

Foundation Building Blocks

FBB1-5-4-05 Christian Communion – The Coming of the Kingdom of God After His Ascension

An important part of the Communion story is the timing of the Kingdom of God. After Christ resurrected from the dead and ascended into heaven, He prepared a place (John 14:2-3) known as the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:11-27). This Body of Christ is also referred to as 'the church' (Colossians 1:15-20). When a member of the church partakes of Communion, they are partaking and sharing Christ, through the remembrance of that one bread.

Luke 14:15 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.**

Luke 22:18 For I say unto you, I will not **drink of the fruit** of the vine, **until** the kingdom of God shall come.

Luke 24:30-35 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he **took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.** 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? 33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found **the eleven** gathered together, and them that were with them, 34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. 35 And they told what things were *done* in the way, and how **he was known of them in breaking of bread.**

Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, **till they have seen** the kingdom of God **come with power.**

There were people that heard Jesus speak this (Mark 9:1) that were still alive in the flesh after Christ's ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. These were witnesses to the coming of the Kingdom of God. These were partakers of Communion (Acts 2:41-42, 46) within the Kingdom of God within the Body of Christ.

Luke 17:20-21 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, **when the kingdom of God should come**, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, **behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

This Kingdom of God is spiritual and not visible to the natural eyes. Yet, with the spirit of God to guide a person, they could easily see and partake of this kingdom.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to



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the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;** and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Ezekiel 36:25-28 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, **will I cleanse you.** 26 A **new heart** also will I give you, and **a new spirit** will I **put within you:** and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And **I will put my spirit within you,** and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*. 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and **ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

This spirit is poured out abundantly through Christ after the ascension. But first, Christ had to fulfill all things and become the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of all mankind.

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.**

1 Corinthians 12:11-27 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as **the body is one,** and hath many members, **and all the members of that one body,** being many, are **one body: so also is Christ.** 13 For by one Spirit are we all **baptized into one body,** whether *we be* **Jews or Gentiles,** whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to **drink into one Spirit.** 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling? 18 But now hath **God set the members** every one of them **in the body,** as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where *were* the body? 20 But now *are* **they many members, yet but one body.** 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked: 25 That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the



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members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
27 Now **ye are the body of Christ**, and members in particular.

Colossians 1:15-20 Who is the **image of the invisible God**, the **firstborn** of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were **created by him, and for him**: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is **the head of the body, the church**: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him **should all fulness dwell**; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things **unto himself**; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things **in earth**, or things **in heaven**.

Jesus prepared the place called the Body of Christ within the Kingdom of God after His ascension. This is the spiritual place that Christ abides in us today, as we abide in Him. We are all partakers of and in this place while we are in Christ, and our fellowship with Christ is memorialized when we partake of Communion.

John 14:2-3 In my **Father's house** are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare **a place** for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself**; that **where I am, there ye may be also**.

John 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but **these are in the world**, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that **they may be one, as we are**.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is **the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God **in your body, and in your spirit**, which are God's.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what **fellowship** hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what **communion** hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them**; and **I will be their God, and they shall be my people**. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and **I will receive you**, 18 And will be **a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters**, saith the Lord Almighty.

1 John 1:1-7 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands **have handled, of the Word of life**; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was **with the Father**, and was manifested unto us;) 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that **ye also may**



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have fellowship with us: and truly **our fellowship is with the Father**, and **with his Son Jesus Christ**. 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But **if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship one with another**, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

To acknowledge the coming Kingdom of God through Communion is a powerful relationship between a person and the sacrifice of Christ. It is a communion of the recognition of an individual being made free from sin and death while being accounted worthy of eternal life.

Matthew 26:27-28 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for **the remission of sins**.



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Question 1

As described in Luke 14:15, we will be blessed for eating bread in the Kingdom of God.

True

False

True/False

Question 2

As described in Luke 24:30-35, what did Jesus do after his ascension?

Jesus went to Rome.

Jesus rebuked Peter.

Jesus gave his followers bread.

Jesus taught the scriptures.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 3

As described in Luke 17:20-21, what did Jesus teach the Pharisees about the kingdom of God?

It is a great mystery.

The Pharisees will enter in.

It cometh not with observation.

The kingdom of God is within us.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 4

As described in Ezekiel 36:25-28, what did the Lord prophecy unto Ezekiel.

We will have a new spirit within us.

We will keep God's judgments.

We will have a new heart of flesh.

We will worship many idols.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 5

As described in 1 Corinthians 10:14-17, all members of the body of Christ are one body.

True

False

True/False



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Question 6

As described in 1 Corinthians 12:11-27, when we have communion with Jesus, we will also...

Seek to have divisions in the body.

Suffer when another member of the body suffers.

Rejoice when another member of the body is honored.

Have the same care for every member of the body.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 7

As described in Colossians 1:15-20, through the blood of the cross we will not be reconciled unto Jesus.

True

False

True/False

Question 8

As described in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, when we have communion with Jesus, we must glorify Jesus in our body and in our spirit.

True

False

True/False

Question 9

As described in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, when we have communion with Jesus, we will also...

Fellowship with believers.

Live in unrighteousness.

Be in agreement with Belial.

Walk in the light.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 10

As described in 1 John 1:1-7, if we fellowship with Jesus our joy will be full.

True

False

True/False