord's Supper Exhortation for Oct 11, 2020  
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Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we prepare our hearts and minds to partake of the emblems at this time of communion, I would like to share some thoughts pertaining to the words "remind", "reminder", "remember", etc.

In order for us to be responsible people in the secular world, these words and similar ones, need to have a regular influence on our lives. There are opportunities, bills to pay, agreements to keep, medicine to take, household necessities, calls or texts to make, and the list goes on and on!

As important as it is for us to remind ourselves of our secular responsibilities, I feel that it is of greater importance to be reminded of our spiritual responsibilities at this time of communion. As Christians, we need to enter this time with a prepared mind. On that note then, I would like to *remind* you of the basic areas of thought involved in the Lord's Supper. These are found in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-29

First, it is a commemoration (remembrance). In verses 24 and 25, Jesus commands us, "Do this in remembrance of Me." At this time, we lay aside the cares of the secular life and focus on Christ's life and His ruthless death on the cross. We thank God for Jesus Christ, His indescribable gift.

Secondly, it is a proclamation. Verse 26 declares, "for as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. When we partake of the emblems, we are openly declaring that we believe Jesus Christ died.

Thirdly, it is an examination. Verse 28 declares, "but a Christian must examine themselves, and in doing so, they are to eat of the bread and drink of the cup." Obviously, this is a time to test ourselves and

observe our Christian life and consider how things are going with our relationship with God. Maybe it's a time to push the spiritual reset button. A time to repent and re-commit.

May this time of communion be a spiritual blessing and a spiritually refreshing time.

Prayer:

Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Please forgive us and cleanse us of all sin. Please bless the bread and juice as we remember Christ's body and blood that was given on the cross of Calvary.

For we pray in Jesus' name,  
Amen