

Communion Devotion – September 6, 2020
I Corinthians 11:23-31

Because of all the issues we are dealing with at the present time—politics, demonstrations, pandemic, some things seem to have gotten “*put on the back burner*” so to speak. I’m afraid that that includes thoughts of eternity and Jesus Christ. Sunday mornings, and especially the Sundays when we celebrate the Lord’s Table and remember what Jesus did for us, are times we set aside to purposely slow down, to put the daily cares and concerns aside and reassess our priorities and our goals.

What really is more important, what you are going to do this afternoon or where you will spend eternity? Reading the headlines in the newspaper or on the web or smartphone or reading God’s Word? Listening to your favorite music or talk show host or hearing Jesus say, “*Well done, my good and faithful servant.*”? These are all rhetorical questions. The answers should be obvious. But are they? What do your actions, your thoughts say?

Jesus willingly, lovingly left heaven and all its splendor to come down to earth and die on the cross for your sins. Everyone here knows the story. So, what is your response? Are Jesus and His commands really going to be number one in your life or are they going to be one of the last things that comes to mind? Are you going to caught off guard when Jesus returns?

During the quiet time, as the bread and the juice are being passed, thank Jesus for His love for you. Thank Him for the promises that we expect **Him** to keep. Then look at your actions, your thoughts, **your** promises—the promises we were reminded of as we read the church covenant this morning. Are you keeping your promises? What about your priorities? If they aren’t what they should be, confess that to Christ and then ask Him to give you the strength to do what you should do. In **James 4:2** we are reminded that “*you do not have, because you do not ask God.*” In **John 16:23-24** Jesus said, “*My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Ask and you shall receive.*” When you walk out of this building this morning, make sure that you are right with God; that your priorities and goals are what they should be. That you are ready.

