

COMMUNION: FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



1 Corinthians 11:23-31 (also see Luke 22:14-20)

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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.”** 25 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.”** 26 For **whenever** you eat this bread and drink this cup, you **proclaim the Lord’s death** until **he comes**.

1. “received from the Lord”

- a. Paul’s _____ and _____ are both Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:11–12 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, ***I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.***

2. “he broke it and said, ‘this is my body, which is for you’”

- a. “Broken” because Jesus body was to be broken (_____ apart and _____)
b. “For you” because his purpose was to _____ them and us from the penalty of sin, which is spiritual death (hell).

3. “do this in remembrance of me”

- a. Use this ceremony as a _____ to remember the events which take place both before, during, and after Jesus crucifixion.

4. “This cup is the new covenant in my blood”

- a. “New” because the Old Promise was *fulfilled*, and a new promise is being *issued*.
b. “Blood” because the shedding of blood was the _____ by which both the old and new promise grant eternal life and forgiveness of sin.

5. “Whenever” _____ and regularly

6. “Proclaim the Lord’s Death” Announce and _____

7. “Until He comes” We do this until Jesus _____

27 So then, 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. 28 Everyone ought to **examine themselves** before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. 30 That is why **many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep**. 31 But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.

1. **“unworthy manner”**

- a. Flippantly, irreverently, casually (I Corinthians 11:21) and arrogantly (22)
- b. In opposition to the things which Jesus died for and taught (unity, holiness)

2. **“examine yourselves”**

- a. Use communion as a time to do a _____ (Am I honoring God?)
- b. If not, then let it _____ quietly – and repent of your sin.

3. **“many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep”**

- a. Some are sick, and others have even died because of this sin
- b. Communion should be *taken* _____ and used to _____ God and God alone.

Video: My Last Day

- 1. Jesus paid a _____ High price for my sin.
Physically Emotionally Socially Spiritually
- 2. We cannot _____ communion to become common, mundane, or routine.
- 3. We must remember the _____, the _____, and the _____ accomplished on the cross by Jesus dying the way he did.

Big Idea for today: We celebrate communion to remind ourselves of what **Jesus did**, what was **accomplished**, what Jesus is **presently doing**, and what is **still to come**.

When we participate in communion at church, we:

- 1. _____ our faith in the gospel message (Jesus death paid for sin).
- 2. We remember how much he _____ because of our sin.
- 3. We remember that Jesus is _____ to this Earth again, in the future.
- 4. We proclaim that Jesus death is the _____ significant event in human history.
- 5. We participate in an ordained act of _____.