

Communion

My Body...My Blood

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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.” 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.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.” 1 Cor. 11:23-27

What is Communion?

***Communion is a holy time of worship when we corporately come together as one body to remember and celebrate what Christ did for us.**

***Why do we observe communion? The Lord told us to, as He instructed us “to do this remembrance of me.” What specifically are we remembering? We are remembering His:**

LIFE

DEATH

RESURRECTION

***What are we proclaiming? We are proclaiming the Lord’s death until he comes.**

The Significance

The past significance is a remembrance of Christ's death for the believer's redemption from sin and condemnation. Through the Lord's Supper we are once again confronted with the saving death of Christ and its redemptive significance for our lives. (1 Th 5:22; Mt 26:27; Mk 14:23; Lk 22:19)

The present significance of the Lord's Supper is a fellowship with Christ and a participation in the benefits of his sacrificial death, as well as a fellowship with the other members of the body of Christ. (Mt 18:20; Lk 24:35; Mt 26:28; Lk 22:20)

The future significance of the Lord's Supper is a foretaste of the future kingdom of God and the future Messianic banquet when all believers will be with the Lord. (Mt 8:11; Mt 22:1-14; Mk 14:25; Lk 13:29; Lk 22:17-18, 30)

Unworthy Manner

“Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.” 1 Cor 11:27-31 To examine yourself or self-test yourself, means that you are born again, and in right relationship, and have repented of your sins prior to the partaking of communion.

Scriptures Associated with Communion

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20;
1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 1 Corinthians 11:24-26;
John 6:53-54

