

"Communion: It's A Family Affair!"

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

INTRO: Some come from great families and some from families not so great. But in receiving Jesus Christ, we become part: of the body, of the bride, of the church, indeed of the family of God, the greatest family! Our church is a family (brothers and sisters) illustrating the greater family of God which will soon be back home at Father's house. Until then, let us as a family often sit down to Supper together.

I. THE PEOPLE OF OUR FAMILY

1. We Are The Born Again v. 23a

2. We Are The Baptized

II. THE PRIME FOCUS OF OUR FAMILY vv. 23b-25

1. His Body Scarred For Us

2. His Blood Shed For Us

III. THE PRIORITIES OF OUR FAMILY v. 26

1. Extolling Jesus Christ Our Savior

2. Expecting Jesus Christ Our Soon-coming Lord

IV. THE PROTECTIONS OF OUR FAMILY vv. 27-32

1. Means #1

(1) We Examine Ourselves

(2) We Emend Ourselves

2. Mean #2

(1) Our Lord Charges Us

(2) Our Lord Chastises Us

CONCL: God, observing Adam, said it was not good for the man to be alone. It is still not good today. We need encouragement, strengthening, help, and a shoulder to cry on. We need a family. Rejoice, child of God, here you have it!!!

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"Don't Be Duped!"

A Study Of 2 Peter

INTRO: Paul warned (Acts 20:29-30) that persecution would come upon our church like a pack of ravenous wolves, sparing none. But he also noted that Satan would not only attack the church from without but also from within by perversion of the truth. Men would arise speaking these perverse things seeking disciples and thus seeking to damage, and if possible, destroy our church. We must be vigilant!

I. THE PROTECTIONS AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS 2 Peter 1:1-21

1. Our Salvation vv. 1-4

2. Our Sanctification vv. 5-7

(1) Our Approach To Sanctification v. 5a

(2) Our Additions For Sanctification vv. 5b-7

1a. Virtue (Moral Excellence)

2a. Knowledge

3a. Temperance (Self-control)

4a. Patience (Steadfast Endurance)

5a. Godliness

6a. Brotherly Kindness (Philadelphia - Brother Love)

7a. Charity (Love - Agape)

3. Our Security vv. 8-18

4. Our Scripture vv. 19-21

CONCL: Peter warns "beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness" (3:17). What Satan cannot accomplish by attack, he will attempt to accomplish by subversion. False teachers will arise, in fact they are abundantly present right now. We must be careful. Don't be duped!!

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