

Provisions of the Lord's Table

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Introduction

Each time that we come together to celebrate the Lord's Supper, we come into our Father's presence at His table. The provisions at His table are marvelous. At His table our past is wiped away, we are given a future, and He provides for every possible present need.

I. It provides an occasion to remember Christ's life and work

1 Corinthians 11:24 This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.

- A. His life of mercy
 - 1. For the sick
 - 2. For the oppressed
 - 3. For the sinful
- B. His death for sin
- C. His resurrection of victory

II. It provides fourfold healing for today

Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind....

Philippians 4:7, 19 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

- A. We receive spiritual healing through his death
- B. We receive physical healing through his wounds
- C. We receive emotional healing through his punishment

- D. We receive mental healing by his removal of our guilt

III. It reminds us that Jesus Christ will return

John 14:1-3 Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

- A. The greatest yet unfulfilled promise of God's Word is that Jesus Christ will come back
- B. Take time to prepare for His return