

Three Motives

"For God's Activity in the End Times"

Based on Revelation 15

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 All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. Pastor Joe's personal commentary is in brackets modifying the biblical text underlined with dots. The abbreviation "NIV84" stands for the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION of the Holy Bible published in 1984. You can find this passage in your Pew Bible on page 1201-1202.

1. The Vengeance of God.

Revelation 5:2, JB Phillips Translation- *And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass shot through with fire, and upon this glassy sea were standing those who had emerged victorious from the fight with the [Devil], its statue and the number which denotes its name.*

Hebrews 10:26, NIV84 -²⁶ *If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left...²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God...³⁰ For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay...."*

2. The Character of God.

Revelation 15:3-4, NIV84 -³ *and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. ⁴ Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."*

3. The Plan of God.

Revelation 15:5, The Living Bible -⁵ *Then I looked and saw that the Holy of Holies of the temple in heaven was thrown wide open!*

A THEOLOGICAL LOOK AT THE LORD'S SUPPER

Different Views of The Lord's Supper		
VIEW	WHO	SIGNIFICANCE
Transubstantiation Bread and Wine literally change to the body of Christ.	Catholics	Recipients literally partake of Christ body and blood, which is being sacrificed in the mass to atone for sins.
Consubstantiation Bread and wine contain the body and blood of Christ but do not literally change..."in, with and under" the elements.	Lutheran, Episcopalians (but some have backed off this literal belief.)	Recipient received forgiveness of sins and confirmation of one's faith through partaking of the elements, but they must be received through faith.
Reformed Christ not literally present in the elements but there is a "spiritual presence" of Christ.	Presbyterian, Reformed	Recipient receives grace through partaking of the elements.
Memorial Christ is not "literally" present physically or spiritually in the actual elements. (Wine is not used; only fruit juice.)	Baptists and most Bible Churches	Recipient commemorates the death of Christ.

What is the Lord's Supper?

★ **The Lord's Supper is a symbolic observance—a memorial service—to honor Christ's sacrificial death for all believers.** The first communion was observed the night before the Jewish celebration called "Passover." Passover commemorated the Jews' deliverance from slavery and God's gracious provision for their escape. Similarly, the Lord's Supper commemorates our own deliverance from slavery in sin and God's gracious provision for our escape from eternal damnation.

What does the Lord's Supper memorialize?

1 Corinthians 11:23-26, NIV84 -²³ *For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim [GK: καταγγέλλω, from the lemma (root) *eulogia*, means "eulogize"] the Lord's death until he comes.*

- A. We are to remember that He died.
- B. We are to remember how He died.
- C. We are to remember why He died.