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When Scripture becomes second nature

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Differences:

Protestants: 2 Biblical Sacraments

Lord's Supper and Baptism

The others: Confirmation, Penance, Holy Orders, Matrimony, and Last Rights

These are “sacramental” in that they are outward ceremonies of Biblical spiritual realities, but ***they are not ordained*** in the teachings of Jesus or the writings of the apostles.

(only a few small traditions have made washing of feet a ritual sacrament- John 13)

Lord's Supper

12/15/24 sermon

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Coming changes:

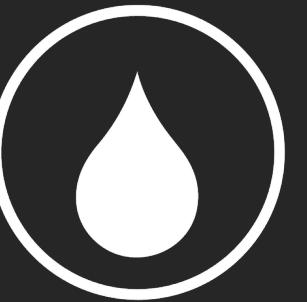
1. Have Lord's Supper twice a month (1 less AMA)
2. Profession and confession "liturgy" regularly
3. Substantial Elements (1.5oz cups and chewable bread)
4. Lord's supper at congregational feasts
5. Learn, debate and vote on wine vs. juice

With instruction on intoxicating substances.

Being Classical Protestant Evangelicals

“Being a Baptist is a blessing but also sometimes a burden. From time to time I have considered the possibility of becoming something else. I once prepared a talk called “The Confessions of a Catholic-friendly, Pentecostal-admiring, Reformed Baptist with a hankering after Lutheranism and a Strong Affinity for the Book of Common Prayer .” Each of these...traditions, among others, has enriched my life and calling to serve the Body of Christ. Each brings distinctive treasures [and problems] to our common labors” *pro Christo et ecclesia*. Being a Baptist gives me all the freedom I need to appropriate as fully as I can the gifts they offer without abandoning the Baptist principles and ways that I cherish.”

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What does the Lord's Supper DO?



What is it meant to accomplish?

3 Main things:

1. Engage the heart in profession and remembrance
2. Nourish the soul truly as a holy mystery
3. Establish unity in the one Body of Christ

The Lord's supper is intended to...

- 1. Engage the heart in profession and remembrance**

Key descriptions:

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

Luke 22:19, 1 Cor 11:24, 25

“The cup of blessing we bless”

1 Cor 10:16

“For I received from the Lord what I passed on to you...”

1 Cor 11:23

“...you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes...”

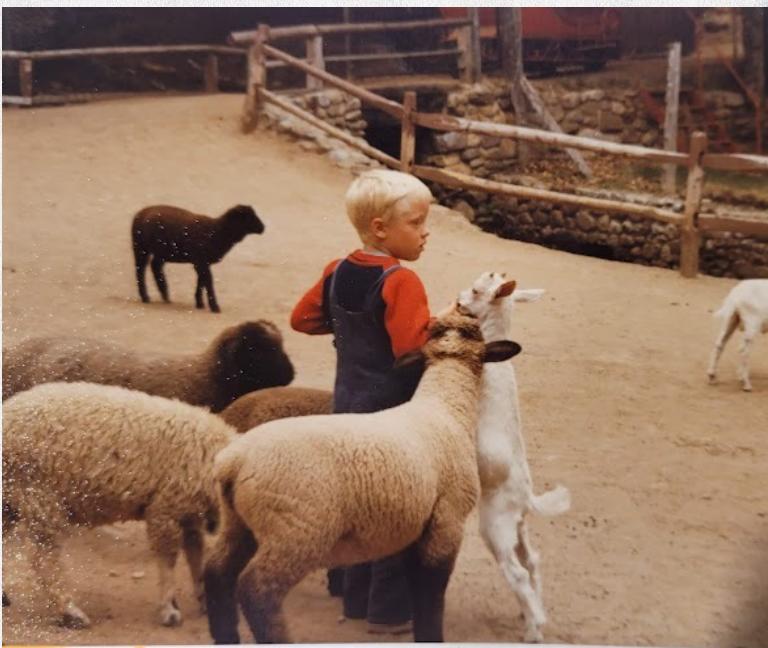
1 Cor 11:26

It's supposed to become part of your whole heart.

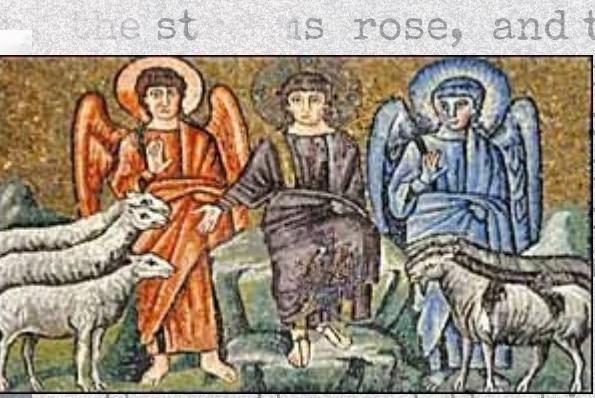


The Camp

Santa's Workshop







Practices:

1. Learn words “passed down to us”
2. Profess a creed
3. Profess repentance and faith
4. Say “The Body of Christ broken for you...”
5. Bless/Thanksgiving: “Amen”, “Thank God” or similar
6. Self-examination and faith
7. Good repetition:
 - ex opere operato (from the work performed)
 - Tam bene se habet quam fit. (is does as well as done)*

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2. Nourish the soul truly as a holy mystery

“This is my body”

(Matt 26:26, Mar 14:22, Luke 22:19, 1 Cor 11:24)

1 Corinthians 10:16

“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in (fellowship of) the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in (fellowship of) the body of Christ?”

2 Corinthians 13:14

**“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”**

1 Corinthians 11:27-30

“Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.”

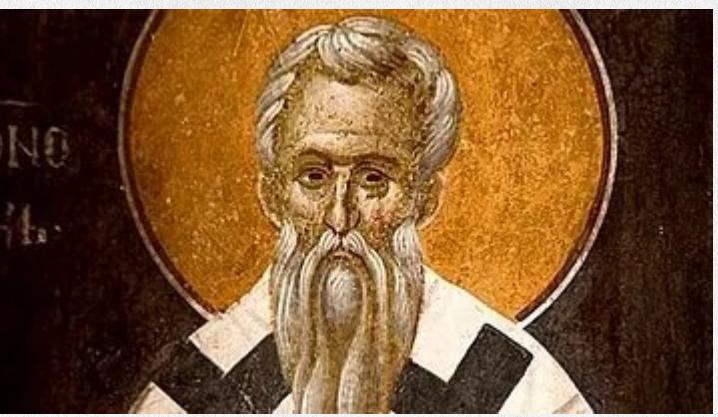
“Now, when the cup is called a ‘participation’, the expression, I acknowledge, is figurative, provided that the truth held forth in the figure is not taken away, or, in other words, provided that the reality itself is also present, and that the soul has as truly communion in the blood, as we drink wine with the mouth.”

- John Calvin, Commentaries

“really” and “truly”

“I desire the bread of God, which **is** the flesh of Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I desire his blood, which **is** love incorruptible.”

Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Romans 7:3
b. 35-50- d. 108-140AD



But literally; not spiritually??



I cannot pretend to believe in something that I cannot understand even as intelligible. (ex. “bob is a married bachelor.”)

I don’t know what it means that a physical object is “literally” another physical object when nothing physical in the object changes.

If the change isn’t to the physical nature of the physical object, then we should be able to acknowledge that we mean something non-physical by the elements “literally”, “truly” or “really” being the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

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I will not participate in dividing Christ's church over this.

I will not lead this church to do so either.

I will only fight the usurpation of authority and the false excommunication of true Christians and denials of the valid sacrament by those doing the excluding over non-apostolic and biblical criteria.



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one Body of Christ**

Partaking in the body of Christ

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”



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The problem to be solved:

1 Corinthians 11:17-21

“In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. 18 In the first place, I hear that **when you come together as a church, there are schisms among you**, and to some extent I believe it. 19 No doubt there have to be **sects among you to show which of you have God's approval**. 20 When you come together, **it is not the Lord's Supper you eat**, 21 for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk.”

Schism

NIV 1 Corinthians 1:10-13

"I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions (*schismata*) among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought...there are quarrels among you...What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul?"

Notice that Paul is driven to holy sarcasm and rhetorical belittling in these passages. He is exasperated.

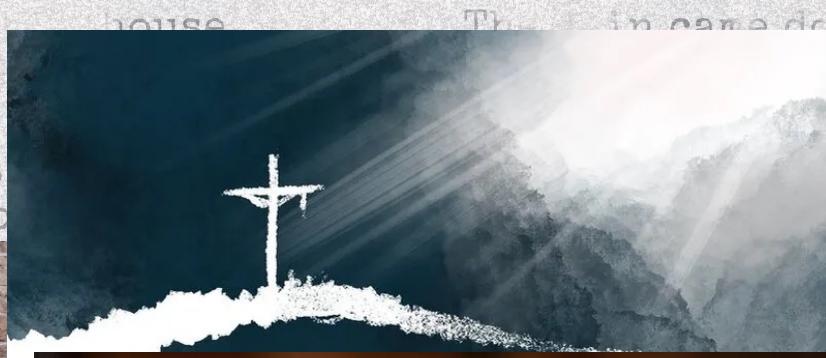
3. Establish unity in the one Body of Christ

To truly and really eat the body and drink the blood of Christ in the bread and wine is the same physical-spiritual dynamic of partaking in the body of Christ mystically as we do so physically.

We are the body of Christ.
They are your brothers and sisters.
We are the temple of the living God.

Application to unity:

1. To fellowship with the Body of Christ is to fellowship in the Body of Christ.
2. Treat other types of people, ethnicities, cultures, and even sects as part of the communion (even if they reject you).
3. To celebrate your reconciliation in Christ's blood means reconciling to others- **at least** in the Body of Christ.
4. To see the “sect of the sacrament of Christ’s body and blood” as your sect and the only sect of the Church of Jesus Christ.
5. Grow in godliness to live in a diverse family with fluctuating toxicity- laboring for its unity and purity in godliness.



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