

ACTS OF WORSHIP: THE LORD'S SUPPER.**I. THOUGHTS ON THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

- A. The Lord's Supper, sometimes called Communion was given to us by Jesus Himself.
- B. We partake of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Jesus' death on the cross. The bread and fruit of the vine have special meaning in the Bible and to the Christian.
- C. Jesus asked that we remember Him in this way. He first gave this symbolic supper to His apostles, just before He was to die on the cross.
- D. Jesus used bread to represent His body. We remember that Jesus gave His body to die for our sins. When Christians eat the bread of the Lord's Supper they are remembering Jesus broken body on the cross.
- E. The bread that is used is unleavened bread because the special feast of the Old Testament (Feast of the Unleavened Bread) used a type of bread that did not have any yeast.
- F. The cup that Jesus told His disciples to drink was the fruit of the vine. This, Jesus tells us, is to represent His blood that was shed on the cross for our sins. When Christians drink the fruit of the vine they are remembering the shed blood of Christ that forgives our sins.
- G. This fruit of the vine is usually grape juice but any other juice that comes from a vine would be acceptable. We cannot use Coke-a-cola, milk, or any other such drink in place of the fruit of the vine.
- H. Jesus nor Paul told us the number of loaves of bread that should be used, nor the number of cups of fruit of the vine. We may use one cup or one loaf or we may use any number of cups or loaves. The Bible does not specify these things.
- I. The New Testament gives us an example to follow in the question of when we should observe the Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7 says that the disciples meet on the first day of the week to break bread. We know from this passage and others that the Lord's Supper is to be taken every Lord's day.
- J. If we take the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week (Sunday) we still cannot take it at any other time. The Lord's Supper is not to be taken at weddings, or funerals, or any other time during the week.

II. SCRIPTURE REFERENCES.

See Ac. 20:7; 1Cor. 11 :23-29; Mk. 14 :22-25; Lk. 22:19,20; 1Cor. 10:16,17; Heb. 10:25.