

Foundation Building Blocks

FBB1-5-4-07 Christian Communion – Eating and Drinking Unworthily

When a person partakes of the table of the Lord within communion, they are partaking in the remembrance of the sacrifice of Christ. If a person partakes of Communion and is also living an ungodly life, they are in effect partaking of the Lord's table and of the table of devils.

1 Corinthians 10:14-22 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. 18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which **eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar**? 19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. 21 **Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils:** ye cannot be **partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils**. 22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

Luke 22:21 But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me **is with me on the table**.

Luke 16:13 **No servant can serve two masters:** for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

1 John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, **the love of the Father is not in him**. 16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but **he that doeth** the will of God abideth for ever.

People need to understand that they are temples of the Holy Ghost through water baptism. They are bought with the price of the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary (Luke 23:33) and life as a Christian should be in obedience to Him.

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* the members of an harlot? God forbid. 16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord **is one spirit**. 18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 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.



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Ephesians 1:13-14 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of **your salvation**: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the **purchased possession**, unto the praise of his glory.

Romans 6:16-17 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of **obedience unto righteousness**? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have **obeyed from the heart** that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

There should be an examination of one's heart before partaking of Communion.

2 Corinthians 13:5-6 Examine yourselves, **whether ye be in the faith**; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is in you**, except ye be reprobates? 6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

If a person finds that their heart is not convicted of sin, then there is joy. If a person finds that their heart does possess the condemnation of sin, there is a communion of the spirit within them that will guide their heart unto that which is pleasing in the Lord's sight.

1 John 3:18-24 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and **shall assure our hearts before him**. 20 For if **our heart condemn** us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if **our heart condemn us not**, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 24 And **he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him**. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, **by the Spirit** which he hath given us.

1 Corinthians 11:27-34 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; **that ye come not together unto condemnation**. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Communion is much more than sharing of a wafer and some juice; it is a deeply spiritual interaction of the heart in the light of the sacrifice of Christ. Communion is also an opportunity to self-examine one's heart regarding spiritual worthiness (through conviction) to commune with the level of Christ' sacrifice. As often as a Christian



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partakes of this Communion (remembrance) experience, they are partaking of and identifying in the sacrifice of Christ within their hearts and lives.



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Question 1

As described in 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, when we have communion with Jesus, we must not...

Provoke the Lord to jealousy.

Worship idols.

Be a living sacrifice for Jesus.

Have fellowship with devils.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 2

As described in Luke 16:13, we can be a servant to God and man.

True

False

True/False

Question 3

As described in 1 John 2:15-17, when we have communion with Jesus, we must not...

Keep the will of God.

Have the pride of life.

Have the lust of the eyes.

Have the lust of the flesh.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 4

As described in 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, when we partake of the cup, we must flee fornication.

True

False

True/False

Question 5

As described in 1 Corinthians 11:27-34, if we eat of the bread and drink of the cup unworthily, we will also...

Not be chastened of the Lord.

Not be judged.

Discern the Lord's body.

Bring damnation to ourselves.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)



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Question 6

As described in 1 John 3:18-24, when we have communion with Jesus, we will also...

Keep his commandments.

Abide with the spirit of Korah.

Trust in the Lord with all our heart.

Love in deed and in truth.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 7

As described in 2 Corinthians 13:5-6, we must examine ourselves whether we are in the faith to have communion with Jesus.

True

False

True/False