

Foundations:

Sacraments and Communion

Obedience, Holiness, Worship,
Sacrifice, Passover, The Lords Supper,
and the Wedding Feast!

1 Corinthians 11:20-34 NKJV

{20} Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

{21} For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

1 Corinthians 11:20-34 NKJV

{22} What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

1 Corinthians 11:20-34 NKJV

{23} For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; {24} and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:20-34 NKJV

{25} In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

{26} For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you **proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.**

1 Corinthians 11:20-34 NKJV

{27} Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

{28} But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

KEY PASSAGES

Gen 14:18; 22; Exo.6, 24:8; Isiah 53; Psa.

22; Jer 31:31–34;

Matt. 26:26–29; Mark 14:22–25; Luke

22:14–23;

Acts 2:41–42; 1 Cor. 10:1–16; 11:20-34;

Revelation 3:20, 19:9

KEY TERMS

Sacraments

Communion

Eucharist

Lord's Supper

Sacrament

why should I care?

.. and what is it anyway?

Sacrament - Why you should care:

(1) Instituted by the Lord Jesus;

(2) His express command for their continuance;

(3) Essential use as symbols of divine acts and integral to the gospel revelation

Sacrament Why you should care:

- 1.** They are the proclamation of the gospel and the continual growth of the church (**Acts 2:41–42; cf. 1 Cor. 10:1–4**)
- 2.** Link back to the OT (**Col. 2:11; 1 Cor. 5:7; 11:26**)

Sacrament Why you should care:

- 1.** Lessons of holiness and growth (**Rom. 6:1–3; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:5**)
- 2.** Underline many NT concepts (e.g. **Jn. 3; 6; 19:34; Heb. 10:22**).

Sacraments?

1. Baptism

2. Eucharist/Lords Supper/Communion

3. Confirmation

4. Confession

Sacraments?

5. Holy orders (ordination)

6. Marriage

7. Anointing the sick

8. Washing Feet

Sacrament What does it mean?

Latin = sacramentum from *sacrō* ('hallow, consecrate')

SECULAR:

A soldier's oath of allegiance

A sum of money in a holy contract

Sacrament What does it mean?

Church: Covenant Concepts

Gk. *mystērion* (Eph. 5:32; Col. 1:27; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rev. 1:20; 17:7)

A.K.A. Ordinances [7]

Sacrament What does it mean?

“the visible form of invisible grace”

- Augustine [2]

“an outward and visible sign, ordained by Christ, setting forth and pledging an inward and spiritual blessing” [1a]

Sacrament What does it mean?

It bestows or contains the grace?

or

It depicts, represents, or symbolizes the
grace?

Communion

Latin = *communio* ("sharing in common"), from the

Greek *κοινωνία* (*koinōnía*) in **1 Cor 10:16**

(Use began around the Reformation)

The Lord's Supper

Greek Κυριακὸν δεῖπνον (50s a.d. [5, 6])

From 1 Corinthians 11:20–21

~ actual name for the Christian meal
(see also “Breaking of bread”)

(use began around the Reformation)

Eucharist

Gk. εὐχαριστία = Thanksgiving

Christ 'gave thanks' (1 Cor. 11:24, Mt. 26:27, etc.)

Communion OT

First Mention:

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. - **Genesis 14:18 NKJV**

Concepts: Worship, Ceremony, Alliance
(See Hebrews 7)

Melchizedek - (Gen 14:18; Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:1, 10, 11, 15, 17, 21)

Joseph, Bread/Baker (broken), Cup/Steward (redeemed) - (Gen 40)

Passover blood on the doorposts of our hearts - (Ex 12, 1 Jn 1:7; 1 Cor 15:51-57; Eph 2:13; Jn 5:24)

Communion OT Key Concepts:

Genesis 22; Exodus 6; Isaiah 53; Psa 22;

Jer 31:31–34

- The Lord will provide Himself as the sacrifice for a new heart and covenant!

The Passover Lamb, the Cup of

Redemption/Blessing, Suffering Messiah

Communion NT

- The Passover / Supper

Matt. 26:20-29; Mark 14:17-25,

Luke 22:14-20, Lk 24:13–35, Acts 2:40–
47; 20:7–12

1 Corinthians 5:1–8; 10:14–22; 11:17–34

Luke 22:

14 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him.

15 Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

Luke 22:

16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves;

Luke 22:

18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

Three Emphasis

The Bread

The Cup

The Coming Kingdom

Three Dimensions

we look back to **Calvary**,

we look present to the **fellowship**,

we look forward to His eminent **return**.

F.A.Q.'s

1. How is He present?

2. How often and by what practice?

How is He present?

Elements? Service? Remembrance?

1. Transubstantiation = Roman Catholic Church (12th century)

2. Consubstantiation = Martin Luther (1523 a.d.)

3. Spiritual Presence – Normal elements, more than just a symbolic active remembrance

4. Zwinglian – (Ulrich Zwingli, 1560s)
symbolic, remembrance, teaching,
no special presence

How often and by what practice?

“Fence the table”?

Who can lead?, who serves?

Who can participate? Similar tradition in practice? In good standing? Baptized?...

What elements can you use?...

Scripture is mostly silent... (Heart check)

Passover Fulfilled

Passover meal (Luke 22:15–18), the new Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–26) linking back to the release from bondage (Exo. 6, 12) and creating a new heart and covenant of salvation (Jer. 31:31–34)

1st Cor. 10:16 The Cup of Blessing

Passover:

Kiddush - First Cup: Sanctification

Makkot - Second Cup: Plagues

**Ha-Geulah - Third Cup: Redemption/
Blessing**

Hallel - Fourth Cup: Praise

1st Cor 10:16 - 11:25

- Passover Cup / New Covenant

Redemption = For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more - (Jeremiah 31:34)

1st Cor 10:16 - 11:25

- Passover Cup / New Covenant

Relationship = I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. - **(Jeremiah 31:33)**

Ha-Geulah - Third Cup: **Redemption/ Blessing**

Jesus calls this cup "the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you"

- Luke 22:20

(Jeremiah 31:31; 1st Cor 11:23- 26)

- **“in remembrance of Me...”**

“I Am the Bread of Life” Manna - (2 Cor 5:21; 1 John 3:5 John 6:32-35; 47-51)

Aphikomen = Three pieces; middle one broken, wrapped, hidden (Ex 12:10)

“I am the true vine” - (John 15:1)

- This new covenant, ratified with Christ's blood, shed once for all (Heb 9:26; 10:10)
- God appointed Jesus as the mediator of this New Covenant (Heb 7:22; 8:6; Rom 3:25)

Wedding Feast

1. The Agreement/Ketubah

Matt 26:27

2. Bridal Consent/Commitment

3. The Bride Price/The Mohar

I Cor 6:19-20, I Peter 1:18-19

4. Preparations/Friend and Gifts

John 14:2-18, Matt 25:1-13

5. The Mikvah

Matthew 26:29, Mark 14:24-25

6. The Call For The Wedding

Matthew 24:36, I Thess 4:16-17

8. The Ceremony/Celebration

John 3:29-30

9. The Ceremonial Second Cup/

Simcha – "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:29 NKJV)

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10. The Marriage Supper –

Revelation 19:7-9; Matthew 25:1-13

Revelation 19:7-9 NKJV

7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'"

**The Lords Supper, in Communion with
Him, and giving thanks...**

**we look back to the Gospel,
we look present to the fellowship,
we look forward to His eminent return.**

1st Cor. 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is (represents) My body, which is [offered as a sacrifice] for you. Do this in [affectionate] remembrance of Me.”

1st Cor. 11:25 In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant [ratified and established] in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in [affectionate] remembrance of Me.”

1st Cor. 11:26 For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are [symbolically] proclaiming [the fact of] the Lord's death until He comes [again].

looks forward to the coming of Jesus,
and the marriage supper of the Lamb...
(Matthew 26:29, Revelation 19:9)

Revelation 22:17, 20-21 NKJV

{17} And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. ...

Revelation 22:17, 20-21 NKJV

{20} He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

{21} The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

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