Since its establishment by our Lord there have been many Lord’s Supper Table “meditations” given from I Corinthians 11. I Corinthians 11:23 - 26 is probably the most frequently used passage of Scripture cited when the church comes together to observe this holy supper. In fact, some have observed that it has been overworked. That may be so, but allow me to work it one more time.

In verse 26 the Apostle Paul makes an unusual statement about what takes place at this sacred Table. He says, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.” Frequently we are reminded in the “meditations” that emanate from this passage that “as often as” means each “first day of the week.” So, it is on “the first day of the week” that we “eat” the “bread” and that we “drink” the “cup.” But this is not the only thing that the church does at this time. There is something else the church does each “first day of the week.” She also proclaims “the Lord’s death.”

The word translated “proclaim” in verse 26 is the same word that is translated “preach” elsewhere in the Word – katangello. Thus, each Lord’s Day the church “katangello’s” - makes a proclamation of – “the Lord’s death till He comes.” We might ask ourselves as we prepare at this time to “proclaim” His death, why doesn’t the church “proclaim” His incarnation. After all, believing in His incarnation is essential for salvation, isn’t it? Or, why doesn’t the church “proclaim” His resurrection. After all, doesn’t Romans 1:4 say that it was this supernatural event that declares Him “to be the Son of God?” Or, why doesn’t the church “proclaim” His ascension into heaven where He is seated “at the right hand of the Majesty on high,” the place from where He rules and reigns over His spiritual kingdom, the church, that meets here in this place at this time? The answer to each of these questions is the same. None of these facts or events purchased our salvation and none of these facts or events purchased the church.

It is neither in His incarnation nor in His resurrection nor in His ascension that sin is forgiven. It is in His blood that this is made possible and it was in His death that it was given. The forgiveness of sins that is offered to the world is made possible only through what took place at the cross – the death, the sacrifice, the offering of the Lamb of God.

The most important and far reaching blood transfusion that has ever been administered occurred at the cross. He gave His blood; we received the benefits. He forfeited His life; we received life. It is at the weekly Lord’s Supper Table that this message is proclaimed by the local church.