

# Only Jesus Come to the Table

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*"Grace is the overflowing favor of God; you can always count on it being available to draw upon it as needed."*

*-Oswald Chambers*

23 "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NIV**

## Come as You are to the Table of Grace

### Table of Grace

*"Hear the good news, you've been invited  
No matter what others may say  
Your darkest sins will be forgiven  
You will always have a place*

*At the table of grace, the cup's never empty  
The plate's always full, and it's never too late  
To come and be filled with love never ending  
You're always welcome at the table of grace*

*So come you weak, and heavy hearted  
Don't try to hide your earthly scars  
For in His eyes, we all are equal, yes, we are  
Don't be afraid, come as you are*

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## **Come and Be Changed**

*"Grace is not simply leniency when we have sinned. Grace is the enabling gift of God not to sin. Grace is power, not just pardon."*

-John Piper

1. Transformed, New Heart
2. Transformed, New Attitude
3. Transformed, New Passion

*"Grace is God as heart surgeon, cracking open your chest, removing your heart—poisoned as it is with pride and pain—and replacing it with his own. Rather than tell you to change, He creates the change. Do you clean up so He can accept you? No, He accepts you and begins cleaning you up. His dream isn't just to get you into heaven but to get heaven into you."*

-Max Lucado

## **The Lord's Supper**

1. An Act of Obedience
2. An Act of Identification
3. An Act of Covenant
4. An Act of Thanksgiving
5. An Act of Examination
6. An Act of Proclamation
7. An Act of Expectation

## **Do Not Come Alone**

*"Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then enables us to yield to its transforming power. Grace matters because Jesus matters, and it works because he does."*

-Max Lucado

15 "Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, "What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!" 16 Jesus replied with this story: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. 17 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' 18 But

they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' 19 Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' 20 Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' 21 "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' 22 After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' 23 So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.

**Luke 14:15-23 NLT**

*"Confession is the act of inviting God to walk the acreage of our hearts. "There is a rock of greed over here, Father. I can't budge it. And that tree of guilt near the fence? Its roots are long and deep. And may I show you some dry soil, too crusty for seed?" God's seed grows better if the soil of the heart is cleared."*

- Max Lucado