

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

The Lord's Supper: a Powerful Sermon

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"...you proclaim the Lord's death till he come" (ICor. 11:26).

The greatest sermon preached is not the one that comes from behind the pulpit. It is the one preached by Christians in their participation at the Lord's table. What is the substance of the proclamation of Christians at the table of the Lord.?

1. It proclaims afresh the vital facts of the gospel. Paul wrote of those facts as, **"the death, burial and resurrection of Christ"** (I Cor. 15:1-4). The Lord's Supper keeps alive in our hearts those fundamental facts.

2. It preaches **"that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"** (Rom. 5:8). It is personal: My participation says, "Christ died for me!" When I was lost, undone, and condemned, He took my place and died in my stead. What grace!

3. It affirms that faith is alive and well in the midst of an unbelieving world. When Jesus comes, will He find faith? Yes, provided His people are faithfully meeting at the table.

4. It testifies that Jesus is alive. This is the distinctive characteristic of Christianity. Other religions claim their prophets. But, where is Mohammad? Where is Buddha? They are dead! Where is Jesus? He is alive at the right hand of God. **He was dead, but is alive!** (Rev. 1:18). He arose! He ascended! He is seated! He reigns! The Lord's Supper proclaims a living Savior.

5. It presents the truth that Jesus is not aloof, but is working, reigning, and interceding now as our great High Priest (Heb. 7:25). He lives for His family--the church, and meets with us in a special way at the Lord's table.

6. It declares to the world and encourages fellow Christians with the promise: "He is coming." Not the time, but the fact of it. The Lord's Supper relates us to the past -- it takes us to Calvary. It relates us to the present--He intercedes for us. It relates us to the future--He is coming!

7. It states that judgment is sure. That assurance grows out of the fact of the resurrection. Because God raised Him. He has

assured us that when He comes, He will judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:30, 31).

What a power-packed sermon you preach by faithfully partaking of this memorial that preserves the essentials of the gospel!