IDENTITY CRISIS Pastor Rick Baker

#12 What does the Church do? April 18 2021

**Celebrates the Lord’s Supper:**

*Communion with Christ and His Church*

(Matt. 26:17-30; Mk. 14:12-25; Lk. 22:7-20; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 5:7; 10:1-4, 16,17; 11:23-25; Heb. 7:27)

Intro: Why do we celebrate high points in our lives?

***The Lord’s Supper is an ordinance because it pictures the Gospel and is commanded in order to make certain Christ and His saving work remains central to the mission of the church.***

Many **times**—

Many **names**—

Many **controversies**— “this is my body”

**Echoes and images…**

Patterns/Types/symbols/sequence from Scripture that Inform Practice…

The Pattern of **NOAH** –

The Pattern of the **EXODUS** –

The Pattern of **JESUS** –

The Pattern of the **PRIMITIVE CHURCH**—

**So, what are we really celebrating?**

RENEWAL

1. Looking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—the renewal of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 11:24)

“*Do this in remembrance of ME”*

1. Looking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—the renewal of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:20)

*“Because there is one loaf, we, who are* ***many****, are* ***one*** *body, for we all partake of one loaf.”*

1. Looking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—the renewal of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 11:26)

*“Proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes”*

**So, who is to be invited to the Lord’s Supper?**

“Participation at the Lord’s Table is open to all who…

**How should you prepare for the Lord’s Supper?**

* Atmosphere—
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regularly
* Examination
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of sins
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_trust in Christ to release us, not only from our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our sins
* Be at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with brethren