

*THE LORD'S SUPPER*  
*I Corinthians 11:23-34*

*As we approach the Lord's table this morning, I want us to look at it from the viewpoint of I Corinthians 11. Sometimes I'm afraid that the observance of the Lord's table can become routine and lose its significance.*

*Lest we lose the importance of the Lord's table let us be:*

*I. Retrospective and Look Back vv. 23-25*

*Remember what ...*

*A. We were*

*B. Christ did for us*

*1. gone astray  
Isaiah 53:6*

*1. bruised, punished for us  
Isaiah 53:5, 7*

*2. going astray  
I Peter 2:25*

*2. suffered  
I Peter 2:21-25*

*3. ungodly/sinners  
Romans 5:6, 8*

*3. died in our place  
Romans 5:6, 8*

*4. destined for wrath  
Romans 5:9*

*4. justified  
Romans 5:9*

*5. enemies  
Romans 5:10*

*5. reconciled to God  
Romans 5:10*

*C. Remember Out of Love Psalm 103:1-13*

*II. Prospective and Look Ahead v. 26*

*A. He Will Return for Us.  
Matthew 24:36-44  
I Thessalonians 5:2, 6*

*B. He Will Receive Us.*

*1. Free from suffering  
Romans 8:17-18*

*2. Fellowship with Him  
John 14:3*

*3. Framed in His likeness  
Philippians 3:20-21  
I John 3:2*

*III. Introspective and Look Inward vv. 27-34*

*A. Partake in a Worthy Manner vv. 27, 29*

*B. Prove Ourselves v. 28  
I Timothy 4:16  
II Corinthians 7:1*

*After looking back, ahead, and inward, we need to consider those who may be participants of the Lord's Table. The participants are those who are saved, walking in obedience to God's Word, and who have a heart free of sin.*

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