

1. The Lord's Table is to be observed periodically as determined by the Pastor Teacher in each local church. At the Westbank Bible Church we schedule the Last Supper on the first Lord's day of each month.
2. Scripture does not tell us how often we are to observe this ordinance. In 1Co 11:26 we are told "as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you do show or commemorate the Lord's death till He comes."
3. When we observe the Table of the Lord we show not only the world but both the elect and fallen angels that we expect and look forward to His coming, first at the Rapture and then the Second Advent.
4. Jesus Himself implemented this ordinance.
Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.
Mat 26:27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;
Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
Mat 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
5. The time of the inauguration of the Lord's Supper was the Passover Meal of c. A.D. 33. The Passover recall was a commemoration of the passing over of the death angel in c. 1450 B.C.; it also anticipated the death and victory of the Jewish Messiah to come.
6. The Passover, like other Jewish festivals, taught of that which was to come. In the case of the Passover it taught of the Christ as the ultimate sacrifice, the final efficacious Paschal Lamb. "He Who knew no sin became sin for us in order that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
7. The disciples and Jesus gathered together for an evening meal which would begin the Passover celebration and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
8. Jesus ate this "Last Supper" as a special commemoration of His coming spiritual death on the Cross; it would also be a reminder that one day in the future He would return and establish His Earthly Kingdom.
9. Today when we, as Church Age Saints, celebrate the Lord's Supper, our gaze is directed to the Rapture of the Church.
10. Christ with His death, burial, resurrection and ascension was the fulfillment of that portrayed by the Passover ritual.

11. We often think of the Last Supper as a meal at which the Lord briefly taught His disciples concerning the meaning of the bread and the wine.

12. Traditionally therefore as a basis for the Lord's Table, most Pastors only use Mat 26:20-30; Mar 17:17-26 and Luk 22:14-20 or some combination thereof. And these verses do well describe the meaning of the bread and the wine; there was, however, much more taught by our Lord both in the Upper Room and perhaps on the road up the Mount of Olives. Most of that taught can be found in John's gospel, Joh 13:1-17:26. These passages are often neglected when we celebrate the Lord's Table.

13. Jesus not only taught of the meaning of the bread and the wine, He also taught concerning our eternal security and the need to confess for fellowship. Christ taught of the need for humility and impersonal love toward one another and He taught of the one who would betray Him, subtly designating Judas Iscariot as that man. He also taught of Peter's three denials.

14. We have often studied Jesus' prediction of the loss the disciples would feel when He departed the planet; we also have studied how He comforted them by teaching of His ultimate return.

15. Our major Scripture this morning is from Joh 14:15-26; in this message from the Lord, Christ promised his disciples an event future when God would send the indwelling and filling of God the Holy Spirit to all believers; the indwelling would be universal and perpetual. The filling, unlike the indwelling is lost when we sin and recovered when we confess the sin.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Joh 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Joh 14:22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Joh 14:24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Joh 14:25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

16. Joh 16:7-16 records a lesson taught earlier by our Lord. That earlier lesson was:

Joh 6:28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

16.1 I want to read Joh 16:7-16.

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Joh 16:9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

Joh 16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Joh 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Joh 16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Joh 16:15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Joh 16:16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

17. Let's see what else we can learn about this Counselor, this Holy Spirit, Who shall come.

18. The Holy Spirit is Deity, He is one of the personalities of the Trinity. He is coequal, coinfinite, and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

2Co 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Mat 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Isa 48:16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

19. Let's look at several of the functions and responsibilities of God the Holy Spirit.

19.1 The Holy Spirit is responsible for convincing of sin, righteousness and judgment.

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19.2 The Holy Spirit is declared to be the agent of regeneration.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

19.3 The Holy Spirit is responsible for not only a regeneration but also a renewing, i.e., the new birth and a new creation.

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;

19.4 The Holy Spirit is sovereign as He bestows gifts to believers.

1Co 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

1Co 12:2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

1Co 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

1Co 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Co 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

1Co 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

19.5 He teaches doctrine to believers.

1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

19.6 He participated in the restoration of the earth.

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

19:7 He indwells all believers.

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

2Co 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

19.8 He validates, authenticates and declares our divine ownership by His sealing ministry.

2Co 1:21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;
2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, providing the earnest (money) of the Spirit in our hearts.

19.9 At salvation the Holy Spirit baptizes each of us in Christ as an act of unification.

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

20. In summary: The Holy Spirit does at least ten things:

20.1 Regenerates

20.2 Seals

20.3 Provides Gifts

20.4 Indwells and Fills

20.5 Baptizes

20.6 Teaches

20.7 Testifies of Christ

20.8 Directs Our Life

20.9 Warns us

20.10 Convinces of Sin, Righteousness and Judgment.

21. I want to provide several passages to further describe the attributes and functions of God the Holy Spirit.

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Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Exo 31:2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

Exo 31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Eze 2:2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

Neh 9:30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifieth against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

Acts 28:25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Spirit by (Isa 6:9-10) by the prophet unto our fathers,

Acts 28:26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

1Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

22. To further prepare for our Lord's Table let's turn to hymn number 99; we will sing the first and last verses of *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*. Ken come and lead us, please.

23. Please be seated.

24. I would like Wayne Warren, Kim Kaufman and Ken Harrell to come forward and assist in serving our Lord's Table.

25. You may uncover the Sacraments.