

## Lecture 29 – The Means of Grace: The Lord’s Supper

*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.” Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them.*

*Mark 14:22-24*

### Key Terms

Lord’s Supper, Lord’s table, communion, Eucharist, breaking the bread, Passover, memorial

### Lecture Objectives

- Locate and summarize the scriptural terms and institution of the Lord’s Supper
- Summarize the OT background of the Lord’s Supper
- Summarize the three time frames in view in the Lord’s Supper and the significance of that for our understanding of the Gospel

### Preview

Our last study regarded circumcision as the sign of the old covenant with its new covenant fulfillment in baptism. This lecture will explore the second of the sacraments, the Lord’s Supper, as a means of grace. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

### The Means of Grace: The Lord’s Supper

I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

II. The Doctrine of Election

III. The Doctrine of the Church

IV. The Means of Grace

A. Introduction

B. The Word

C. Sacraments

1. The sacraments in general

2. Baptism as a means of grace

\*3. The Lord’s Supper as a means of grace

a. Terminology

1) Lord’s Supper/Lord’s Table

2) Communion

3) Eucharist

4) Breaking of the bread

b. Institution

1) Matthew 26:26-28 and Mark 14:22-24

2) Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

c. Passover background

1) Thanksgiving (*kiddush*) for feast day and wine

2) First cup drunk

3) Preliminary course

4) Main course served

5) Hallel sung

6) Haggadah said

7) Second cup drunk

- 8) Thanksgiving for bread
- 9) Main course eaten
- 10) Third cup drunk (blessing)
- 11) Thanksgiving
- 12) (Desert apparently omitted)
- 13) Hallel sung
- 14) Fourth cup

📖 *The Last Supper and Lord's Supper* by I. Howard Marshall

📖 *The Eucharistic Words of Jesus* by J. Jeremias

d. Significance

- 1) The past
  - a) OT Passover was a memorial
  - b) Lord's Supper instituted at Passover
  - c) We eat and drink in remembrance of Christ
  - d) Lord's Supper a proclamation of Christ's death
- 2) The present
  - a) Communion with the glorified Lord
  - b) Appropriating the blessings given
  - c) Four views of "this is My body."
    - (1) Roman Catholic
    - (2) Lutheran
    - (3) Reformed
    - (4) Zwinglian
- 3) The future
  - a) In the gospels
    - (1) Matthew 26:29
    - (2) Mark 14:15
    - (3) Luke 22:18
  - b) In Paul
    - (1) 1 Corinthians 11:26
  - c) In Revelation
    - (1) Revelation 19:19

e. Observance

- 1) Frequency
- 2) Elements and actions
- 3) Liturgy
- 4) Ministers
- 5) Communicants