

Communion

Participation, Sharing & Teaching

A time, in which we as a believer, remember the sacrifice given by Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.

Christians observe communion throughout life by **participating** in the eating of the bread and drinking of the cup (*fruit of the vine, we use unfermented grape juice*).

Paul instructs the Corinthian Church...

“For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come.”

1 Corinthians 11:26

“...do this in remembrance of me.” Luke 22:19

Prior to the crucifixion, Jesus **shared** his last Passover Meal with his disciples. This meal was observed from the time of Moses in remembrance of the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

In applying the blood of a male lamb, perfect without blemish unto the two side door post and the upper door post the plague of death would not enter into their house but would passover establishing the Passover Meal. They were commanded to observe this ordinance and **teach their children** concerning the deliverance from the Lord (Exodus 12)



Jesus’ Last Supper

Jesus during the Passover Meal... “took bread...blessed it and brake it, and gave to his disciples and said, **Take eat; this is my body.** He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **drink ye all of it... this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.** Matthew 26: 26-28
(establishing the Lords Supper or Communion)

1 Cor 10:16 “the cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we brake is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”

The Elements of Communion



The Bread Being the Body

“I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” John 6:51

The breaking of the bread represents Christ body that was broken on the cross. “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were (you are) healed.”

1 Peter 2:24

Fruit of the Vine

The cup represents the blood of Christ that was shed for you and me for the remission of sins.
“...This cup is the new testament in my blood which is shed for you.” Luke 22:19

“ Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”

Hebrews 9:12

Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice by shedding his own blood on the cross for our eternal salvation.

“ And they overcame him (satan) by the blood of the lamb, and by the word of their testimony... ”

Revelations 12:11

Examination of One’s self

“ 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.”

1 Corinthians 11:28-29 (NIV)

In recognizing the body of Christ we are remembering his sacrifice in dying for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

As Jesus taught in the Lord’s Prayer

“...forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.” Luke 9:11 (NIV)

“ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:11