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Lesson 12, Part 3

Priorities of the Local Church.

Acts 2:42-47 ⁴²They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

1. A commitment to the glory of God.

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

2. A commitment to God's word.

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching ...

- a. The first and primary desire of the true church is that it hungers for God's Word.

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3. A commitment to loving fellowship.

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship,

- a. The natural outgrowth of the Word of God is a love for other Christians.
- b. Sanctified fellowship motivates us to lay down our lives for one another.
- c. Practical ways how biblical fellowship 'koinonia' can be expressed
 - 1) Giving financially
 - 2) Spending time together in and outside of church.
 - 3) Showing hospitality.
 - 4) Bear one another's burdens.
 - 5) Giving preference to others.
 - 6) Serving with spiritual gifts.
 - 7) Being gentle, patient, and tolerant with one another.
 - 8) Encouraging to one another
 - 9) Greeting one another in love
 - 10) Respecting diversity

4. We are committed to the _____.

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread

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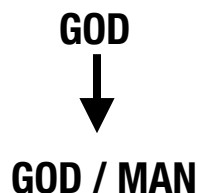
1. Communion keeps us _____ .

1 Corinthians 11:24-29 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; DO THIS in remembrance of Me.” 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; DO THIS, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Communion helps us to remember three essential truths about Christ.

a. Christ's mission / _____

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b. Christ's sacrificial _____

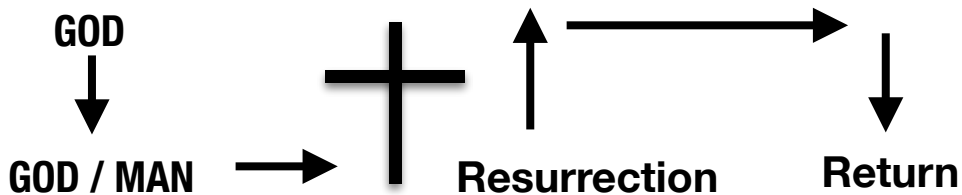
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²⁵In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”



c. Christ's _____ and _____.

²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.



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2. Communion keeps us pure by _____.

1 Corinthians 11:26–31 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. 27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. 28 But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. 30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. 31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

The cross cleanses us in two ways

1. Cleansed at salvation (judicial-forgiveness) where we are pardoned from all guilt and God’s wrath is removed.

2. Cleansed for the purpose of temporal fellowship.

John 13:5–11 Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” 7 Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter.” 8 Peter said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!”

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Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”

“wash you”

“part” [meros]

John taught the same thing in 1 Jn 1:7-9.

1 John 1:7–9 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

9 Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.”

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10 Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.” 11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

“**bathed**” [louo] to wash the whole body

Perfect tense -

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³⁰For this reason (sinful participation) many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

ANSWERS: Lord’s Supper, Christ-centered, incarnation, death, resurrection, return, self-examination