

24. The Lord's Supper

BC 35

Questions

Explain the symbolism of the Lord's Supper.

The broken bread: Christ's broken body

The cup of wine: The New Testament in Christ's blood [Heb. 9:15-17].

Eating & drinking: Eating & drinking Christ in our souls by faith

Do we really partake of Christ's body & blood? And, if so, how?

Yes. We do spiritually in our souls by faith.

Faith = The hand and mouth of our soul [John 6:35,63; BC 35].

Those who eat & drink Christ by faith _____ [HC 76]

Consciously obtain the pardon of sin

Become more united to Christ's body and are governed by His Spirit [Rom. 8:14]

What is the Romish error known as transubstantiation?

The bread and wine change into the body and blood of Christ.

Christ's body is eaten physically when one partakes of the bread.

What's wrong with what papists teach about how we eat Christ?

They say we eat Christ physically, but we eat Him spiritually by faith.

Christ's human nature is not omnipresent [Creed of Chalcedon].

What do Lutherans teach about the Lord's Supper?

Also the unbelievers who partake of the Lord's Supper partake of Christ.

Who partakes of Christ when they partake of the Lord's Supper?

Only the believers [I Cor. 11:29; BC 35; John 6:51]

How is the popish mass a denial of the one sacrifice of Christ?

It teaches that we do not have the pardon of sins through Christ's sufferings unless Christ is also daily offered for us by the priests [LD 30].

How is the popish mass an accursed idolatry?

It teaches that Christ is to be worshipped in the bread and wine. [HC 80].

Points

How Christ uses the Lord's Supper to strengthen our faith

The meaning of "This My body"

Directed to think on Christ's work [in us]; not [in the signs]

Who is not to be admitted to the Lord's Supper [LD 30]