

Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 11:23-30

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Title: "Which is Given for You"

Focus: Jesus Gave Himself for You. – Lord's Supper

### **Intro:**

1. The Focus of the Lord's Supper is Jesus.
2. As Jesus walked the earth, He lived as a servant of God, submitting and offering Himself to God. The full display of this is seen in the events of Calvary.
3. By participating in the Lord's Supper His disciples are called to remember His offering of His body in punishment and the shedding of His blood in death.

### **Body:**

#### He Sacrificed Himself

- What Jesus endured as not pleasurable.
- Sometimes as a servant of God there will be unpleasant events.
- However, Jesus' motivation was not the pleasure of the event, but the pleasure of His Father.

#### What He Endured He Did Not Do for Himself

- It was for no reason of His own He faced humiliation at the hands of the Romans and His own people.
- He didn't deserve what He endured.
- His was a sacrificial act. In giving Himself to God, He was offering Himself for God's purposes, our redemption.

#### He Gave Himself for You

- He gave Himself for Your sins and mine.
- He gave Himself so you and I could enter into a new agreement with God, a relationship based on relationship and not laws.
- He gave Himself so you and I could have a quality of life that would have been impossible otherwise.

#### Are You Willing to Give Yourself to Him?

- The only condition to partaking of the Lord's Supper is the manner in which you come (vv. 27 & 28).
- One who comes not having partaken of the benefit of the new life Jesus offers, comes in the wrong manner.
- It is hard to for a person to commemorate what he or she has not experienced.
- It is hard for a person who has given his or her life to Jesus, but is living a rebellious existence outside of His rule and reign to commemorate the sacrificial servant life of Jesus either.
- So, are you living your life on earth as a servant of God, fully offering yourself to Him?

**Closing:**

1. Have you come to realize that you are living your life apart from God? If so, you need to repent of this and surrender your life to God.

2. If you are a disciple of Jesus, are you living a life of submission to The Father in all areas?