

# THE LORD'S SUPPER DIMENSIONS

## PAST

**It is a Memorial**  
(Looking Back at  
the Cross)



1. Paul describes the account as given by the Lord Himself (1Co.11:23-25)
  - Paul was not present at the Lord's Supper. Paul received instruction directly from Jesus (Ga.1:11-17).
2. We eat the bread in memory of the violent death of Christ upon His body (1Co.11:24)
  - The death of Christ was not a tragedy but a triumph. For the New Covenant to be inaugurated Christ had to die (He.9:16). This was God's plan.
3. We drink the fruit of the vine in memory of the blood Jesus shed (1Co.11:25)

## PRESENT

**It is a Communion**

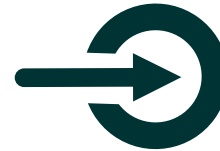
(Looking Around  
in Unity)



1. Right now we are sharing in the reality of Christ's broken body on our behalf (1Co.11:16b-17)
  - Paul enlarges on the meaning of the bread. We are one in fellowship with the body of Christ and one in fellowship with the Church (1Co.10:16-17, "one bread and one body"). This is why our fellowship with one another is so important.

**It is an Introspection**

(Looking Inside  
Your Heart)



1. Right now we are sharing in the reality of Christ's spilt blood on our behalf (1Co.11:16a)
2. Right now we should examine ourselves before taking communion (1Co.11:27-30)

## FUTURE

**It is a Proclamation**  
(Looking Forward  
to Christ's Return)



1. Right now we are proclaiming our faith that our sins are forgiven (1Co.11:26a)
2. Right now we are proclaiming our faith in our Lord's Return (1Co.11:26b)
  - We are to do this "Till He come" (if He is not coming why observe or proclaim it?)