

Come to the table Luke 22:14-20; Rev. 12:10-11

With fervent desire, Jesus desired to eat the Passover with His disciples before His suffering began. Do we come to the Lord's Table with fervent desire?

Canada's gold was an exciting moment but not a defining moment. However, the cross of Jesus Christ was the church's defining moment. Because of the cross we are able to go into and come out of the presence of God, we have access to God through the blood of Jesus. The cross is central to us. This is Christ's church not ours. We are Pentecostal, but we are Christian first and foremost. We need to be devoted to the cause of Christ. We need to turn the tide on divorce and become devoted to our mates. This is not a menu-based lifestyle, it's not about what we want or like, it's about what He wants for us. A trucker's logbook needs to be up to date at all times because he never knows when the MTO will pull him over for an inspection. If it's not up to date there are fines and penalties incurred. If you are not ready to meet Jesus when He returns, it's too late; there will be no time to get ready. And the result is total separation from Christ for eternity. That's why today is the day of salvation. This is the time to go into His presence. This is the time to make Him your passion. Does your life reflect your passion for Christ? Is there enough evidence to convict you of being a Christ follower? Not because of a title or bumper sticker or jewellery, but life evidence. Would there be enough witnesses against you? Would there be any?

He shoots. He scores! A defining moment. There were many religious people in Jesus' day but only about 500 devout followers after the resurrection. It's not important if you know about Jesus, the question is do you know Him? Is He a part of your life tomorrow morning? Is He a part of your spending? Is He a part of your relationships so that you influence them rather than them influencing you? Do you realize that you are there to be a light for Jesus? How fervent is your desire to be with God and His people? When we come to the Lord's Table we are celebrating victory and this victory will far outlive that of the little gold medal-winning puck from the Olympics. The followers of Jesus were devoted to the "breaking of bread" yet in our tradition we only do it once a month. Would you consider over the next month, every time you sit down to a meal, you would take a cracker or piece of bread and break it and say, "Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross." Take a sip of your coffee, water or whatever and say, "Thank you Jesus for your shed blood." Not to be sacrilegious, but to get us in the mindset and heart attitude of thankfulness for the score He made for all time (Rom. 6:10). This table celebrates victory, it celebrates redemption, and it declares our dependence on Him because apart from Him we are dead. Our looks, our money, our good deeds can't ever get us where His one act of sacrifice gets us. Without Jesus Christ we are done! We need to examine ourselves and then come to the table. We celebrate the fact that we have access to God's presence. We are able to come in to His presence and go out changed. The table is a place of reception. Anyone can attend a wedding ceremony, but in order to attend the reception you need an invitation and you need to RSVP. Christ's death on the cross is your invitation into God's presence. Have you

RSVP'd? Don't put it off any longer. May this be the day you say yes to Jesus. He loves you so much! Do you know that love for yourself? That's what we celebrate at the table. The victory that causes us to jump and shout over a little black puck is available to each of us everyday through Jesus who scored and won the game on the cross for all time. Let's come to the table.