

"Marks of Grace" Pt. VII

Acts 2:42

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**"They Were Continually Devoting Themselves to ...  
the Breaking of Bread" Pt. II**

Intro: Christ our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ but two symbolic ceremonies for His church. The two ordinances are baptism and \_\_\_\_\_.

A. "The \_\_\_\_\_ partaking of communion with the fellowship throughout the Christian life is the repeated public proclamation of the truth of the work of Christ upon the cross and His promise to return. This sharing in the Lord's Supper serves to continually remind us of the redemptive work of Christ, keeping the \_\_\_\_\_ of Him ever before us.

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I. As the \_\_\_\_\_ of continual devotion to "the breaking of bread" marks our lives, our remembering will bring us many \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Through the partaking of communion we are reminded that is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. By being continually devoted to the partaking of communion the church is constantly reminded that \_\_\_\_\_ and always will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.

B. Through the church's participating in the Lord's Supper we are reminded of the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The broken bread and the cup are representative of the great sacrifice Christ made that we might be \_\_\_\_\_ with God. His sacrifice is the \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice.

2. Communion \_\_\_\_\_ us that Christ's sacrificial death covers over our sin with forgiveness. With God's holy and righteous anger appeased we are reconciled with God for atonement has taken place. As oft as we eat and drink we do proclaim the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ until He comes.

C. Through the church's sharing in the breaking of the bread we are reminded of the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness.

1. When we partake of the bread and the cup, we are symbolically taking in or sharing in not only what Christ did for us, but in who Christ is: the righteous One of God. Because of His work upon the cross, His \_\_\_\_\_ is reckoned (\_\_\_\_\_) to us!

D. Through the church's partaking of communion we are reminded (inspired) to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Family, as we partake of the Lord's Supper we \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord's costly work, what He saved us from and what He saved us to, and that reminds us that we must thank God! Yet, there is something higher here for not only do we remember our own benefit, but greater, how through the obedient and suffering work of the Son the Heavenly Father is most glorified! And this should cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ all the more!

E. Through our participating in the Lord's Supper, we are reminded of the Covenant.

1. No longer are we under the penalty of the law, but by the blood of Christ we are under the New Covenant of grace. As we receive communion, we remember that we are \_\_\_\_\_, and are sealed by the Holy Spirit of God for the day of redemption, and that Christ will raise us up to \_\_\_\_\_.

F. As we prepare to partake of the Lord's Supper, we are reminded of our \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. In preparing to receive communion the \_\_\_\_\_ to be holy is over and over again, for we are to \_\_\_\_\_ even as He is holy.

**Conclusion:** And so dear family, how wonderful it is that our gracious Lord and Savior ordained that we should \_\_\_\_\_ by sharing in communion. Through this grace we are continually reminded of the blessings of God. So may it be that our lives are marked by the grace of being continually devoted to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.