

WHY CHILDREN SHOULD PARTAKE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD.

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Many of the churches today forbid children from partaking of the Lord's Table. There is no Biblical basis for denying children access.

We have allowed children to partake since 1992. NO CHILDREN DIED OR BECAME ILL BECAUSE OF THIS PRACTICE.

Here are some reasons why I have allowed children to partake:

1. JESUS DID NOT DENY CHILDREN ACCESS

Jesus did not forbid the little children from coming to Him. The ignorant disciples tried to stop the children – there are still similar folk in the church today. If Jesus allowed little children to come to Him why would He stop them from coming to His Table.

Matt 19:13-15

13 Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." 15 And He laid His hands on them and departed from there. NKJV

2. IT IS THE LORD'S TABLE

It is the Lord's Table. It is not the pastor's or apostle's or denominations' or churches' table. Let the children come to the Lord.

3. CHILDREN OF BELIEVING PARENTS ARE HOLY

Children are sanctified by believing parents and can therefore partake of holy things.

1 Cor 7:14

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. NKJV

4. TRAIN UP A CHILD

It is part of training your children in the ways of the Lord. Parents must bring their children to the Table and constantly teach and remind them. This is a good habit to develop as early as possible.

Prov 22:6

*6 Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it. NKJV*

5. PASSOVER LAMB FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The Passover which was a type of the Table of the Lord was meant for the whole family.

Ex 12:3

3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. NKJV

Ex 12:24-27

24 And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. 25 It will come to pass when you come to the land which the Lord will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service. 26 And it shall be, when your children say to

you, 'What do you mean by this service?' 27 that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' NKJV

The family must remember, not only adults.

1 Cor 11:24-25

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." NKJV

6. THE FEAST PUBLISHES HIS DEATH

1 Cor 11:26

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. NKJV

Children must live under the proclamation of His death.

7. CHILDREN MUST BE INVOLVED IN THE MAIN SERVICE AND NOT ONLY PART OF A SEPARATE SERVICE LIKE CHILDREN'S CHURCH. ALL GROW TOGETHER UNDER THE SAME GRACE.