

Sermon Notes

Title: The Lord's Table

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Charles Ryrie: A sacrament usually has the idea of conveying grace automatically to the one partaking of the sacrament. Indeed, the Roman Catholic Council of Trent said, "A sacrament is something presented to the senses, which has the power, by divine institution, not only of signifying, but also of efficiently conveying grace." (Charles Caldwell Ryrie, *A Survey of Bible Doctrine* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1972).

I. Two Wrong Views of the Lord's Supper

A. Transubstantiation

According to The New Unger's Bible Dictionary, this teaching was established at the Council of Trent. "After the consecration the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, are **contained** "truly, really, and substantially **in** the sacrament of the most holy eucharist," and it anathematizes those who say that Christ's body and blood are there in sign and figure only." (*Cath. Dict.*, s.v.). (Merrill Unger, *The New Unger's Bible Dictionary*, (Chicago: Moody Press, 1957), s.v. "," WORDsearch CROSS e-book.)

Way of Life Bible Encyclopedia - According to Catholic doctrine, the mass is a re-sacrifice of Christ in which the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ when it is blessed by the Catholic priest. (David Cloud, *Way of Life Encyclopedia*)

B. Consubstantiation

Pictorial Bible Dictionary - Consubstantiation means to unite in one common substance or nature. The erroneous belief of some denominations that after the bread and juice of the Lord's Supper are blessed by a priest, the literal presence of Christ is "present in, under, and with the elements so that Christ may be received sacramentally by those who observe the ordinance" (*Pictorial Bible Dictionary*). (David Cloud, *Way of Life Encyclopedia*, n.d.)

II. The New Testament Biblical View

A. To Be Done Scripturally

unworthily = in an unworthy, careless manner; irreverently, in an unbecoming manner (1 Cor. 11:27, 29), treating the Lord's Supper as a common meal without attributing to it and its elements their proper value. (Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

examine = to test, to scrutinize, to discern; proving a thing whether it is worthy or not.

weak and sickly = infirmity, powerless, diseased

sleep = to die

B. To Be Done in Remembrance of Christ

remembrance = affectionate recollection; not “in memory of” as in a memorial, but an affectionate recalling of Christ Himself and what He did for you.

1. The Symbol of the Bread – Luke 22:19

2. The Symbol of the Juice – Luke 22:20

C. To Be Done with Anticipation – 1 Corinthians 11:26