**5th, 12th May 2023 Sungai Ara Gospel Hall (2.4.2017)**

Pt.1b **\_ Practical Pointers on Participation**

**at the Lord’s Supper. I Cor. Ch. 14**

Intro. The Importance of the Lord’s Supper.

* It is **O**ne of **O**nly Two **O**rdinances given to the Church: It and Baptism.

The **C**ontext of a Public **C**hurch Gathering I Cor. Chs. 11-14

 **C**hrist is Head in the **C**hurch – I Cor. 11:1-16

 **C**onduct at the Lord’s Supper – I Cor. 11:17-34

 **C**hurch – 10 occurrences: 11:18, 22, 28; 14:4, 5, 12, 19, 23, 28, 35

 ***C****ome together* – 7 occurrences: 11:17, 18, 20, 33, 34; 14:23, 26

* It **C**omes with an **O**rder to be **O**bserved in an **O**rderly way.

I Cor. 11:28-29 – ***L****et a man examine himself,*

 *and so* ***L****et him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*

 [**L**est], *he that eateth and drinketh unworthily,*

 *…eateth and drinketh damnation to himself,*

 *not discerning the Lord's body.*

* I Cor. 14:40 – ***L****et all things be done decently and in order.*

I Cor. 14:33 – *For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace,*

 *as in all churches of the saints.*

I Cor. 14:34 – ***L****et your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.*

**I. Principles of an Orderly Church Gathering.**

**II. Principles that Regulate Practices in Participation**

 **in a Public Gathering at a local Church – I Cor. Ch. 14**

**I. Principles of an Orderly Church Gathering**

**A. I Cor. 11:3** – *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ;*

 *and the head of the woman is the man; and* ***the head of Christ is God.*** Cf. Col. 1:18, 19

**1**. The **R**ights in the Godhead:

The Father is God – I Cor. 8:6; Gal. 1:1, 3; etc.

The Son is God – Heb. 1:8; cf. Jn. 10:30; Phil. 2:6-8

The Spirit is God – Acts 5:3, 4

1. The **R**oles in the Godhead:

The Sender is the Head. Jn. 13:16

The Father Sent the Son. Jn.12:49; 17:25; 20:21

The Father and Son Sent the Spirit – Jn. 15:26 cf. 12:49; 16:13-15

**3**. The **R**esponsibilities in the Godhead –

Jn. 15:26 – *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me:*

The Son to the Father –

Lk. 22:42 – *Saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me:*

*nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done*.

 The Spirit to the Son –

 Jn. 16:13-15 – *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.*

*He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

*All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

 At the End - I Cor. 15:28 – *And when all things shall be subdued unto Him,*

*then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.*