"Do This"

Intro: Having studied the ordinance of baptism we now come to study the ordinance of communion.

A. It is the goal through this study that we learn of communion so as to elevate it to its proper and holy place within our hearts and minds, that we view it as the worshipful activity it is before our Master, holding communion as our Sovereign holds it, obeying with hearts of thanks ________, receiving it as the true __________ it is.

I. Is communion an ______________ of the church?

A. As Luke 22:19 reveals communion was ordained by Christ Jesus for His church's ___________ observance, to be exercised for the active remembrance of Him. We refer to communion as an ordinance because our Lord Jesus ordained it as a special worshipful __________ for the believer's faithful observance.

B. From the New Testament evidence as found in 1 Corinthians 10 & 11 we discover that communion was ____________ understood and perpetually ______________ by the church as that which was ordained by her Lord.

II. Common __________ believers employ in referring to the ordinance of communion.

A. ________________

1. When we ____________ of communion we commune, partake in, fellowship and ____________ with Christ and one another as the church (Christ's one body) by the remembrance of Him, our one Lord.

B. The ___________ ________________.

1. In communion we partake of the Lord's Supper - of ______ _____________ for us.

C. The ___________ ________________.

1. ________________ and the Lord's Supper is in the pages of Scripture also referred to as the Lord's ___________

D. The Breaking of the ________________.

1. "The Breaking of the Bread" in relation to communion is a rather ____________ and descriptive reference directly from our Lord's own literal ____________, which is the mode in which we follow.

E. The ________________

1. This term is derived from the accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and 1 Cor., all of which express that in His ordination of communion He took the emblems and "__________ ____________".
III. The _______________ of communion to the believer.

A. As Grudem explains, “baptism is an ordinance that is only observed once by each believer, as a sign of the beginning of his or her Christian life. ... the Lord’s Supper is an ordinance that is to be observed repeatedly throughout our Christian lives, as a sign of ______________ ______________ with Christ.”

B. As Ephesians 2:8-9 teaches communion is not necessary _____ salvation. But, if in speaking of necessity we are talking about ______________ then communion is absolutely necessary to the believer for Christ ordained it for His church.

IV. ______ is to participate in the partaking of communion?

A. As the Lord ordained this Special Supper as a worshipful activity of the church it is _____ the ______________ exclusively.

1. Yet, communion is ______ ______ ____ believers!

2. Those believers who partake of the Lord’s Supper in an unworthy manner, with _________ hearts of selfishness, who do not view or treat fellow believers rightly, who continue in _______________ sin, who are ______ right before the Lord eat and drink judgment to themselves!

B. If ever, at what ______ is it _______________ for a child to participate in communion?

1. Children of any age can and cannot participate in the partaking of communion on the same basis as all others. As with anyone of any age, if a child is a born-again believer who can partake in communion in a worthy manner having a heart made right before the Lord, having been obediently baptized in water, then beloved, what should prevent them? The issue is ______ _______ ________ and the obedience that follows.

2. This is an area where the ______________ should practice great care remembering that just because the child is saved and has been baptized that does not automatically mean that they should participate in communion, for they must ____ able to partake in a worthy manner, which requires ___________ parenting.

Closing: Having considered the Written Word of God concerning the ordinance of ______________ let us from this day forward strive to see it as the holy function it is for the glory of Christ and the edification of His church. While we have much to learn in reference to communion, and will attempt in the coming weeks to learn more, let us even now commit our study to prayerful application that we will be more than mere hearers, but doers of His _________ Word.

Communion is a sacred ordinance of the church, commanded her by Christ her Lord. Let us then come before Him in communion only in a worthy manner, seeking to ______________ ______________.