

## The Lord's Supper

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Following our proposed outline: Commemoration, Communion, and Covenant, and having written on the first two we shall now think of the Lord's Supper in the nature of a Covenant.

The words of Jesus, "This cup is the New Testament in My blood" suggests the thought.

The atonement of Christ established so much that is new in the Divine Mind and Plan. This newness, Jesus laboured to impress upon the Jewish mind. He spoke of the necessity of "new wine" being put in "new bottles." In His message referred to as, "The Sermon on the Mount," Jesus repeatedly said, "It has been said, 'but I say unto you.'" To the woman at the well, He said, "The hour cometh and now is, when ye shall neither at Jerusalem nor in this mountain worship the Father." These words of Christ speak unmistakably of something new pending in the Divine economy, and the disposition of the scribes and elders to hold to the old order had much to do with their rejection of their Messiah.

I am truly aware that the subject at hand can only be considered in the most superficial manner in the space I have to give to it, but when we sit at the Lord's Table may we see with grateful praise, the advantages that are ours over the best that the old order could afford.

First, the New Covenant offers to us a better Priest. Here, the Hebrew epistle comes to our aid. "And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death. But this Man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood." Hebrews 7:23-24. (Read to end of chapter).

Second, we have a better Pardon. "Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us; for after that He had said before, this is the Covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them, and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Hebrews 10:15-17. This, over against the statement: "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because the worshippers once purged would have no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." Hebrews 10:1-4.

Third, we have better Privileges. Under the Old Covenant privileges were greatly restricted. The Holiest Place was shut off from the people by the "veil." Even the high priest could enter but once yearly. We have the assurance that when Christ offered Himself on the Cross the "veil of the Temple was rent from the top to the bottom," Christ, on the basis of His perfect sacrifice, "sat down on the right hand of God," and we are invited to enter into the holiest by the blood of Christ, "by a new and living way which He has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say His flesh; and having a high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith." Hebrews 10:19-22.

## HE DWELT AMONG US

The most wonderful event in all the world's history was the Son of God becoming man. This happened when He was born as a babe in Bethlehem. He came that He might get nearer to the people, and tell them of God's love.

A story is told of a Maravian missionary who went to the West Indies to preach to the slaves; but they were toiling all the day in the fields, and he could not get near to them. So he had himself sold as a slave and went among the other slaves, toiling with them in the fields that he might tell the story of God's love. This illustrates in a way what Christ did.—Selected.

A Baby was born in Bethlehem many years ago. His parents were poor and he had no unusual advantages. He raised no army, he conquered no kingdom, he owned no real estate, and he had no bank account. Neither did he write books or paint pictures or compose music. He was mocked at by the great and died a criminal death. Yet this Man has revolutionized the civilized world. Multitudes have lived and died triumphantly by the power of faith in him and obedience to the doctrines he inculcated, and he has more followers in the world today than ever before. His maxims are acknowledged, even my those who reject his authority, to be the noblest and purest that ever have been uttered, and no man has been able to pick a flaw in his character. What will you do with Jesus who is called Christ?

—Phillips Brooks

## HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS

Thomas Chatterton

Almighty Framer of the skies,  
Oh, let our pure devotion rise  
Like incense in Thy sight.  
Wrapt in impenetrable shade,  
The texture of our souls was made,  
Till Thy command gave light.

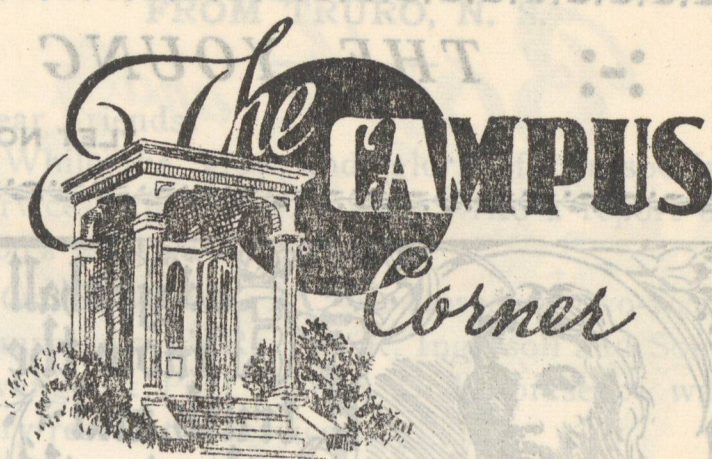
The sun of glory gleam'd, the ray  
Refined the darkness into day,  
And bid the vapours fly;  
Impell'd by His eternal love,  
He left His palaces above  
To cheer our gloomy sky.

How shall we celebrate the day  
When God appeared in mortal clay;  
The mark of worldly scorn.  
When the archangel's heavenly lays  
Attempted the Redeemer's praise,  
And hail'd salvation's morn?

A humble form the Godhead wore,  
The pains of poverty He bore,  
To gaudy pomp unknown:  
Though in a human walk He trod,  
Still was the man Almighty God,  
In glory all His own.

Here are prayer-privileges, that seem almost impossible. The fact that we may bow at the "mercy-seat" with the consciousness that the blood of Jesus has opened the way for us should give to faith a wondrous gift. The mystery is, that we make so little of the privilege.

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## CAMPUS CORNER NOTES

October 31 and November 1 were special missionary days at Bethany. Rev. Dale McClain, deputational secretary for the Oriental Missionary Society, addressed the College Church on Monday and Tuesday evenings and spoke to the student body of the college at their chapel service on Tuesday morning. These were indeed days of heart-searching. The challenge of getting the gospel to needy men and women was presented most effectively.

Bethany enjoyed a week of special revival emphasis Nov. 6-13 with Rev. J. H. MacGregor bringing timely messages from the word of God. Mrs. MacGregor added an interesting feature to each service by doing excellent chalk work. Best of all, a good number of seekers found help at the altar. To God be all the glory!

Two very inspirational films were presented recently to the local congregation. One film, "Pilgrim's Progress," was sponsored by the Y. P. Society of the Church. The other film, "The King's Men," was sponsored by the local Foreign Missionary Society. Capacity congregations were present to enjoy both of these outstanding films.

"Bethany," Sandford and Port Maitland joined hands on Monday night, December 5, in a "Pound Party" for Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sanders. It was a time of good fellowship and the Christmas spirit was on hand early!

**NOTE: Bethany Sunday will be February 12th. Plan and Pray—Get ready to Pay!**

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The value of a thing is known by the amount of care it takes to preserve it, as well as by what it originally costs. Men may steal your diamonds who would not trouble things of lesser value. The cost of holiness was the blood of the Son of God. Greatly does he mistake who supposes it can be preserved by anything short of eternal vigilance.—Thomas Upham.