

Holy Communion - The Sacrament of the Altar

"And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me."

Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." (Luke 22:19,20)

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." (1 Cor. 11:26)

An acceptable communion guest is a believer; an unbeliever is an unacceptable guest because he does not believe, thus not having the Holy Spirit. When an unbeliever partakes of the Holy Communion, he brings only greater damnation unto his soul.

"Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." (1 Cor. 11:27)

"When we have received absolution by the office of preaching, we should -

1. Step forth in true repentance, putting away all foreign and worldly thoughts.
2. While partaking of the sacrament, conduct ourselves in Godly, sober, and meek manner, remembering that we are not communicating with man but with God.
3. When we leave we should rejoice in Spirit over God's renewed grace and praise him from our heart for this, retaining good intention and will to walk in the new life." (BY FAITH p. 88)

"The Lord's Communion is a precious meal of remembrance. It is received by faith, for the word "shed on your behalf" requires an entirely believing heart. In this meal we partake of the body and blood of Christ, at which time our faith becomes strengthened and refreshed. The children of God go to Communion because it is the commandment of Christ and his gracious promise, and because we need strengthening and refreshment in our endeavor of faith." (SOUND DOCTRINE)

When we go to the Lord's table we should not be laughing or joking, because Communion is a very serious and sober occasion. Jesus gave his life for our sins so that we may have life.

When we sing songs at Communion. it is as saying little sermons and praises unto the heavenly Father for giving his dear Son to suffer and die for our sins.

In conclusion. there comes a precious verse to mind which is from hymn 802, verse 7:

O Lord, I humbly pray to thee
That I might come, dear Saviour.
Unto thy table worthily
And in thy sight find favor.
Lord Jesus, ever dwell in me.
Grant me to e'er remain in Thee
And join the saints in glory.

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