

## Communion Devotion – January 2021

Matthew 26:26-30

Just like Christmas and New Year's, the Lord's Table is a time to remember and celebrate what Jesus did for us. In [Phil. 2:8](#) we are reminded that “He humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!” In [1 Tim. 1:15](#) we are reminded that “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” Jesus humbled Himself; He became a servant so that you could be redeemed—saved. [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#) tells how Jesus “redeemed” us, “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” If you believe that Jesus died for your sins; if, as [Rom. 10:9](#) says, you have made Him your Lord and your Savior, then you are a child of God. If you have done this, then whether or not you are a member of TBC, we invite you to join us in this time of celebration and worship—a time for saying “Thank You” to God for His love and mercy and grace.

The Lord's Table is also a time for every Christian to take inventory of his or her life—again, like many do on New Year's Day—it's a time to examine our lives. While the elements are being passed, look at your heart, look at your life. Living a Christian life—a sanctified life—a life not even dabbling in sin doesn't come easy. Through trials and sufferings, the world is constantly trying to get you to be like the rest of the world in your thoughts, your words, and your actions. Traits like compassion, humility, gentleness, and sacrificial love are not particularly respected by the world. Are your priorities those of your Lord and Savior or are they those of the world around you? Is your motive in life to bring glory to God? Has your message of salvation, i.e., how to be saved, been perverted? Are you sanctified; i.e., are you separate from the world or “are you painted with the same brush”? Do your words and your actions testify to others that you are a Christian? Is your mission to bring sinners to Christ? In other words, can you say to God as Jesus did in [John 17:4](#), “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do?” Remember, a divided gospel—a gospel of grace and works is actually no gospel at all. If, by God's standards, your life

and your message aren't what they should be, confess to God whatever is holding you back, ask Him for strength to do what you should be doing, and then come to the Table and worship our great Lord and Savior.