

## What does it mean to stop the Lord's Table?

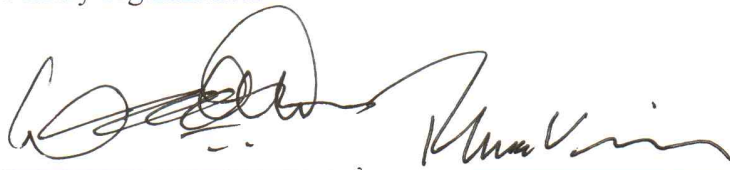
Before the Lord departed from the earth, He personally established the Lord's Supper and said: "do this in remembrance of Me." (Luke 22:19). From the beginning of the church life in the New Testament, all the believers "continued in the teaching and the fellowship of the Apostles, in the breaking of the bread and the prayer." (Acts 2:42) The Bible clearly stated that we should remember the Lord by eating the bread and drinking the wine until the Kingdom comes. Every believer should partake of this divine Table continually for this is the Lord's commandment, the believers' divine right, and the practice of a genuine local church.

We know that the bread on the Lord's Table is not only a symbol of the Lord's physical body, it also signifies Christ's mystical Body. It very much relates to the fellowship of the Body of Christ and the testimony of the oneness of the Body (1Cor 10:16-17). There is only one bread on the table, which signifies there is only one Body and one testimony of Christ in the universe. Recently you announced to stop the Lord's table based upon a saying that due to some brothers suing other brothers and bringing them to the court, we cannot come together to have the Lord's table. Is this the truth in the Bible? Who gave the authority to do this?

According to the principle revealed in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, if someone has problems with the Lord or with the saints, by proving himself for the sake of the conscience, he does not take the bread and wine in order not to offend the Lord and His testimony, that is his personal matter. But can you stop the "Lord's" table based upon your being offended by brothers disagreeing with you? If you have problems with saints, for you not to take the bread and wine is your own business. But, how can you stop the Lord's Table for all the saints? Who give you the right to do this? Who has the authority to put aside the Lord's Table established by the Lord? Your decision overthrew the Lord's command and is defiant of the Scriptures and has denied the saints' divine right to enjoy the Lord. This is exactly what we have seen in Toronto recently.

The decision made by you, the directors of "the church of the Torontonians", is a willful disobedience to the Lord's command and intentional nullification of the testimony of the oneness of the Body of Christ. The Lord's Table signifies the oneness of the testimony of the whole Body. For you to stop the Lord's Table means you have forsaken the divine oneness, the oneness of the testimony of the Body Christ represented and signified by the Lord's Table. How can you while proclaiming "There is one Body in this universe, and we express it here on earth" make the official announcement to stop the Lord's Table? What a shameful contradiction! You claim you are for the Body, but deny it outrightly; you uplift the Lord with your lips, but nullify His command with your actions.

Are you the directors greater than the Lord? Are the by-laws of the corporation greater than the truth in the Bible? Is this still the genuine local church? For you to override the command of the Lord, to strip the right of the saints to enjoy Him, and to forsake the testimony of the oneness of the one Body of Christ, is a declaration that you are not the Lord's church but a worldly organization.



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