



MESSIAS TEMPLE CHURCH

1 **HOLY COMMUNION**

January 2022

2 **1st Corinthians 11:23-26 KJV Institution of the Lord's Supper – In Remembrance of Me**

- 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:
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

3 **Scripture: Hebrews 9:24-26 KJV – *Jesus Our High Priest and Sacrifice***

- 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:
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- 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;
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- 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

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The Lord's Supper Reminds Us of How Jesus Covered Our Past:

- No matter who we are, we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We need God's grace and salvation to make it to Heaven.
 - *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)*
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- There were two components of the Lord's Supper:
 - (1) Bread — The symbol of the broken body of Christ
 - (2) Wine — The symbol of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus
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5 ***The Lord's Supper Consecrates***

- God's Will to Commune with us and the intimate remembrance of his sacrifice:
 - Jesus noted in that He desired to eat the Passover meal with His disciples before He suffered on the cross. He had planned to be with His disciples in an intimate setting, an upper room, because He wanted to commune with them. When we partake in the Lord's Supper, we are sharing in the blood of Christ with Him and with our church body. (Luke 22:12-17)
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- 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:

6 Communion Demonstrates a Celebration of God's Blessing in Our Life

- When we partake in the Lord's Supper we are celebrating the work of the cross.
 - If it was not for Jesus' sacrifice, we would not have the privilege of salvation and the honor of coming before His throne.
 - Just as Jesus blessed the bread when He broke it, He continues to pour out blessings in our life every day.

7 Communion Demonstrates a Recommitment of Our Faith in the Work of the Cross

- Every time we share in the Lord's Supper, we are demonstrating outwardly that we believe in it:
 - the death,
 - burial,
 - and resurrection of Jesus.
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- We acknowledge that He is active and alive in our life! I Corinthians 11:26 says, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (KJV).
- We do not just "see" the purpose of Christ and the Lord's Supper, but we show it. We can show others outwardly with our actions, behaviors, and involvement with the Lord's Supper.

8 Communion Demonstrates Our Gratitude for Jesus' Sacrifice for Our Sin

- In the scripture, Jesus gave thanks. We should use Jesus Christ as a model of behavior in our spiritual walk—if He did it, we should do it.
 - *Luke 22:17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:*
- Jesus included thanksgiving in the pattern for His Supper. Just as Jesus gave thanks, we should give thanks to Him before we participate in the Lord's Supper.
- We should praise and thank the Lord for His work on the cross, and for everything he does for us every day in our lives.

9 Communion Demonstrates Divine Healing through the Blood of Jesus

- Just as the blood of Jesus can cleanse people of all sin, it can cleanse people of all sicknesses, too.
- We find that healing is part of the two-fold atonement:

- With his stripes we are healed. With his blood stripes we are healed. Had there been no blood in those stripes, we would not have healing; but divine blood was there, and it has never lost its power.
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- Isaiah 53:5
- "But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."
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10 **Communion Demonstrates are need to continually Examine Ourselves**

- The scriptures let us know that no good thing dwells in our flesh and therefore we are always in need of Jesus. (Rom 7:18)
- We are to always examine and judge ourselves by his word. (James 1:21-26)
- When we discover areas of lack in our life this is when we depend on Jesus to make up the difference. His Grace is sufficient for every area of life and there is no weakness that God cannot give you strength to overcome.
- His strength is made perfect in our weakness. (2 Cor 12:10)
- Not only do we examine ourselves, but we are to examine how we have treated others.

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- This occasion, is to remind us "to remember"-
 - His suffering and his sacrifice were offered for the redemption of all mankind.
- This occasion is to remind us to remember – that
 - He was wounded for our transgressions,
 - He was bruised for our iniquities:
 - The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- This occasion is to remind us to remember –
 - "That God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
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