

The Lord's Day Morning

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“Christ in Communion”

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Introduction:

1. I feel so unworthy to try and preach this morning.
 2. We all have so many needs.
 - a. Some sick
 - b. Some have loved ones sick
 - c. Some have sorrow in their heart
 - d. Some have family difficulties
 - e. Some have financial difficulties
 1. Debts
 2. Business to finance
 3. Family to care for
 - f. Some have sense of great sinfulness
 1. Break heart
 2. Not love God as should
 3. Not have faith we should have
 4. Outward sins
 - g. War clouds hanging heavy
 1. Increased responsibility
 2. Children leave home
 3. Oh how I would love to help.
 4. Only way I know is to try and point you to Christ.
 - a. But I realize I can tell you things about Christ, but they will mean something to you only as the Holy Spirit makes those truths effective to you.
 5. The elements of communion speak to us of Christ.
 - a. Let me call your attention to what they mean to us.
- I. They show the broken mutilated body of the Son of God
1. Who He is
 - a. Pre-existent Son of God
 1. “From all ages”
 - b. Creator of all things
 - c. Glory with Father before foundation of the world
 2. Yet He hung upon a cross
 - a. Body already abused
 1. Back
 2. Brow
 - b. Nailed to a cross

- 1. Bones out of joint
 - c. Heart broken
 - 1. Literally broken
- 3. He died

II. Why we come to this table this morning

- 1. He commanded us to do so
 - a. It is His wish
 - b. Should find joy in doing this thing He wants done
- 2. In remembrance of Him
 - a. He desires to be remembered
 - 1. So many forget Him
 - b. Once each three months we are called to this service
 - 1. Seeing elements may remember Him
- 3. Our minds should be filled with floodtide of memories of Him
 - a. See in our minds
 - 1. His suffering
- 4. Because of some things will do for us

III. Increase our faith

- 1. In these days much to test our faith
 - a. Most of us face hardships of one kind or another
 - b. Sickness comes to us
 - c. See our own lives and realize our own failures
 - d. See world
 - 1. Turned away from Him
 - 2. War seems so eminent
- 2. This communion table should increase our faith
 - a. God planned this before foundation of world
 - b. He foretold would send Christ
 - 1. Where born
 - 2. How born
 - 3. How die
 - c. Shows great love
 - 1. Surely many things out of life may cast serious doubt in our minds about the love of God
 - 2. But this should be pross
- 3. Then as we gather around this table should have a greater faith in God and Christ

IV. Should beget peace of conscience

- 1. Conscience in a mysterious, marvelous thing
 - a. Its function is to prompt us when do wrong
 - b. Lead to consciousness of our sin
- 2. Before this table should be very conscious of our sins
 - a. Should be most disturbing to us
- 3. Come now to confess them before God

4. Be sure of His forgiveness
5. May not understand
 - a. But lay sins at Jesus' feet
 1. Great hymn, "Just As I Am" #174)
6. This communion table is assurance of our forgiveness

V. To support under troubles

1. Trouble are not easily borne
2. Would be easy to be crushed by them
3. I can only point you to cross
 - a. Christ loves you
 - b. He will care for you
4. He desires to put arms around you and protect
 - a. Not from troubles
 - b. But from let troubles crush
 - c. "How Firm a Foundation" (#205)

VI. To encourage and quicken in duty

1. See Christ being obedient in duty
2. Page 84 "These Prophetic Voices" – Some time ago in London, a man who was spending most of his time ministering to the suffering with no relief from those distressing tasks was asked by a friend, "Why don't you run away from it all before you are broken by this in human burden?" And the man replied, "I would like to run away – I would like to run away from it all, but a strange man on a cross won't let me."

VII. To inspire with love and zeal

1. Surely should love Him
 - a. A father wrote a son at one time and said, "I do not suppose if I had a million dollars I could buy your affection" and of course the father was correct.
 - b. Affection cannot be bought
2. But surely such a love as God's should beget love

VIII. Beget a hope of eternal life

1. See Christ's dead body, broken, blood shed
2. He arose – "Till I come again"
3. He died to save
4. We shall eat with Him in heaven