**The Lord's Supper Exam**

(1st Corinthians 11:23-30 KJV)

*23For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 27Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
28But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*

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n life there are all kinds of exam that we must pass. We must pass exam after exam to graduate from high school. If you want to get a license to teach school, or cut hair, or be an electrician, or fly an airplane or sell life insurance and annuities and other financial securities instruments you first have to take a exam. In fact employers ask for a drug screen exam before hiring you. Brethren! There are numerous exams that can be performed—there are blood exams, IQ exams, vision exams, hearing exams, sleep apnea exams, allergy exams, and all kinds of other exams. And we as a people are very concerned about passing these earthly exams because we know that a failure to pass them could be indicative of some serious danger and future failures.

I know by personal experience about having to pass exams before you can proceed with your dreams and goals. I had to pass a minister's ordination exam before I could be ordained into the ministry. I had to pass a Thesis exam before a board of instructors before I could receive my Theological Master’s degree. And I had to pass my Dissertation exam before I was awarded my Theological Ph.D. degree. But I had to study, and research tirelessly before taking the exam—and I passed because I knew the material!

The Bible makes it clear that our allegiance to Christ will be tested from time to time. In fact often our biblical patriarchs were faced to take exams and were all successful in their endeavors. Here are a few that faced the challenges' of life—but they passed the exam!

* Let’s take a look at **Abraham**:

Abraham was willing to sacrifice his only son, the son of promise.  Could anyone have had more questions than Abraham?  After preparing the sacrifice and being stayed by an angel’s hand, God said, “*Now I know that thou fearest God because thou hast not withheld thine only son from me*.” (Genesis 22:16 KJV)

**He passed the exam!**

* Let's take a look at **Moses**:

Moses would he settle for a chance to be a ruler of a great nation, and have riches and fame, or would he suffer with the people of God?  He left it all and became a shepherd for 40 years.

**He passed the exam!**

* Let's take a look at **Daniel**:

Daniel would he stop or continue to pray as he always did?  Or would he obey the kings commands?  No, then off to the den of lions.  He refused to be cut off from God.

**He passed the exam!**

* Let's take a look at the **Three Hebrew Boys**.

Would they bow to the statue of Nebuchadnezzar or, face a fiery furnace?  You've figured that out too!  They refused to obey the king’s decree.

**They passed the exam!**

* Let's take a look at Jesus.

He is led into the wilderness to be tested.  He faced his fear of death, his desire for fame, his appetite for food.  He had a great mission—and that's to die for the salvation and healing of all mankind.

**He passed the exam!**

But there's also another exam that you and I must study and pass—and it's called the Lord's Supper Self Assessment Exam. And I'm wondering if you could indeed pass this exam? It shouldn't be difficult to pass because—**God** is our **Dean**, **Jesus** is our **Professor**, **We** are His **Students**, and the **Holy Spirit** is our **Proctor**. So, there should be no students left behind. "**Can You Pass The Lord's Supper Exam**?"