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## **How Often Should we Partake of the Lords Supper**

By Patrick Donahue

Acts 20:7 reads "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

I Cor 10:16 (along with I Cor 11:17-34) proves the breaking of bread in Acts 20:7 is referring to the Lord's Supper, not just to a common every day meal in order to satisfy hunger. So it is obvious the disciples partook of the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week in Acts 20:7, and the following passages show we should emulate such example; Phil 4:9, 3:17, I Cor 4:16, 11:1, II Thess 3:7,9, Heb 6:12, I Thess 1:6.

But to illustrate how Acts 20:7 is teaching we should eat the Lord's Supper every First Day of the week, notice Exodus 20:8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." That verse does not say, "remember every sabbath day," it just says, "remember the sabbath day." So how did the Israelites know they were supposed to keep holy the seventh day of every week? Because every week had a seventh day in it. Likewise, we know that we should eat the Lord's Supper every first day of the week, because every week has a first day in it.

Conclusion: The Bible teaches that congregations must come together to eat the Lord's Supper every first day of the week.

## Flea Market Mentality

By Jim Mickells

("flea market"; "a market, often outdoors, consisting of a number of individual stalls selling old our used articles, curios and antiques, cut-rate merchandise, etc." - dictionary.com)

I don't know about you, but I enjoy visiting flea markets, antique shops and even stopping off at an interesting looking yard sale from time to time. Part of the enjoyment is finding something that you would like to have and see how cheap you can buy it. My dad seemed to be a master at getting the seller to take less for the goods being sold. I'm so afraid that this type mentality has affected people religiously speaking as well. It seems they want to bargain with God and see if they can obtain salvation at a reduced rate.

Some want God to save them, even though they only want to assemble and worship when it is convenient. You can read them Hebrews 10:25, where it says not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but they simply ignore it and continue to be absent from several assemblies every week. They go other places and do other things but can't come together with other Christians for periods of Bible study and worship. I've had some tell me they can't sit for two hours for Bible study and worship, yet they will sit in the same chair at home for hours on end and watch TV. I've even seen some who would sit on hard bleachers at a ball game or at a political rally for hours, yet that is too much to expect from them when it comes to serving God. Lord I'll let you save me, but only at a reduced rate. Don't expect me at every service!

There are others who fully expect to have eternal life given to them by our Heavenly Father, while continuing in their sins. They've not repented in changing their mind about sin and turning from their iniquities to serve God. They lack the fruit of repentance in their lives (Matthew 3:8). It may be that they still curse or swear, social drink, use tobacco products, watch filthy TV shows, view pornography, dress immodestly, may even be living

in adultery, etc. Lord I expect salvation, but at a discount. I'm still going to practice my favorite sins!

I've seen some that would be at every service and morally they were above reproach. Yet when it came to working for the Lord, they simply refuse. It was not a matter of having the talent and opportunities, but they didn't want to put forth the effort or to infringe upon their time to be effective workers in the kingdom. Jesus said those that would be greatest in the kingdom, are those who would be servants (Matthew 20:26). Faithful men and women will do all they can to teach others the gospel (2 Timothy 2:2). Listen to the words of the prophet, "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand" (Ezekiel 3:18). Lord I'll let you save me, but only if the price is reduced. I will do little or no work in the kingdom!

Then we have those who will not strive to grow and develop as Christians. They remain babes who need milk and cannot partake the solid food offered to the mature disciple in the word of God (Hebrews 5:12-14). They will not give themselves to reading and studying the Scriptures (1 Timothy 4:13-15; 2 Timothy 2:15). Very seldom will you find them at Bible studies, and if they are present, they will not have their lesson prepared. Oh yes Lord I want the salvation that is offered through the blood of Christ, but on my terms. I'm not going to spend much time reading my Bible!

We have a very serious problem; God does not offer salvation on sale. He will not come down on the price. It requires our obedience and faithfulness to His will (Hebrews 5:8-9; Revelation 2:10). Don't think for a minute that you can obtain eternal life at a reduced rate. God will not bargain with man. You will lose your soul if you try such tactics. Jesus tells us to count the cost of being His disciple (Luke 14:26-35). You must pay the full price. There are no discounts.

## Prayer Requests & Announcements

- David & Catherine are vacationing out of the country. They plan to return 4/24
- Michelle, Brenda's Daughter, is responding well to her treatments for Bell's Palsy.
- Brenda continues to recover from her surgery
- Kass' Grandmother has been diagnosed with Lung Cancer.
- Keep April in your prayers as she deals with health issues
- The Christians in the Philippines.
- Bible class tomorrow night 7:00pm at Chad and Kass' on evangelism

**For prayer requests, call or text**

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## Assignments

<b><u>Today</u></b> <b>Bible Study</b> – Ross Ward <b>Song Leader</b> – Chad Mitchell <b>Lord's Table</b> – Tom Mitchell <b>Sermon</b> – Ross Ward	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b> <b>Bible Study</b> – Ross Ward <b>Song Leader</b> – Chad Mitchell <b>Invitation</b> – Ross Ward
<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b> <b>Bible Study</b> – Ross Ward <b>Song Leader</b> – Tom Mitchell <b>Lord's Table</b> – Chad Mitchell <b>Sermon</b> – Ross Ward	<b><u>Next Wednesday</u></b> <b>Bible Study</b> – Ross Ward <b>Song Leader</b> – Tom Mitchell <b>Invitation</b> – Ross Ward

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### **Meeting Times:**

Sunday Morning Classes 10:00AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00AM  
Wednesday Evening 7:30PM



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