



YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON 23: THE LORD'S SUPPER

WHAT THE LORD'S SUPPER DOES

Opening

- When did Jesus institute the Lord's Supper?
- What are the *earthly elements* in the Lord's Supper?
- What spiritual blessing do we receive in the Supper?

The Real Presence

- What is meant by the real presence in the Lord's Supper?
- In what way do many churches deny the real presence?

Unscriptural: We do not so join the body of the Lord and His blood with the bread and wine, as though we thought that the bread is the body of Christ . . . The body of Christ is in the heavens, at the right hand of His Father (*Second Helvetic Confession*, 1566).

Scriptural: We unanimously reject and condemn . . . the following: that the bread and wine are only . . . representations of the far absent body and blood of Christ; also that the body of Christ is so enclosed in heaven that it can in no way be at once and at one time in many or all places upon earth where this Holy Supper is celebrated (*Formula of Concord*).

- How is it that Jesus' body can be in different places at the same time?

Ephesians 1:22-23 (817)

Matthew 28:20b

- Baptist, Pentecostal, Methodist, Reformed, Community Churches, and others teach that the body and blood of Christ are not really present in the Lord's Supper.
- The Roman Catholic Church also teaches incorrectly regarding the Lord's Supper. They teach *transubstantiation* meaning that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ and *stop* being the bread and wine. One of the things that developed as a result of this false teaching was the Corpus Christi Festival in which the bread of the Lord's Supper would be carried around the church and worshiped as the body of Christ (even apart from the Lord's Supper).

The Roman Catholic Church also teaches that in the Lord's Supper we are sacrificing Jesus' body over again. This is false teaching. Jesus was sacrificed *once* to take away sin. See Hebrews 9:28.

- In following the Scriptures, we do **not** agree:
 - * With the idea of transubstantiation
 - * That the Lord's Supper is a sacrifice for sins
 - * That only one form of the sacrament should be given
(In history, there have been some churches that would only give the bread and not the wine)
 - * That the visible elements of bread and wine should be worshiped

WHAT DO CHURCHES TEACH ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER			
	Protestants	Lutherans	Catholics
Present in the Lord's Supper	Bread	Bread	Bread
	Wine	Wine	Wine
	Body	Body	Body
	Blood	Blood	Blood

The Proper Use Of the Lord's Supper

The **proper uses and purposes** of the Lord's Supper are:

_____	Matthew 26:26-28

_____	Psalm 119:32
_____	Romans 6:22
_____	1 Corinthians 10:17

Why then are we invited to take the Lord's Supper frequently?

See Question 279 (p. 197)

Assignment

- Study: Questions 268-270 (pp. 190-192) in the catechism.
- Study: The Sacrament of the Altar, Part 2 (p. 190).