

Series: Doctrine of Church

5-7-160:1-4

Intro: Self denial for Christ's sake brings immeasurable blessings!

A. Paul lived like His Master (Phil. 2:5-8) to gain people for Christ (1 Cor. 9:12, 23)

1. Get the flavor in 8:13; 9:19; 10:33
2. Review his resume: Ch. 9
3. Hear his passionate plea: Ch. 10

B. God draws attention to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16, 21-22)

1. Lord's Supper is one of the *channels* God uses to bring His blessings to us
 - a. the means of His grace defined
 - b. the means of His grace identified
2. Lord's Supper is designed by God to strengthen faith (see CoF 33)

By inviting you as His people to the Table, Jesus seeks to commune with you

I. If you desire that blessing, you need to be careful not to provoke the Lord

A. The perfect Husband desires *communion* with His Bride: Lk 22:15; John 17:24

B. Yet because He is the perfect Lover, He is also a jealous Lover (Ex. 20:5)

1. The history of the Jews stands as a prophetic warning: 1 Cor. 10:1-15, 21-22
2. This prompts the need for *self-examination* (Eph. 4:30)

II. If you desire to commune with Jesus, don't neglect His means to deepen it

A. God reminds you that *in the use* of bread & wine, He communes with us

1. This is no automatic benefit
2. But there will be no benefit if we neglect to make use of His means of grace
 - a. eating and drinking is far more than a *memorial meal*
 - b. eating and drinking is a *communing* with His blood and body

Closing: Read the first half of the Lord's Supper Form

Dear children,

Coming to church is to come to hear God speak to you. He speaks as His Word is read. He also speaks when His Word is explained. Did you pray this morning that God will help you hear Him? If not, do it now. May you have a blessed time singing, praying, listening and giving.

1. What book are we going listen to in the reading of Scripture? _____
2. Who did we remember in prayer that need extra help? _____
3. Who wrote the Bible book the pastor is preaching from? _____
4. Paul was blessed with much self-denial. What does self-denial look like?

5. True or False: *The means of grace are the activities God uses to bring us His grace.*
6. Try to write down as many of the means of grace God has given us to use. _____

7. Do you think Jesus wants to be close to you?
_____ Why did you give that answer?

8. What does Jesus picture in the Holy Supper?

9. Write down everything you know or learned about the Lord's Supper?

10. Write down one question about the sermon you like to ask your parents. If you can't think of a question, what could you pray for?

