

November 28

Luke 22: 30: That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom,...

The season of large tables full of food, family and friends reveals much about us. At one table there are those who are happy because they got what they wanted, their loved ones are home. Then there are those who are sad because they miss a loved one. One is angry at someone at the table because some trivial misstep did not suit them that day or they remember something from years gone by. Another is secretly jealous of someone at the table because of some temporal object they possess. The cook is usually cumbered about much serving worried how the food will turn out. Everyone in the room is talking at one time but no one is really listening to anyone but their own voice. Still, as dysfunctional as family gatherings can be most of us look forward to them and love to gather with family.

Yet, one day every believer shall be gathered together with the whole family of God by Christ Jesus our Head. This gathering will be of those our God and Savior has loved from everlasting. Each one will be perfect and perfectly accepted of God by the eternal redemption accomplished by Christ Jesus with his own blood. We will be so accepted that we will sit at Christ's table in Christ's kingdom and he will serve us. (Lu 12: 37) There will be no sorrow, jealousy, covetousness, worry or sin of any kind. None will be absent; none will be greater or lesser than another; all shall be one in righteousness in the Lord our Righteousness. In that day none of the things that beset us now will be of concern. All eyes and ears will be focused on our everlasting Father. That will be a true holiday!