



Are Christians Cannibals?

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 11

The early church was accused of many things by the non-believing society around them. One accusation was that they were cannibals. We think that is ridiculous, but why did outsiders believe this about the early church? When we read verses 24 and 25 and what Jesus said, we can possibly see why. In verse 24 Jesus says, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In verse 25 Jesus says, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." It is not difficult to understand how someone outside, hearing that the early church was eating Christ's body and drinking His blood, might think those Christians were crazy and were cannibals.

What are we really doing and why when we participate in the Lord's Supper? We as Baptists take the approach called the *memorial view*. We get this idea right from this passage. Jesus said we do this in remembrance of Him. As a memorial to what Christ has done, we symbolically take bread (body), and grape juice (blood), and consume it. What does this symbolize? We believe that the bread we eat represents Christ's body (symbolically not literally) and the juice in the same way (symbolically not literally) represents the blood of Christ. When we participate in the Lord's Supper, we are celebrating and remembering that Christ gave His body and blood for us as a substitutionary atonement (He died in our place). As we come together and do this as a church, we remember what Christ has done for us and hopefully that helps us to be grounded in the gospel. We should take the Lord's Supper seriously but also introspectively consider what appreciation and joy we have for what He has done for us. As Christ followers there are two things that visually point us to the cross and help us remember what He has done -- baptism and the Lord's Supper. In baptism we see the death, burial and resurrection. In the Lord's Supper we remember His pain and His sacrifice for us. Although we do not literally eat the body of Christ and drink His blood, it helps us to remember what Christ has done for us. My hope is the next time you participate in the Lord's Supper you remember how much Christ has done for you. Cannibals, we are not, but we should never forget the bodily sacrifice of Christ on the cross. God required punishment for sin -- a sacrifice. That is what Christ was, the sacrifice for my sin and yours on the cross.

PRAYER: God, help me remember your Son's body broken for me and His blood sacrificed in my place for a death I deserved. Thank you for Christ's sacrifice in my place.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Corinthians 12

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