

THANKSGIVING FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

from 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29

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Some denominations who call the Lord's Supper the Eucharist do so because the Greek verb used in I Corinthians 11 passage is *eucharisteo* and means to give thanks. When we come to the Communion Service it is certainly a time to offer thanks to God for the perfect and finished work of Christ. I would suggest that we not only express thanks to God at His table, but also for the event itself. What a privilege for us to be invited to join Him at His table.

1. It is Historical (v23). *I received of the Lord...delivered unto you*

A. Successive events.

B. Spiritual meanings.

2. It is a Memorial (vv24-25). *Take eat, this is My body broken for you, this do in remembrance of Me... the new covenant in my blood, this do in remembrance of Me.*

A. Concerning the Person of Jesus Christ.

B. Concerning our participation with Christ and one another.

3. It is Evangelical (v26). *Ye do show the Lord's death til He come*

A. Proclamation of the Gospel.

B. Prophetic of God's plan. *until He comes*