

## “Thoughts At The Lord’s Table”

⇒ **Text:** I Corinthians 11:23-34

⇒ **Intro:**

- This evening before we participate in the Lord’s Super, I want to bring out some thoughts that come to mind at the Lord’s Table.

⇒ **I. AT THE TABLE THINK BACKWARD**

- Someone died for us.
- My friend we are to look to Calvary!
  - "He was wounded for our transgressions."
    - He was wounded.
    - The marks are there.
    - He “**bare our sins in his own body on the tree**” (I Pet. 2:24).
- When you lift the cup and partake of the bread, you are saying,
  - "Thank You, Lord, for taking my place upon the Cross and bearing my sins in your body."

⇒ **II. AT THE TABLE THINK INWARD**

- Do you come "unworthily" or carelessly?
  - “**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 Corinthians 11:27).
- That is a serious charge.
  - The Apostle Paul says, "**But let a man examine himself.**"

- “Am I truly trusting only in Christ for salvation?”
- Any other heart attitude is unworthy of the Lord's Supper.
- “Have I confessed any known sin in my life and asked God for forgiveness”
- Anything less is unworthy of the Lord’s Supper.

⇒ **III. AT THE TABLE THINK UPWARD**

- There is an interesting fact expressed in these well-known verses.
  - Paul says, “**For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you**” (I Corinthians 11:23).
  - How could Paul receive any message directly from Jesus Christ if Jesus Christ were dead and buried?
  - Only a risen, living Christ could correspond with the apostle.
  - A living Lord greets us at His table.

⇒ **IV. AT THE TABLE THINK FORWARD**

- “**For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.**”(I Corinthians 11:26).
  - I raise the cup to His coming!
  - I eat the bread in faith that I will see Him face to face.

⇒ **V. FINALLY, AT THE TABLE THINK OUTWARD**

- “**Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.**”(I Corinthians 11:33).
  - The Lord's Supper is a meal of communion, of fellowship.
  - The table is for sinners saved by grace only!

- I thank God for Every other Christian.
- I thank God for every Christian home.
- There is still room at the table.
- There is a place for you.
- Let faith lead you to that place.

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- So, this evening as we come to the Lord's Table let us think –
  - Backward
  - Inward
  - Upward
  - Forward
  - Outward