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The Lord's Supper *Communion Meditation* First Corinthians 11:23, 24

The apostle Paul was not an eyewitness of the institution of the Lord's Supper, and yet in his account of it, he had several things to say that the eyewitnesses did not include.

For one thing, he starts by telling us he received his information from the Lord, and this underscores the doctrine of the inspiration of the scriptures.

Paul arguably wrote 100 chapters of the New Testament, and this coupled with the promise the Lord made to the Apostles in the upper room concerning the Holy Spirit guiding them into all the truth, assures us that the entire New Testament is given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Another thought of Paul not included by the others is when he declared: "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death until He come."

There are two observations here. The first is the fact the congregation by observing the Lord's Supper together is preaching a sermon in action telling others that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and furthermore that Jesus tasted of death once for every man.

In the King James Version the term, 'show forth His death' is used. There is an axiom in the theatre that says: "The show must go on." The Lord's Supper shows forth His death, and the show must go on regardless of what other event takes place on the Lord's Day.

The second observation in this statement was the statement, "Until He come." Over one hundred thousand Sundays have passed by since the day the church began, and on every one of those Sundays Christians have assembled together and observed this feast, and will continue to do so for how ever long it takes until the trumpet

sounds and the Lord appears. The Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day is a continual reminder that Jesus is coming again.

Something else Paul included left out by the others was the thought, "Wherefore whosoever shall eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord." It is not the person that must be worthy to observe the feast, but the worthy manner of observance. If only the worthy could observe the feast none of us would qualify. But to observe the feast without a thought of what you are doing is to drink damnation unto oneself.

And then there is that mysterious statement of Paul the others do not mention: "For this cause many among you are weak and sickly and not a few sleep." Perhaps the best understanding of this is of a spiritual nature. Both the Lord Jesus and Paul quoted the words of the prophet Isaiah when he predicted: "By hearing ye shall hear and shall in no wise understand; And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive: For this peoples heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have closed; Last haply they should perceive with their eyes, And hear with their hearts."

In other words there are many in a manner of speaking who are simply out of it. They have no idea of what is going on. They have heard, and don't know what they have heard, they have seen and have no idea what they have seen. They are fallen asleep, and dead to the world. So eat of the bread and drink of the cup, and remember, Jesus said: "This do in remembrance of Me."



THE SPEAR

Communion Meditation

Paul told Timothy that God dwells in light unapproachable: whom no man that seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power eternal. Amen

Although man cannot see God and live; in Exodus thirty-three, Moses made a request to God: "I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory."

God said, "Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see My face and live." Then the Almighty said, "Behold there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a Rock: And it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in the cleft of the rock, and cover thee with My Hand, while I pass by. And I shall take away mine hand, and thou shalt see My back parts: but My face shall not be seen." As God passed by Moses saw the departing glory of God.

According to the Apostle John the chief Priests asked of Pilate that the legs of the three on the crosses might be broken to hasten their death. "The soldiers came and brake the legs of the first that were crucified with Him, but when they came to Jesus they saw that He was dead already, and they brake not His legs. Howbeit, one soldier pierced His side and straightway there ran out blood and water."

It is no stretch of the imagination to say that Jesus is the rock that was cleft for us. Paul referred to this in First Corinthians ten: There was a Rock that followed Israel in the wilderness, and that Rock was Christ.

Then again Peter referred to Jesus: "A living stone rejected indeed of men, but with God elect and precious." He also called him a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence, for they stumble at the word being disobedient.

Jesus referred to Himself as the rock when He said, "He that falleth on this stone shall be broken in pieces: and on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust." Then again: "Upon this rock I will build My Church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

Standing in the cleft of that Rock was the only place where Moses could see the departing glory of God. The Christian who accepts the biblical terms of pardon is standing in the cleft of the rock; and as they visualize the opening of the side of Jesus at the communion table; at that time is looking upon the glory of God as much as anyone can see it this side of the Jordan.

Fanny Crosby expressed it well in her well known gospel song: "A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, A wonderful Savior to me; He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock where rivers of pleasure I see. He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry thirsty land. He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock and covers me there with His hand." As we eat of the loaf and drink of the cup we look upon Him whom they have pierced.



IKE & LEE UPDATE

The Lord has been very good to us here in Ghana. He has seen us through the days and hard times in our ministry and personal lives and so we are still strong though very feeble and weak in flesh and in spirit. We thank Him and you all for your prayers and support to us to be able to send the Gospel to the village folks that have been neglected by many Preachers in Ghana because everybody want to preach to people in the big cities where they can make migmonies. We will not forget Ed and Naomi Bousman for their unfailing love and promises to us ever since we met them miraculously in 2005. We say, God bless you Ed and Naomi!

We are still working in collaboration with **GIJAPA** mainly in the villages of Ghana. Though it is very fun and excited to work in villages, it is also very tedious and very dangerous to go to the hinterland most on foot due to non-access to roads to some villages. The danger of been bitten by reptiles or been attacked by wild animals or been hurt by bad people make it very dangerous to work in the villages yet, like Paul for the gentiles, that is what we have been destined to do for God. Praise the Lord!

FIANKO AND 5 OTHER VILLAGES

Work at Fianko and five other villages started in late 2005 and ended in 2006 with a current total record of 63 souls been won and actively serving God. These people travel between 2-5 miles from their villages to worship with the Park Side congregation (where we worship) every Sunday, which is very tiresome and economically, a problem to the villagers. Most of the people too are elderly women who can't work or have money for their transportation cost to and from the village. This is also a serious economic burden on Park Side because, to assist and encourage these people to be able to worship, we supports every villager with half a \$ and our congregation's average weekly giving is a little above \$20, so you can imagine how much we give away weekly if at least 20 villagers attend church service with us.

To assist these people to worship at ease without hassles in their communities without traveling, and to set Park Side congregation free from spending its little giving. **THE TRUTH** in collaboration with **GIJAPA** are planting churches in these villages for the people this year and early years ahead of us. However, to not burden ourselves physically and economically, we are going to start one congregation at FIANKO (the center) for all the other villages and encourage them to worship there in the mean time. This will help us to be able to efficiently and effectively run and manage this congregation till it stands on its feet before we start another one by which time we would be able to get someone so dedicated to lead this congregation.

The journey is a long one and the load a heavy one and we need your prayers, encouragement and support to see this congregation of the Lord's church been established at Fianko for the people in and around Fianko.

There are more to be done to see this come to pass. We are paying for the fee for the acquired place for the meeting place. There are some renovation works to be done here

on the roof and the floor. We will also be hiring chairs till the congregation is able to buy some chairs. We will be traveling three times a week to these villages as soon as this congregation is born. We need your prayers over this project. Keep reading the GIJAPA Newsletter for update on this.

BIBLES

GIJAPA has been very helpful to us with our need for Bibles and we thank them so much for all they are doing and if we are thanking **GIJAPA**, then you must know that it is you who we are thanking, because, but for you, the Bibles wouldn't have been bought by **GIJAPA** for us—may God bless you for your contribution and keep donating! They are also assisting us with Bibles in our local languages, for people who can't read or understand English language. But I must say that we still need more Bibles than we are getting. Large print Bibles are now very expensive there in the US, yet we need more for the people we are dealing with here because many of them are elderly and have eye impairments. We thank **GIJAPA** for the Bibles and you for your donation. We also want to thank the **STITCH AND SEW** group of ladies from the Hardinville Christian Church in Robinson, IL that sent Bible money designated for us for Bibles.

BIBLE LESSONS

More and more people are enrolling in the correspondence Bible Study course and hundreds of people have completed and received their awards. Every week we receive in a bag letters requesting for enrollment for the lessons and lessons for grading. We are also sending more lessons to every part of the country. Many questions regarding the Bible arising from the study of the lessons too are being sent in almost every week for answers by us and we are doing that successfully.

CLOTHES

Clothes to us by **GIJAPA** from love ones in America for the poor in the area where **THE TRUTH** is working are doing a wonderful soul-winning job here. Many are attending church because they now have footwears and clothes. School going children too are also going to school though not in official school uniforms at the moment due to these clothes you donated and made it possible to reach us here in Ghana. May the Almighty God bless you all for thinking about the people here.

ED'S SERMON TRANSLATION

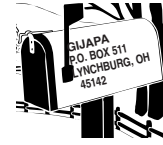
Lee and I have always been finding ways to get the message of God across to the people. Through this quest of ours, we realized that many people want to hear Ed's radio broadcast sermons but do not have access or have the kind of radio to catch the meter band or don't understand English. So we decided to play Ed's sermons and translate them in our local languages to them as they play. We tried this in 8 homes and it worked as the people keep calling us to come back with different tapes to listen to. This translation of Ed's radio sermons project is now part of **THE TRUTH'S** ministry. We are using the radio, cassette and

CD player sent to us by **GIJAPA** for this project. We thank Ed and Naomi for giving us the mandate to continue with this project.

We thank you so much and don't forget to ask God to assist us to buy a car for our work this year! Thanks so much and may the good Lord continue to bless you in all your endeavors.

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LETTERS



Dear Ed & Naomi,

I send you greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope that all is well with you and your ministry's success in our prayers along with your health and safety as you travel. I'm encouraged by your outreach into Europe, Africa and the Middle East. The letters from Christians there, especially in countries where they are being persecuted for their faith, are pretty heart rending. I have been blessed with some overtime, and wanted to share with your ministry. I have been richly blessed with a loving family, a strong Church family, a good job. "To whom much is given, much is expected." Use this money wherever you feel the greatest need to be. God bless you all.

Mark D. from Napoleon, OH

Dear Ed,

Your newsletter for the New Year was received just the other day. As I read from it I was reminded how some of those who write to you go on to mention about listening to your radio program on a Sunday morning before going on to their regular church service in the local congregation. I don't want to be supercritical here, but listening to your weekly sermons may be more beneficial to them than what they will hear when they get to their own church service on any given day.

Many years ago Rush Limbaugh authored a book with the title, "The Way Things Ought To Be." And if I once knew, or thought I did, about what kind of messages would be needed and useful for those in the local sheepfold, maybe I have completely lost touch with reality. But then perhaps I am not really equipped to determine such for today anyway. But I would go on to guess that it would be something quite different from what is occurring in most congregations today.

It would seem that most preachers are majoring in counseling and human philosophy. And thus the Bible is being used simply to set the stage and provide props for the counseling session to follow on how to be successful in the world we live in today. Now everyone could use a little bit of encouragement now and then to overcome the difficulties with the problems of life, but a steady diet of the "health, wealth, and happiness" package gets to be somewhat boring and not too useful.

In another instance, I recall to mind a story about a young preacher in a city not too far from here who got fired. When inquiry was about what seemed to be the prob-

lem, it was related that he had been getting his sermons off of the Internet. And from this revelation, one thought came to my mind. Maybe the congregation was getting a better sermon from the young chap this way than he could develop on his own otherwise. The thought further came that maybe his auditors should have been more understanding and not to have looked a gift-horse in the teeth.

Now back to your own sermons and their content. Fortunately for all of your hearers, be they from anywhere across the spectrum such as nonbelievers to those long in the faith and the many in between, you have developed the knack of letting the Bible tell its own story. And this being about the one who came from glory to rescue us from our sins and teach us our responsibilities as Christians as we go on to live our lives responsibly before man and our God here on planet earth.

I don't know what "Grandpa Joe" would think about what has been written herein, but I just wanted to bring these matters to your attention at this time. May God continue to bless you and yours richly in this great work that you have undertaken and is considered to be so very worthwhile and needful in a world seemingly gone mad and unconcerned about heavenly matters. We will only know in eternity how important the GIJAPA radio program and accompanying ministry has been for so faithfully promulgating the gospel message in this day and time. Well done good and faithful servant!

Best regards,
Bill from Fairborn, OH

Dear Ed,

Thank you very much for your "God Is Just A Prayer Away" services on the Cincinnati radio 700 WLW station. You have been a great blessing. You have made such a great difference in our lives, both when we weren't going to Church on a regular basis and especially now when we

go every Sunday since my husband Ron is playing the organ again. Your messages are always so meaningful. It is great that you have 2 programs on WLW. We hope that donation can help you in your continued ministry. If you happen to have the sheet music for your theme song, we would really appreciate a copy of it. We have not been able to find it anywhere.

Ron & Alpha
from Thornville, OH

Dear Ed Bousman,

I used to pray for your ministry every now and then we do not hear some of the good Christian programs due to station transfers poor reception. The messages that you sent me are with me. I really like messages of yours on Old Testament and are referred by me often. I do not receive your Newsletter any more, please send again. I need some of your messages please.

Nelson from India

Dear Ed & Naomi,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! First of all thank you very much for your packs, each with two cassette tapes of the recorded programs, "God Is Just A Prayer Away." Thanks to your recordings, I can hear clearly your programs, which brings me joy and blessings. Very grateful to you also for your newsletter, a publication by your ministry. Your mail permits me to be in a spiritual contact with Churches of Christ. In the future you can send me recordings of your blessed programs on compact disks. I want to continue with the Bible Correspondence course now I can hear your broadcast on air on Sundays on a short wave from Guelick, Germany. May God bless you richly!

Vladimir from Russia

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