

DEVOTED

ACTS 2:42-47



**“THEY DEVOTED
THEMSELVES TO.”**

*That to which you are
devoted consumes your
attention, your energy, your
time, and even your finances.*

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

– Acts 2:42

“breaking of bread” is an allusion to the fact that during the institution of the Lord’s Supper, ***“Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it”*** (Matt 26:26; Mk 14:22; Lk 22:19).

*THEY WERE DEVOTED TO THE
LORD'S SUPPER!*

**THE LORD'S SUPPER
WAS A CONSISTENT
PART OF THEIR
WEEKLY WORSHIP
ASSEMBLY.**

*“on the first day of the week,
when the disciples came together
to break bread”*

– Acts 20:7

*“But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because **when you come together** it is not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, **when you come together as a church**, I hear that there are divisions among you.”*

– 1 Corinthians 11:17-18

*“on the first day of every week,
each of you is to put something
aside and store it up.”*

– 1 Corinthians 16:2

**THE LORD'S SUPPER
WAS NEVER TREATED
AS MUNDANE,
INSIGNIFICANT OR AS
AN AFTERTHOUGHT.**

*“On the first day of the week,
when we were **gathered together**
to break bread.”*

– Acts 20:7

*The **Lord's Supper** was not
something they observed
accidentally or **spontaneously***

**THE LORD'S
SUPPER IS
OBSERVED WITH
THE RIGHT
ATTITUDE.**

*Paul criticized the divisiveness
caused by “loyalty to different
teachers” in 1 Cor. 1:10-15.*

*He then criticized divisiveness
caused by “class-consciousness” in
Vs. 17-22.*

THE PROBLEM:

*They were making the Lord's
Supper a **common meal.***

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They would “proclaim the oneness of the Lord and His people” by taking the Lord’s Supper, but then “divide themselves along socioeconomic lines during what was supposed to be a fellowship meal.”

THE PROBLEM:

*Not the activity, but the **attitude!***

*“Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For **anyone** who eats and drinks **without discerning the body** eats and drinks **judgment on himself.**”*

– 1 Corinthians 11:28-29

*The first century church's **devotion** to the **Lord's Supper** is evidenced in three ways...*

1. REMEMBERANCE (vv.24-25)

2. PROCLAMATION (v.26)

3. EXAMINATION (v.28)

WE LOOK BACKWARD (to remember Christ!), ***INWARD*** (to examine self!),

WE LOOK FORWARD (to anticipate Jesus' coming!), and ***OUTWARD*** (to proclaim Christ's death!).

WE DEVOTE OURSELVES BECAUSE...

***“as often as you eat this bread and
drink the cup, you **proclaim the
Lord’s death until he comes.**”***

– 1 Corinthians 11:26

