

FAMILY



TRADITIONS

tradition

TRA•DI•TION:

1. a time-honored practice
2. the passing down of elements of a culture from generation to generation
3. an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior

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Christian Family Traditions

The Sacraments

In the Bible...

There are two *sacraments*...

(holy ritual - *ceremony* - , symbolical ordinances - *order; a decree*)

Which Christians are commanded by Jesus
to practice and observe:

Communion and *Water Baptism*



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The purpose of both...
Is to signify by *outward symbolism*,
what *Jesus* *has accomplished* in a believer's life
through faith in Christ.

As true believers,
we are both *instructed* and *commanded* to submit
to both as *expressions* of our faith



Family Traditions part 1

The Lord's Supper

(be ready with your elements)



Different Names...

There are two different names which are often used
(traditionally) to identify *The Lord's Supper...*

First -

Some churches (*more liturgical - have defined liturgy - repetitive order of service*)
call it the “**Eucharist**”... (*from the Greek -eucharistia*)
which means “*to give thanks; thanksgiving;*
or *praise for the wonderful works of God*”

This describes the *first* aspect of the Lord's supper.

We are “**giving thanks**” to Jesus
for coming and paying the price for our sins.



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Second -

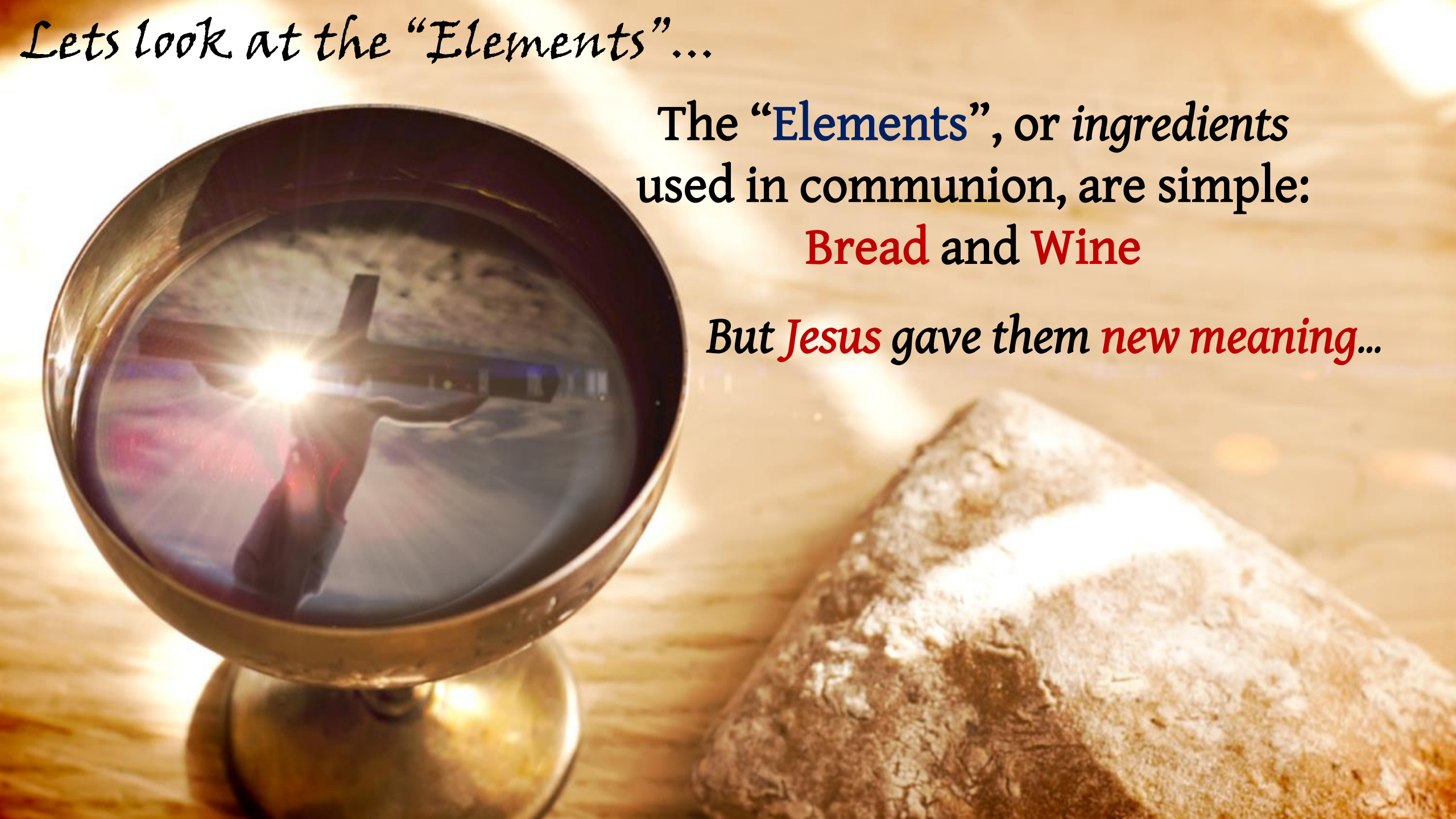
Some churches (*less liturgical*) call it “**Communion**”...

This is our English translation of the NT Greek word,

“**koinonia**” which means, “*fellowship, association,
community, communion, joint participation.*”

The NT writers used it to describe the *sharing, intimacy,
participation and fellowship* which believers have
with Christ and one another.





Lets look at the “Elements”...

The “**Elements**”, or *ingredients*
used in communion, are simple:

Bread and **Wine**

But *Jesus* gave them *new meaning*...

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1 Corinthians 11:23-26

(MSG)

Let me go over with you again exactly what goes on in
the *Lord's Supper* and why it is so centrally important.
I received my instructions from the Master himself and
passed them on to you.

The Master, Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, *took bread*.
Having given thanks, He broke it and said,

This is my body, broken for you.

Do this to remember me.

After supper, He did the same thing *with the cup*:

This cup is my blood, my new covenant with you.

Each time you drink this cup, remember me.



But *Jesus* gave them *new meaning*...

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

(MSG)

What you must *(seriously)* realize
is that every time you eat this bread and every time
you drink this cup, you *reenact in your words and actions*
the death of the Master.

You will be *drawn back* to this *meal again and again*
until the Master returns.

You must never let *familiarity breed contempt.*

Contempt : lack of *respect* or *reverence* for something



But *Jesus* gave them *new meaning...*

1 Corinthians 11:27-34

(MSG)

Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Master *irreverently* is like part of the crowd that jeered and spit on Him at His death.

Is that the kind of “*remembrance*” you want to be part of?

Examine your motives, test your heart, come to this meal in holy awe.

²⁹⁻³² If you give no thought (or worse, *don't care*) about the broken body of the Master when you eat and drink, *you're running the risk of serious consequences*

That's why so many of you even now are listless and sick, and others have gone to an early grave.



But *Jesus* gave them *new meaning...*

1 Corinthians 11:37-34

(MSG)

If we get this straight now, we won't have to be straightened out later on. Better to be confronted by the Master now than to face a fiery confrontation later.

³³⁻³⁴ *So, my friends*, when you come together to the Lord's Table, be reverent and courteous with one another. If you're so hungry that you can't wait to be served, go home and get a sandwich.

But by no means risk turning this Meal into an eating and drinking binge or a family squabble.

It is a spiritual meal—a love feast



“...do this in *remembrance of me*” Luke 22:19

Remembrance : something that serves to keep a person or thing in mind

“*Remembrance*” is one of the means which God uses to *refocus our lives* *and* bring our thoughts, desires and motives back into agreement with our *declaration of faith*.

- ❖ *Repetition* “without” *meaning* produces “*empty rituals*”
- ❖ *Repetition* “with” *meaning* produces... “*Remembrance*”



How does “Communion” do *that*?

1. It *reminds us* that “all” our sins have been forgiven and we have been cleansed because He suffered and died in our place.

This creates a thankfulness towards God, producing true, heartfelt worship.

Hebrews 12:28-29

(NIV)

Therefore, since *we are receiving* a kingdom that cannot be shaken, *let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,* ²⁹ for our “*God is a consuming fire*”.



How does “*Communion*” do *that*?

2. *We realize*, once again, that the life we now live *is a gift of God*.
Therefore, we should no longer live for ourselves but for Him who died for us

2 Corinthians 5:14

For Christ’s love *compels us*, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live *should no longer live for themselves* but for *Him who died for them and was raised again*.



How does “*Communion*” do *that*?

And Last ...

It *bridges* the *gap* between
His *first* and *second* coming.

1 Corinthians 11:26

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you *proclaim* the Lord's death until He comes

Proclaim: to praise or glorify openly or publicly

*It reminds us to live each day convinced
of His imminent return...*



“Communion” gives us the opportunity to ...

“Encounter” God... to Experience “Koinonia”...

*The sharing, the intimacy, the participation
and the fellowship which we are to have
with Jesus and one another.*

John 14:19-20

Before long, the world will not see me anymore,
but you will see me. *Because I live, you also will live.*
On that day you will realize that *I am in my Father,*
and *you are in me,* and *I am in you.*



Let us now partake of...

“The Lord’s Supper”

“Eucharist”

“Communion”



1 Corinthians 11:23-24

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,
and when He had given thanks, He broke it...

Make this personal... take the bread and say this with me...

“This is (**your**) body [**Lord Jesus**], which is given for (**me**);
(**I**)do this in remembrance of (**you**).”



1 Corinthians 11:25

In the same way, after supper
He took the cup...

Make this personal... take the cup and say this with me...

“This cup is the new covenant in (**your**) blood [**Lord Jesus**];
(**I**) do (**this**), in remembrance of (**you**).”



Water Baptism

Next week



↑↓ CRAZY love

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TO A PASSIONATE LOVE RELATIONSHIP
WITH HIMSELF.
BECAUSE THE ANSWER TO
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