

PROCLAIMING THE LORD'S DEATH

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

Big Idea: In the Lord's Supper, we proclaim the Lord's death.

1.) In the Lord's Supper, we proclaim an UNCOMFORTABLE truth.

- Jesus death on the cross is an unpleasant truth (1 Corinthians 1:18).
 - One cannot look honestly and earnestly at Christ's death without seeing the terrible consequences of our sin.
 - The guilt of our sin makes unrepentant people uncomfortable.
- Whenever we participate in the Lord's Supper we proclaim the vital yet uncomfortable truth we are sinners and our sin is serious.

2.) In the Lord's Supper, we proclaim an UNCOMMON truth.

- The vast difference between Christian faith and every world religion is this: Christianity is about what God did to save man; world religions are about what man must do to save himself.
 - Every other belief system claims salvation by works or personal merit.
 - Salvation as God's GIFT of grace separates Christianity from every world religion (Mat. 7:13-14).

3.) In the Lord's Supper, we proclaim an UNCOVERED truth.

- In taking the Lord's Supper we proclaim the central truth of history (1 Corinthians 2:7-10).
- In the Lord's Supper, we proclaim the blazing center of God's glory (Colossians 1:25-29).
- It is far too easy to be far too CAVALIER about the death of Christ.
- In the Lord's Supper, God's glorious mystery is made known and His perfect purpose is proclaimed.

4.) In the Lord's Supper, we proclaim an UNCLAIMED truth.

-- Philippians 3:18-19

-- **EVANGELISM** is inherent in the ordinances.

-- In both baptism and the Lord's Supper the Gospel is depicted and proclaimed.

-- Baptism proclaims that sinners die to sin in Christ.

-- The Lord's Supper proclaims that Jesus died for sinners (1 Pet. 2:24).

-- In the Lord's Supper, we proclaim the Lord's death so that we might remember and so that others might believe (2 Corinthians 6:1-2).