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The Lord's Supper

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By inspiration Paul wrote concerning the Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. We also learn from the gospel accounts concerning the institution of the Lord's Supper what Christ was teaching was and is very important.

Christ says the unleavened bread involved in this memorial represents His body (1 Cor 11:24, Matt 26:26). Though none of Christ's bones were broken on the cross His body or flesh was broken open when He endured scourging and being nailed to the cross.

Christ also tells us that the fruit of the vine contained in the cup represents His blood (1 Cor 11:25, Matt 26:27-28). We know from the inspired scriptures that Christ's blood was shed on the cross. This blood was shed for the remission of our sins, the sins of all mankind (Matt 26:28).

There is a reason for having such a memorial. The death of Christ was an event that changed all mankind. Such an event performed by the Son of God for the sake of all mankind is something that must be held in remembrance (Luke 22:19, 1 Cor 11:24).

With these facts in mind it is difficult to understand the thought behind taking the Lord's Supper less often than once a week or at times other than on the first day of the week. As with anything Christians do in worship and praise to God there must be an example or command for us to follow. We see from Acts 20:7 when the disciples came together on the first day of the week one of the acts of worship they took part in was partaking of the Lord's Supper.

It should be discouraging to all Christians to see others who do not take part in the memorial of Christ's death on the cross in a scriptural manner. If Christ took the time to teach His disciples about this memorial then it should be equally as important to us as it was for Him.

As followers of Christ, it should be easy for us to understand the message behind the Lord's Supper and be willing to take part in that memorial on every first day of the week. The question is do you remember the death of Christ as found in the Bible? Do you partake of the Lord's Supper in the scriptural manner?