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Table Manners

Messy Church Series

1 Corinthians 11:17-34



**SINCE I AM ASKED TO DINNER, WHY IS
NOT THE SAME DINNER SERVED TO ME AS
TO YOU? YOU TAKE OYSTERS FATTENED
IN THE LUCRINE LAKE, I SUCH A MUSSEL
THROUGH A HOLE IN THE SHELL;**

**YOU GET MUSHROOMS, I TAKE HOG
FUNGUSES; YOU TACKLE TURBOT, BUT I
BRILL. GOLDEN WITH FAT, A TURTLEDOVE
GORGES YOU WITH ITS BLOATED RUMP;
THERE IS SET BEFORE ME A MAGPIE THAT
HAS DIED IN ITS CAGE.**

**WHY DO I DINE WITHOUT YOU
ALTHOUGH, PONTICUS, I AM
DINING WITH YOU? THE DOLE HAS
GONE; LET US HAVE THE BENEFIT OF
THAT; LET US EAT THE SAME FARE.**

**IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO GO INTO THE
DETAIL OF HOW I HAPPENED TO BE DINING
WITH A MAN – THOUGH NO PARTICULAR
FRIEND OF HIS – WHOSE ELEGANT
ECONOMY, AS HE CALLED IT, SEEMED TO
ME A SORT OF STINGY EXTRAVAGANCE.**

THE BEST DISHES WERE SET IN FRONT OF HIMSELF AND A SELECT FEW, AND SCRAPS OF FOOD BEFORE THE REST OF THE COMPANY. HE HAD EVEN PUT THE WINE INTO TINY LITTLE FLASKS, DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES, NOT WITH THE IDEA OF GIVING HIS GUESTS THE OPPORTUNITY OF CHOOSING,

**BUT TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO
REFUSE WHAT THEY WERE GIVEN. ONE LOT WAS
INTENDED FOR HIMSELF AND FOR US, ANOTHER
FOR HIS LESSER FRIENDS (ALL HIS FRIENDS
WERE GRADED) AND HIS AND OUR FREEDMEN.**

- PLINY THE ELDER

**WHAT THIS IS
NOT ABOUT**

**UNFORTUNATELY, VERSES 27-28 HAVE
OFTEN BEEN TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT
AND SERIOUSLY MISINTERPRETED: THE
STATEMENT IN VERSE 27 ABOUT EATING
THE BREAD AND DRINKING THE CUP
“UNWORTHILY” HAS OFTEN BEEN**

**MISUNDERSTOOD TO MEAN THAT ONLY THE
PERFECTLY RIGHTEOUS CAN PARTAKE IN THE
LORD'S SUPPER, AND THE CALL FOR SELF-
EXAMINATION IN VERSE 28 HAS BEEN HEARD
AS A CALL FOR INTENSE INTROSPECTION.**

- RICHARD HAYS

THE FOUNDATION OF CHURCH - GRACE

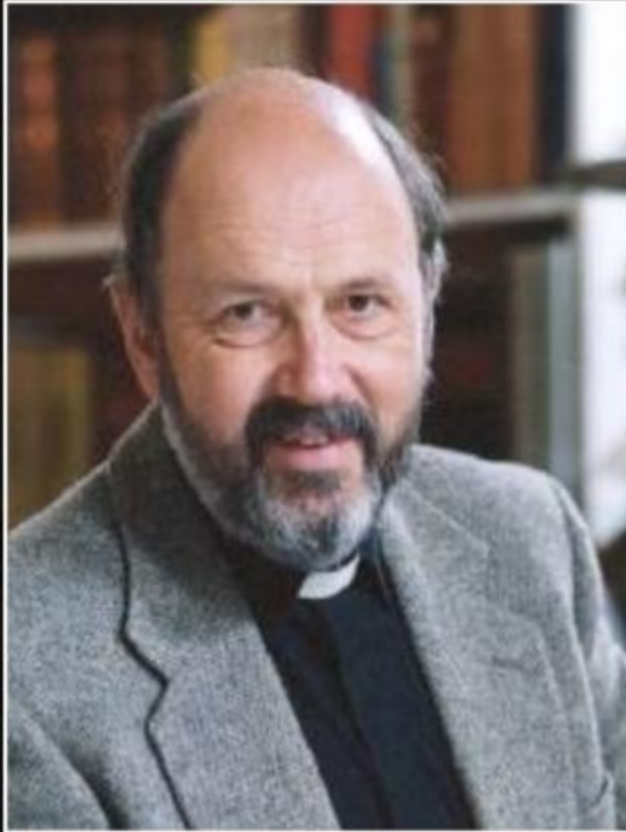
**FURTHER, TO KNOW OURSELVES
RIGHTLY IS TO KNOW OURSELVES AS
RECIPIENTS OF HIS SELF-GIVING. THAT
MEANS, FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE
ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DESPERATE NEED:**

**WE WERE STRANGERS ALIENATED FROM GOD
WHO COULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE NEW
COVENANT ONLY THROUGH THIS COSTLY ACT
OF GOD'S RADICAL GRACE. IT MEANS ALSO, IN
THE SECOND PLACE, THAT WE ARE A PEOPLE
CALLED TO LIVE IN A WAY THAT ANSWERS FITLY**

**TO SUCH DIVINE GENEROSITY. WE TOO ARE
TO LIVE SACRIFICIALLY, NOT PURSUING OUR
OWN INTERESTS AND PLEASURES BUT GIVING
OURSELVES FOR OTHERS IN REMEMBRANCE
OF THE ONE WHO GAVE HIMSELF FOR US.**

- RICHARD HAYS

**WHAT ARE WE
PREACHING?**

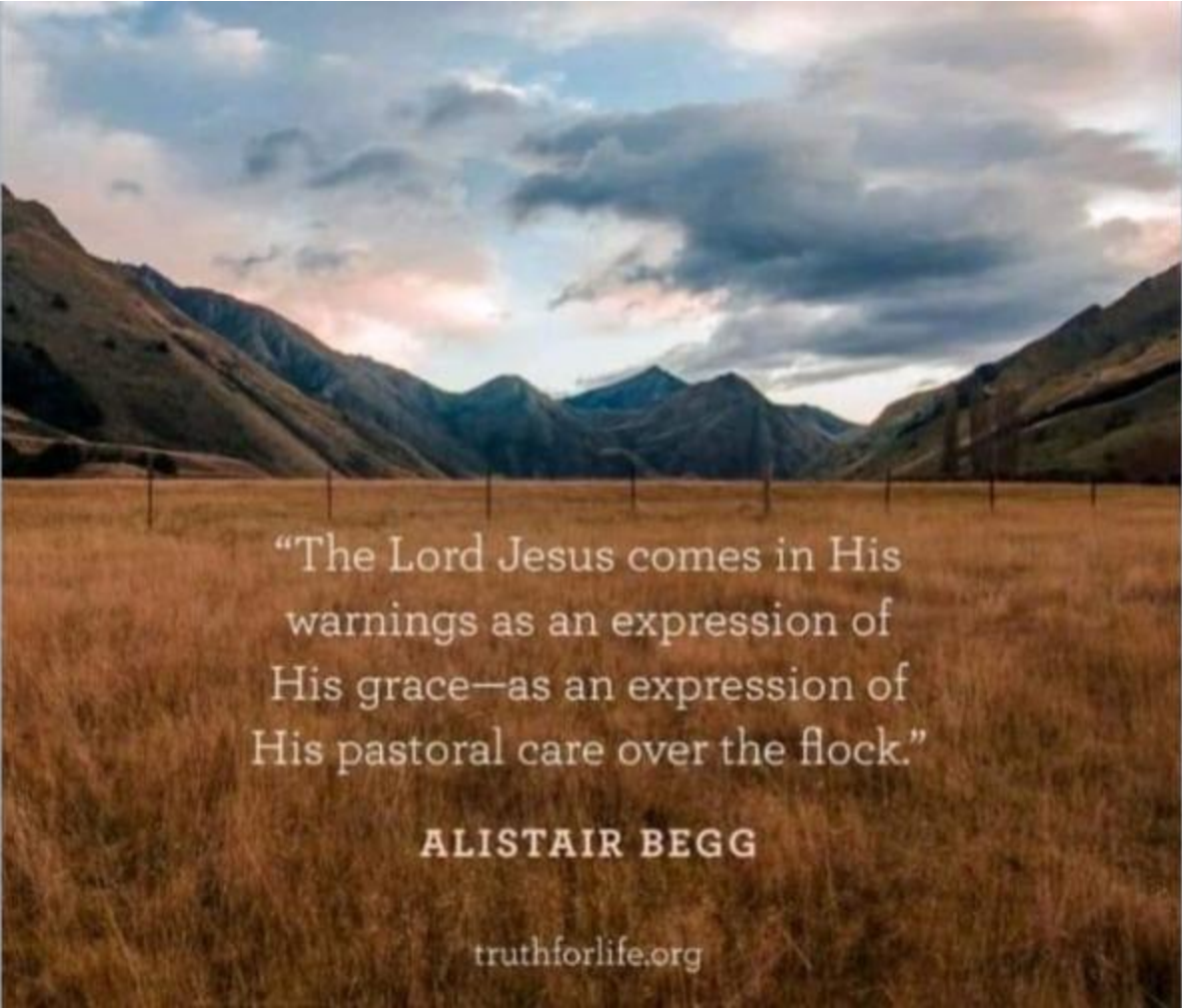


When Jesus wanted to explain to his
disciples what his death was all
about, he didn't give them a theory,
he gave them a meal.

— *N. T. Wright* —

AZ QUOTES

THE ETERNAL GIFT



“The Lord Jesus comes in His
warnings as an expression of
His grace—as an expression of
His pastoral care over the flock.”

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WHENEVER
you eat this bread and
drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes.

I Corinthians 11:26

