

WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."
Ephesians 4: 4-6.

W E E K L Y C A L E N D A R

Bible Study.....10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship.....11:00 A. M.

PREACHING

First and Third Sundays....11:00 A. M.

Second and Fourth Sundays.. 7:00 P. M.

MID-WEEK

Wednesday Night.....7:30 P. M.

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TRUE WORSHIP

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today it is our desire to study in connection with the Lord's Supper and True Worship, the proper time to observe this memorial.

To many people this seems to be of little or no importance. We see some people keeping the Supper on Thursday night before Easter Sunday. Others keep it on one Sunday in each Quarter. Others keep it semi-annually, while others keep it annually. Some few, comparatively speaking, keep the Lord's Supper every first day of the week.

Since I happen to be one of those few who keep the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week and only upon the first day of the week, I believe it only fair to state the reasons for doing so. It is not from any desire to be different, nor to endeavor to cast any reflection upon any group who might do otherwise, but because of our earnest desire to please the Lord that we partake of the Lord's Supper upon the first day of the week.

Some keep the Supper on Thursday night because that is the night on which Jesus took his disciples up into the upper room and instituted the Supper. Simply because the Lord instituted the Supper on Thursday night is no reason why we should keep the Supper on that night. From the same reasoning we could keep it on Friday, because it was on that day that our Lord died. The true worshippers are always guided by the Word of the Lord in their worship as in their other services to the Lord.

There are three ways we can learn when we are to partake of the Lord's Supper; (1) By what the New Testament says by way of a command, (2) By an example of the early church, (3) By a necessary inference. What we do not learn about the Lord's Supper in these three ways we cannot know.

It is true that the Lord instituted the Supper on Thursday night. But the Lord did not command the disciples to keep the Supper on Thursday. The early church did not keep the supper on Thursday night, nor is it necessarily inferred that Jesus intended for His followers to keep the Supper on Thursday night. In fact at the time the Supper was instituted Jesus said, "For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." (Luke 22:18) see also Mk. 14:25, and Matt. 26:29. This certainly seems to indicate that Jesus did not intend for the disciples to keep the Supper until after the kingdom came, or the church was established.

There are no records of the disciples keeping the supper until after the church was established. See Acts 2:42. However this does not tell when they kept the supper. When Paul and his co-workers reached Troas they abode there seven days. "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." (Acts 20:17) Here we have an example of the disciples in the early church keeping the Supper on the first day of the week. I Cor. 16:2, certainly infers that the church assembled on the first day of the week. According to Acts 2:42,

and Acts 20:7, this was for the purpose of breaking bread. We can be safe in following this. Why not be safe?

Many who believe that the first day of the week is the proper time to keep the Supper, do not think it necessary to keep the Supper on the first day of every week. No one doubts but that the Jewish people kept every sabbath day. They kept every sabbath day simply because God said, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." (Ex.20:8). Now compare this with Acts 20:7; "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread." One said, THE SABBATH DAY, the other said, THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. If the sabbath day meant every sabbath day, why not the first day of the week mean every first day of the week?

In observing the Lord's Supper each first day of the week we are absolutely sure we are doing the right thing. You never will know whether or not you have obeyed the Lord's command unless you keep the Lord's Supper on the first day of every week. WHY NOT BE SURE?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 2, 1946

Subject: "Singing" Time 7:30 P.M.
 Song Leader ----- HERMAN LANDRETH
 Hymn # 46
 Scripture Reading (James 5:10-16) DONALD
 Hymn # 12 DERRYBERRY
 Prayer ----- J. W. WARNER
 Hymn # 86
 Talk: "Songs We Sing" ----- A. P. WARNER
 Hymn # 192
 Prayer ----- RAY MOSER

Classes ---- 8:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.