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**Transforming Daily**  
**“ . . . do this in remembrance of me . . . ”**  
*1 Corinthians 11:24*

There are only two New Testament ordinances (irrespective of what other religions and certain denominations would lead you to believe), believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The reason being is that Baptism and the Lord's Supper present the gospel, whereas, for instance, foot washing does not (It's not that foot washing shouldn't be practiced, it just doesn't qualify as an ordinance). Baptism, on the other hand, identifies the believer with Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. The Lord's Supper identifies the believer specifically with the crucifixion, body and blood, as was offered on the cross by our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Before His crucifixion, Christ told His disciples to find *the* place where He and His disciples would celebrate the Passover. At the memorial service, celebrating the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt, Jesus established another tradition for the Passover celebration, His death; for He was and is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Just as the body and the blood of the lamb, for the traditional Jewish Passover, was used as a part of the meal and spread on the door posts and lintels of the homes to deliver the children of Israel, so too is the body and blood of the Lamb of God used to deliver the sinner for his or her sins.

Therefore, the “Christian” celebration of the Lord's Supper is to honor in memory the propitiation of Christ before God. That is precisely why the Lord's Supper is an ordinance and to be practiced until He returns. The apostle Paul included a few strong statements in this text (v.27-30) to remind the church at Corinth (and all churches) of just how important the celebration was. Paul directly warns the participants not to approach the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner.

What is your perspective of the crucifixion of Christ? What does it mean to you? Do you celebrate the crucifixion of Christ through the Lord's Supper? Are you born again? Have you experienced believer's baptism? When you do participate in the Lord's Supper, do so in a worthy manner and follow our Lord's command that as often as you do, do this in remembrance of me.