

September 1-2, 2018 / Week 9 / Pastor Joseph Sissac

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WEDNESDAY

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5TH

12 NOON AT THE CATHEDRAL

HE'S HERE WORSHIP

HE KNOWS

Self-examination as part of the communion experience comes from the Apostle Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 11; "But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Cor. 11:28). It is thought that if one does not **repent**, they are not worthy to take communion (v.27). As Abiders in Christ we have the opportunity and privilege for a deeper revelation and engagement.

When we abide in Christ, we come to know that we are not only servants, but friends of God. We should also gain new insight and **empathy** for other members of the Body. Our desire should be to share with them ALL what we discover in Him (Lk. 22:17, 1 Cor. 11:23). The human body doesn't produce different blood for different parts of the body. Neither does Christ for His Body, the Church.

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EVERY

Today we'll take a closer look at the practice of **COMMUNION** also known as The Lord's Supper. Each of the four Gospels give an account of Jesus' last meal with His disciples. Luke 22:15 states, **"I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer..."** Before His death, Jesus **desired** to be with (abide) His friends. He took that last opportunity to institute the practice of eating bread and drinking wine in remembrance of His body, **"given for you"** (Lk. 22:19), and His blood, **"poured out for you"** (Lk. 22:20).

ONE BODY, ONE BLOOD

In most modern churches, believers are told to **examine** themselves for the body (sickness or ailment) and the blood (sin and repentance).

REMEMBER US

There are many members of the Body of Christ. Perhaps Christ instituted Holy Communion so that we would remember that we are called to be a Holy Community, united by **HIS BLOOD** that runs through every member of **HIS BODY.** To remember Him, is to also remember what He's done for us.

In abiding, we share and exchange intimate thoughts and feelings with Christ. This should lead to the intimate sharing and exchange of **LOVE** (the Fruit of the Spirit) with one another. What Jesus demonstrated to His disciples, Paul taught the church in Corinth. Our role in the Body is not to compare and compete, but to share, **serve** and unite in the love of God (Jn. 13:14-15, 17:11, Lk. 22:24-27, 1 Cor. 12:12-13, 13:4-8).

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WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAYS 5PM SUNDAYS 8:30AM / 10:30AM / 12:30PM

BIBLE STUDY IS ON SUMMER BREAK

WEDNESDAYS 12NOON AND 7PM AT THE CATHEDRAL THURSDAYS 12NOON AT THE POWER CENTER

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