

# The Power of Communion

## 1. We are looking unto Jesus

Hebrews 12:2 NKJV

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

I'm going to pull out parts of Paul's instructions on the Lord's Supper before we take communion.

## 2. We proclaim the Lords death

1 Corinthians 11:26 AMP

**26** For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are [symbolically] proclaiming [the fact of] the Lord's death until He comes [again].

## We are declaring he died

We are Declaring, we are agreeing together, we acknowledge that he died for you and me. Its saying you came to this earth for one main purpose to redeem us from sin and death, and sickness, and lack.

1 Peter 3:18 ESV

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

## If you believe Jesus died for your sins you qualify to take communion

### The Power of the cup

1 Corinthians 11:25 AMP

**25** In the same way, after supper *He took* the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant [ratified and established] in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in [affectionate] remembrance of Me."

## 1. The Blood brought salvation from works unto faith

Hebrews 9:14 NASB

how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

## **2. We've been brought near by the blood (fellowship) (restoration)**

Ephesians 2:13 NASB

But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

## **3. Protection from the enemy (Satan)**

Exodus 12:13 NASB

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

## **If you believe the blood of Jesus washed your sins away you qualify to take communion**

1 Corinthians 11:25 AMP

**24** and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is (represents) My body, which is [offered as a sacrifice] for you. Do this in [affectionate] remembrance of Me."

Isaiah 53:4-5 NASB NASB

However, *it was* our sicknesses *that* He Himself bore, And our pains *that* He carried; Yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, Struck down by God, and humiliated. 5 But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; The punishment for our well-being *was laid* upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed.

## **If you believe that Jesus was God in the flesh and he willingly gave himself for your sins (missing the mark), iniquities(knowingly doing things that are wrong or sinful) you can take communion this morning**

**The most powerful thing about Communion is our unity together in taking communion this morning.**

**If you think about the Last supper with Jesus and his disciples. They were sharing meal together.**

**The church in Corinth were actually sharing a meal together. They were attempting to have communion/ the Lords Supper.**

**But there was a problem with the Corinthians church when they met together. It was so serious that in.**

**1 Corinthians 11:27-28 NKJV**

**27** Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

**This is why Paul said what he said examine your self.**

1 Corinthians 11:17-22 AMP

**17** But in giving this next instruction, I do not praise you, because when you meet together it is not for the better but for the worse. **18** For, in the first place, when you meet together in church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and in part I believe it, **19** for [doubtless] there have to be factions among you, so that those who are of approved character may be clearly recognized among you. **20** So when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, **21** for when you eat, each one hurries to get his own supper first [not waiting for others or the poor]. So one goes hungry while another gets drunk. **22** What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those [impoverished believers] who have nothing? What will I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? In this I will not praise you!

The examining yourself Paul was talking about was relating to “are you part of the problem here”?

**It's interesting because after the first supper with the disciples they began to argue about who was the greatest. ( Book of Luke)**

**The power of communion(also meaning community) is our bond together as a body. As this bond of unity and love goes so this church goes.**

Psalms 133:1-3 NASB

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to live together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, Running down upon the beard, As on Aaron's beard,*The oil* which ran down upon the edge of his robes.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For the Lord commanded the blessing there—life forever.

## What did the first supper/ communion look like?

Book of John account of communion.

John Chapter 13-17

Supper

He washes his disciples feet

He speaks of Judas' Betrayal

He comforts his disciples

He speaks of oneness with the Father

He speaks of the coming of the Holy Spirit

He Speaks of being the vine you and I being the branches

He speaks of a new commandment "Love one another"

He speaks of the world hating you and i if it hated him

He speaks of his death and resurrection

He speaks of answering their prayers in his name

John 17:22-24 NASB

**22** The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one; **23** I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and You loved them, just as You loved Me. **24** Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

## Take Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 AMP

**23** For I received from the Lord Himself that [instruction] which I passed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which He was betrayed took bread; **24** and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is (represents) My body, which is [offered as a sacrifice] for you. Do this in [affectionate] remembrance of Me." **25** In the same way, after supper *He took* the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant [ratified and established] in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in [affectionate] remembrance of Me." **26** For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are [symbolically] proclaiming [the fact of] the Lord's death until He comes [again].