Come To The Table

John 6:27-58; 1 Corinthians

10:16-21

BREAD SUSTAINS LIFE & Jesus' BODY is "Our Bread."

BLOOD IS LIFE & Jesus' BLOOD was Poured Out as "Our SIN OFFERING."

Jesus said these **Elements** are **SYMBOLIC** of His **BODY** & **BLOOD**.

<u>Several Things</u> must occur <u>BEFORE</u> Coming to the Father's Table.

1. WE COME WITH CLEAN HANDS.

- We're told to **EXAMINE Our Lives BEFORE Partaking** of the **Lord's Supper** (1 Cor. 11:28)
- Self-Examination helps us Acknowledge Changes that need to Be Made.
- NONE are Worthy, but if we've Trusted Christ, we are Entitled.

2. WE COME WITH A GOOD APPETITE.

- If we're <u>Stuffed</u> with the <u>Junk Food</u> of SIN we <u>Lose</u> our <u>Appetite</u> for God. (1 Cor. 10:21)
- Our <u>Appetite</u> for God <u>Grows</u> as we <u>Sample</u> His <u>Goodness</u>. (Matt. 5:6)

3. WE COME WITH PATIENCE.

- Let's <u>Take Time to Enjoy</u> This Moment.
- When we <u>Come</u> to the Lord's Table, <u>JESUS</u> & His Sacrifice should our <u>FOCUS</u>.

4. WE COME IN HARMONY.

- One thing we will NEVER Bring to the Lord's Table is DIVISION.
- What **UNITES Us is FAR GREATER** than what **DIVIDES Us.** (1 Cor. 10:17)

5. WE COME WITH GRATITUDE.

- Jesus Gave THANKS, and So Should WE!
- We need to <u>Appreciate</u> the <u>COST</u> of THIS <u>Meal</u>.

6. WE COME WITH LOYALTY.

- We continually <u>TURN</u> our Backs on SIN & <u>RESIST</u> Temptation!
- Our Jealous God Can't Be & Won't Be Replaced with Cheap Substitutes.
- Jesus is our <u>Top Priority</u>, He's #1 in Our Lives, He's Over <u>Everything</u>, He is <u>LORD!</u>

7. WE LEAVE WITH PURPOSE.

God wants us to be Energized with a Purpose...to Serve Him with all our Strength.

- God wants us to <u>Leave Here</u> with the Right <u>ATTITUDES</u>, <u>SPIRIT</u> & <u>MOTIVES</u>.
- REAL Spiritual Strength is <u>Shown</u> in the WAY we <u>Serve God!</u>
 LORD'S SUPPER & BAPTISM