

Foundation Building Blocks

FBB1-5-4-01 Christian Communion – Introduction

Christian Communion:

Christian Communion, or The Lord's Supper, is the continuing memorial of the sacrifice that Christ lovingly made of His body and blood; specifically, in the bread and the cup.

The flesh of His body is figuratively the living bread from heaven that is broken for all mankind. Likewise, His shed blood, which became the New Testament for the remission of sins, is memorialized by the cup containing the fruit of the vine.

Luke 14:15-24 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, **Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.** 16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a **great supper**, and bade many: 17 And sent his servant **at supper time** to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. 18 And they all with one **consent** began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. 22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. 23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel **them** to come in, **that my house may be filled.** 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of **my supper.**

With love, the Lord wants all of mankind to eat (partake) of the bread of life in the Kingdom of God.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

In the last supper of Christ with His disciples, He gave the commission of the Breaking of Bread in remembrance of Him.

Luke 22:7-20 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when **the passover must be killed.** 8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. 9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? 10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. 11 And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? 12 And he shall shew



you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. 13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. 14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, **With desire** I have desired to eat **this passover** with you before I suffer: 16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, **until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.** 17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves: 18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, **until the kingdom of God shall come.** 19 And **he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it,** and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: **this do in remembrance of me.** 20 **Likewise** also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood,** which is shed for you.

1 Corinthians 10:14-17 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. 16 The **cup of blessing** which we bless, is it not the **communion of the blood of Christ?** The **bread which we break,** is it not the **communion of the body of Christ?** 17 For we *being* many are **one bread, and one body:** for we are all **partakers of that one bread.**

Acts 2:42-47 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, **and in breaking of bread,** and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing **daily** with one accord in the temple, **and breaking bread from house to house,** did **eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,** 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

1 Corinthians 11:20-34 When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat **the Lord's supper.** 21 For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. 22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not. 23 For **I have received of the Lord** that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is **broken** for you: **this do in remembrance of me.** 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in **my blood:** this do ye, **as oft** as ye drink it, **in remembrance of me.** 26 **For as often** as ye **eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.** 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, **unworthily,** shall be **guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.** 28 But let a man **examine himself,** and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh **unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.** 30 For **this cause** many are **weak and sickly** among you, and **many sleep.** 31 For if we would **judge ourselves,** we should not be judged. 32 But when **we are judged,** we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. 33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, **tarry one for another.** 34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home;



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that ye come not together **unto condemnation**. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

When referring to a Communion experience, one should understand that we are referring to a remembrance of several things:

- A. *Christ's fulfillment of the Passover,*
- B. *The New Testament in the blood of Christ (cup),*
- C. *The death of his flesh on the cross (bread),*
- D. *The coming of the Kingdom of God after his ascension,*
- E. *Being baptized into the Body of Christ,*
- F. *Showing the Lord's Death until He comes,*
- G. *Eating and drinking unworthily.*



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Question 1

As described in Luke 14:15-24, what is true of those who were invited to the great supper?

Some did not dine because they had bought property.

Some did not dine because they got married.

Some did not dine because they did not want to eat bread from heaven.

Some did not dine because they bought livestock.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 2

As described in Luke 22:7-20, what is included in the Passover?

The bitter melon.

Myrrh and frankincense.

The bread which is broken.

The cup which is drank.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 3

As described in 1 Corinthians 10:14-17, we are one bread and one body in Jesus.

True

False

True/False

Question 4

As described in Acts 2:42-47, Jesus disciples continued daily to break bread from house to house.

True

False

True/False

Question 5

As described in 1 Corinthians 11:20-34, when we take communion it is important to...

Remember the betrayal of Jesus.

Love the things of this world.

Examine ourselves.

Remember the Lord's judgment.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)