Question 174



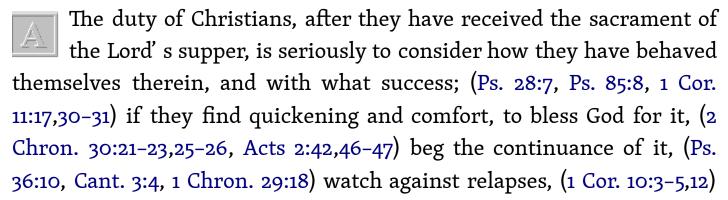
What is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper in the time of the administration of it?

It is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper, that, during the time of the administration of it, with all holy reverence and attention they wait upon God in that ordinance, (Lev. 10:3, Heb. 12:28, Ps. 5:7, 1 Cor. 11:17,26-27) diligently observe the sacramental elements and actions, (Exod. 24:8, Matt. 26:28) heedfully discern the Lord's body, (1 Cor. 11:29) and affectionately meditate on his death and sufferings, (Luke 22:19) and thereby stir up themselves to a vigorous exercise of their graces; (1 Cor. 11:26, 1 Cor. 10:3-5,11,14) in judging themselves, (1 Cor. 11:31) and sorrowing for sin; (Zech. 12:10) in earnest hungering and thirsting after Christ, (Rev. 22:17) feeding on him by faith, (John 6:35) receiving of his fullness, (John 1:16) trusting in his merits, (Phil. 3:9) rejoicing in his love, (Ps. 53:4-5, 2 Chron. 30:21) giving thanks for his grace; (Ps. 22:26) in renewing of their covenant with God, (Jer. 50:5, Ps. 50:5) and love to all the saints. (Acts 2:42)

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What is the duty of Christians, after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's supper?



fulfill their vows, (Ps. 50:14) and encourage themselves to a frequent attendance on that ordinance: (1 Cor. 11:25–26, Acts 2:42,46) but if they find no present benefit, more exactly to review their preparation to, and carriage at, the sacrament; (Cant. 5:1–6, Eccles. 5:1–6) in both which, if they can approve themselves to God and their own consciences, they are to wait for the fruit of it in due time: (Ps. 123:1–2, Ps. 42:5,8, Ps. 43:3–5) but, if they see they have failed in either, they are to be humbled, (2 Chron. 30:18–19) and to attend upon it afterwards with more care and diligence. (2 Cor. 7:11, 1 Chron. 15:12–14)