

—{1}. 1 Corinthians 11:26 Christianity's Outreach Feast

A. Children's Sermon

1. Object Lesson

- a. something you can see that reminds you of an invisible, heavenly truth; or, looking at it another way, it is something visible to help us remember the invisible God
- b. the night before Jesus died, He left us an object lesson with two simple objects to remind us about Him: this is

2. The Lord's Supper – the Bread

- a. what is this? ... that's right, it's part of a loaf of bread
- b. there are many lessons that we could learn from this bread that would teach us about the Lord Jesus, but this morning I just want to tell you about one
- c. before you swallow this loaf, what do you have to do? ... that's right; you have either cut or break a piece off of it
- d. Jesus said that this bread was like His body
 - (A) this reminds us that the Lord Jesus left the glory of heaven many Christmases ago and came to earth to live in a human body, a body just like your's and mine
 - (B) a body that could feel pain and hunger and tiredness
- e. so when your mother and father and the older ones among you who know Jesus as their own personal Saviour take this bread and eat it, they are saying "Thank you God for sending your Son into the world to live with us so that I could be saved from my sin." (John 3:17)
- f. Peter, will you please give thanks for this bread?
- g. 1 Corinthians 11:24 (NKJV): [and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."](#)

3. The Lord's Supper – the Cup

- a. what is this? ... that's right, it a cup of grape juice.
 - b. what colour is it? ... yes, purple or red
 - c. do you know what is going around your body all the time? ... Yes, it is blood.
 - d. do you know why? ... it is to keep us alive
 - e. blood represents life, and this cup of juice is to remind us of Christ's life that He gave up when He died on the cross
 - f. you see, we are all sinful, and because of that we deserve to die; but the Lord Jesus Christ died in our place and for our sins; he took our punishment for sin on himself
 - g. so, those drinking this cup are saying, "Thank you, Lord Jesus, for dying for my sin; I am accepting what you did for me and saying so to everyone who sees me drink this."
 - h. Michael, will you please give thanks for this cup?
 - i. 1 Corinthians 11:24 (NKJV): [In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."](#)
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B. Introduction

1. let's go back for a moment to the object lesson we considered
 - a. God uses object lessons throughout the Old Testament
 - (A) when the Israelites crossed into the land of promise on the dried up Jordan, God had them take 12 rocks from the river bed onto the shore so that when the children asked what that pile of rocks were, they could be told about God's miraculous bringing them into the land
 - (B) when He had Jeremiah take a bottle made of pottery and break it before Israel to show His right to punish them
 - (C) when He gave Moses the plans to make the tabernacle, the place of worship, God put in those plans many objects to help the Israelites remember Him
 - b. the Lord Jesus also used many objects to illustrate the truths that He was teaching; He used things people would see daily

- (A) to illustrate how important it is to find the lost, He told of a woman who lost a coin sweeping out her entire house until she found it
- (B) to show God's love as the great shepherd, He told how a shepherd went out to find one lost sheep
- (C) and, the night before Jesus died, He used two simple objects to remind us about Him: these are used in

- 2. we have already preached this morning's message! ... but
 - a. so that the younger members of our congregation can have a little time in their classes, let's consider what we have done
 - b. as we are in a month of preparation for outreach which will culminate with our Easter evangelistic service, let's consider how the Lord's supper is a preaching, evangelistic ordinance

C. **"Preaching the Lord's Death"** 1 Corinthians 11:26

- 1. the word "preaching" here includes showing forth (or publishing), explaining, and applying Christ's death to others
- 2. first, showing forth the fact or truth of Christ's death
 - a. you may find in a military graveyard a memorial to the unknown soldier to those who died forgotten and unidentified whose bones may be within, or strewn across some battlefield or at the bottom of the ocean: but they have died
 - b. if you walk through St Michael's cemetery, just off Yonge and south of St Clair Avenue, you will find many old graves; for some of the memorials the names have worn almost or all away; but the bones are still there
 - c. Jesus died, was placed in a tomb, but His bones are NOT there
 - d. so when we partake of this bread (representing His body) and this cup (representing His blood shed for us), we are saying
 - (A) the Son of God really came from heaven to live among us as the man Jesus Christ of Nazareth
 - (B) this man Jesus really died on the cross
 - (C) this man Jesus was really place in the tomb
 - (D) and, this man Jesus really rose from the dead and will return one day to earth, which we will not

dwell on today

- (E) “For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NRSV)

e. so with this bread and with this cup we show forth to all observers that our faith is based on solid historical fact

3. second, explaining the purpose of Christ’s death

a. there are some false ideas around about Jesus Christ’s death

- (A) that He was dying for an ideal, as an illustration that we should be ready to give up our lives for other’s good – well He did that, but His death transcends that reason
- (B) that His death was a mistake because He was caught up in the politics of the day; just another human tragedy
- (C) that He was simply another martyr for a cause

b. but it was not these; it was God’s plan and purpose

- (A) Peter preached this on the day of Pentecost, Acts
- (B) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NAS): “Therefore if any man is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
- (C) Christ’s death was to deal with sin

c. and these symbols (the bread and the wine) speak of His dealing with sin

- (A) the bread, speaking of His human nature, dealt with the sin that is part of human nature
 - (1) Romans 5:19 (NAS): “For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.”

(2) Colossians 2:13–14 "... when you were dead in your transgressions ... He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having cancelled out the certificate of debt ... against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

(B) and the cup, speaking of Christ's shed blood, dealt with the penalty of sin, Hebrews 9:22 (NIV): "In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

d. so, with this bread and with this cup we shew forth to all observers that our salvation is based on Christ's death for us

4. bringing home the importance of Christ's death

a. But there is one last part of the preaching involved in the Lord's supper that I want to leave with you this morning

(A) yes, we tell the fact that Jesus has died (and is risen)

(B) yes, we tell the truth that Jesus died for our sins

(C) but, when we eat of this bread; when we drink of this cup, we take them into our body and they become part of us; and, when I do that, I am telling everyone, "I have accepted this truth of Jesus death; I have received this gift of life coming from His dying for my sin; I make it mine"

b. Taking part in this communion service is a silent testimony that we have made its truth personal to ourselves:

(A) we are declaring along with Paul, 1 Timothy 1: 15 (NAS): "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all."

(B) we are making Romans 5:8 personal: "But God demonstrated His own love toward ME, in that while I was yet a sinner, Christ died for ME."

5. may no one leave this morning without having made this truth personal, without being able to sing with a full heart our closing hymn, "Thank you, Lord"

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