

## “Until”

[1 Corinthians 11:23-31](#)

*“For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”*

**1 Corinthians 11: 26**

I want to direct your attention to one word found in verse 26. It is the little word “until.” The central ideal of what Paul is saying that in the Lord’s Supper we are proclaiming to one another and to a lost world that Jesus died (yet He rose again) and one day He shall return again. The Lord’s Supper was a standing provision against man’s forgetfulness of what Jesus has done and is yet going to do for us.

That is why the word “until” is there.

### I. “Until” is a **WAITING** word

Have you ever said to a friend or a child: “Stay there until I get back?” John records in his Gospel that Jesus said it to His disciples ([John 14:1-3](#)). “Until” is a waiting word. Jesus said to His disciples as He says to you and me, “The Lord’s Supper is until that great celebration in the skies.” The people of God are waiting for someone. Jesus is coming again, and in the communion we affirm that fact. “Until” is not **speculation** but **anticipation**.

### II. “Until” is a **WORKING** word

Have you noticed, in the parables of Jesus, how many times that note is struck. You see, “until” is a working word; we are called to “work out your salvation with fear and trembling.” Perhaps the best known is [Matthew 25](#), the parable of the talents. The man gives to his servants, to one five talents, to another three, to another one. He goes away. He comes back and there is a reckoning of their labor.

That’s the sense of this word “until”; it’s a working word. The master says ‘Get on, and do what you will with what I’ve given you until I return.’ “until’ is a working word. We will work till Jesus comes.

### III. “Until” is a **WILLING** word

“Until” is a word which comes out of our hearts with a great sense of longing and desire. Have you ever wondered about the last few words in the Bible, in the Revelation of John? How he could contain himself, as he wrote some of these things that are so amazing, so hard for the mind to comprehend? But he comes to verse 20 of the last chapter of the book of Revelation, he says this autobiographically: *“He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”*

As death takes our loved ones and we come to a communion service without them this word “until” then becomes a willing word. It becomes a word that looks forward to that day when Jesus shall come again.

Heaven is a place of reunion. It's a place where there are no more tears. It's a place where there is no more separation. We look forward in faith, to that great reunion of God's people.

When you come to the Lord's Supper with a sense of longing that the Lord might come soon so that you might be reunited with friends, may I remind you that God had a purpose in your being left behind. God has a plan for you!

IV. "Until" is a **WONDERFUL** word You proclaim the Lord's death "***Until He comes.***"

Paul did not say "if He comes." Paul did not say "In case He comes." He says, "**Until He comes.**"

No doubt about His coming. May not be sure as to the time, but I am sure about the event.

The Lord's Supper is to assist us in our remembering Him "**Until he comes.**"

There is a historical purpose in the Lord's supper, and there is a predictable purpose in the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is the **proclamation** of what has happened and the **promise** of what will yet happen.

When we participate and partake of the Lord's supper, we are not only looking back to the cross, but we are looking forward to His coming again !

Let us remember. Let us celebrate until, until, until He comes.

Lords Supper is provided to the congregation...

Worship ending with a closing Song and Prayer