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WHY SHOULD A CHRISTIAN GO TO THE LORD'S TABLE?

1. *It ought to be sufficient that the Lord Jesus commanded it.* He says to all who love Him: "This do in remembrance of Me." He further says: "If ye love Me, keep my commandments." One of the first evidences of having received Christ as Saviour is the desire and willingness to obey Him in all things. Immediately He revealed Himself to Saul on the road to Damascus, Saul said, "Lord what will Thou have me to do?" So should it be with everyone who professes to serve Him. Let not anyone think he belongs to Christ if he wilfully disobeys this command. How can the love of Christ dwell in the heart of the one who tramples on His sacred authority?

2. *The time of its appointment should enforce its observance.* It was "the night in which He was betrayed" He gave us this sacred feast. In the midst of His sorrow He was not forgetful of us. Such loving thoughtfulness demands our love and loyalty.

"Gethsemane, can I forget,
Or there thine anguish see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat
And not remember Thee?"

3. *The desire to keep Christ's memory fresh in the heart should prompt its observance.* He is far from God who does not think of Christ. He is farther still who has no desire to think of Him. Hell has begun in the man of whom it may be said, "God is not in all his thoughts."

We are all in danger of forgetting Christ. The lines we sing are true: "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love." This feast is to keep us from wandering in thought and life. When we look upon the bread we think of His body broken for us. When we