

Communion: Spiritual Fellowship with Jesus and His Body, Taking Bread and Wine Together

1. The Lord's Supper from Jesus. (Matt. 26.26ff, Mark 14, Luke 24.30, John 13)

- Jesus' death is the New Testament ____*Exodus*____.
- He is the Passover ____*LAMB*_____.
- His people, Jew and Gentile, are connected back to Israel's ____*history*_____ and ____*forward*_____ to Christ's ____*consummated*_____ kingdom. (Mark 14.25)

2. The Early Church.

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.”
(Acts 2:42–45 ESV)

How did the Early Church keep Jesus central?

1. The ____*Word*_____ from the Apostles
2. In ____*Christian*_____ fellowship
3. Celebrating ____*Communion*_____ together.
4. ____*Prayers*_____
5. Sharing of ____*needs*_____

3. The Apostle Paul's teaching.

1Cor. 10:16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

1Cor. 10:17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1Cor. 10:18 Consider the people of Israel:* are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?

1Cor. 10:19 What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

1Cor. 10:20 No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.

1Cor. 10:21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

Feasting at idol temples was _____ *fellowshipping* _____ with
_____ *demons* _____.

The Lord's Supper is feasting with _____ *Christ* _____ and _____ *his* _____ *Body* _____.

We fellowship with Christ who is our _____ *Redeemer* _____, our sin's
_____ *sacrifice* _____, and the source of our _____ *Life* _____. (Eph. 1.3, Col. 3.1-4)

We partake of Christ _____ *individually* _____ and _____
corporately _____.

We must recognize the _____ *horizontal* _____ dimension of _____
Communion _____. (1 Cor. 11.18-33)

1Cor. 11:20 When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat.

1Cor. 11:21 For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.

1Cor. 11:22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

1Cor. 11:23 ¶ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,

1Cor. 11:24 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."*

1Cor. 11:25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

1Cor. 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1Cor. 11:27 ¶ aWhoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

1Cor. 11:28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

1Cor. 11:29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1Cor. 11:30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.*

1Cor. 11:31 But if we judged* ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

1Cor. 11:32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined* so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

1Cor. 11:33 ¶ So then, my brothers,* when you come together to eat, wait for* one another—

1Cor. 11:34 if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

4. Looking ahead to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Rev. 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;

Rev. 19:8 it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure"—

¶ for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Rev. 19:9 ¶ And the angel said* to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."