

CCC Message Notes

Come to the Table

The Purpose, Passion, Meaning & Message of Communion
"Songs that Celebrate the King & the Kingdom" Summer 2017 series - part 8
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THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

Come to the table God's prepared for you.

APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

Let Jesus dying for you bring you to Him in thankful communion.

FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

"*Whatcha gonna do when they come for you?*" Those lyrics from the theme song of the TV show "COPS" imply that once trouble has transpired, you are going to have to deal with it one way or another some time or another.

Isaiah 53:6 says, "*We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*" Talk about trouble that's transpired. Like a criminal, we're busted by the veracity of God's Word. Better yet, talk about triumph! He comes to our rescue in the person of Jesus Christ. He does our time & pays the penalty for every crime we've committed / commandment we've broken. That's what this morning is all about.

I pray that by the time we leave here today, all of us will have a much greater awareness of & a far deeper appreciation for Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. There is no doubt that His desire for us is to be clean, forgiven & free.

Communion Matters Because ...

1. JESUS had HIS WAY at the TABLE before the CROSS had ITS WAY with HIM.

We need to connect the dots between the table & the cross.

Luke 22:7ff

2. it TELLS us His LOVE & FORGIVENESS are TRUE.

There really is no greater love. There really is no other way to be clean.

John 15:13 & John 1:29 / Hebrews 9:22

3. WE remember HIM in the BREAD & the WINE.

The symbols of Jesus' sacrifice speak to the pardon of peace He provides for us.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (be sure to see it in the context of verses 17-32)

Making It Real Questions

- * Can you see the table & the cross are connected by the work & worth of Christ?
- * Have you embraced the totality of Christ's sacrifice for your sins?
- * Do you see Him in the bread & wine?

Action Step

Be sure you've received the cleansing, forgiveness & freedom only Jesus can give.