

Crossgates Family Christmas
The Lord's Supper
Hebrews 10:5-6

Why do we take the Lord's Supper on this Family Christmas celebration?

The birth of Jesus is nothing more than the obscure birth of a Jewish peasant boy without the Crucifixion...

The crucifixion of Jesus is nothing more than the foolish death of a deceptive teacher without the Resurrection...

BUT, because the Resurrection is a FACT...

The Crucifixion becomes our Atonement for Sin!

The Birth becomes the Incarnation of Immanuel!

So, we gather to recognize this miraculous Incarnation by stepping into the purpose and power of His Crucifixion and Resurrection!

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1. The INITIATION of God's Grace

Hebrews 10:7 (ESV) — Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'

Ever since Eden God's grace has been in pursuit of you...

He knows our unfaithfulness... our sinfulness... our shamefulness...

Yet He pursues us...

Not because we are deserving, but because He is gracious!

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2. The ILLUSTRATION of God's Grace

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The sacrificial system of the Israelites in the Old Testament was not God's ultimate intentions, but His dramatic illustrations!

Genesis 3:21 (ESV) — And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

The Sacrifices and Offerings were never to APPEASE God!

Attempting to APPEASE God through religious effort is the default mindset of man...

The FIRST MURDER was over the controversy of Offerings and Sacrifices...

Cain brought an offering from his own hard work...

Abel brought the FIRSTBORN from his flock!

God accepted Abel's offering, but not Cain's

Mankind gave itself over to Cain's mindset which is where all the religions of the world find themselves...

God however, instructed the Israelites, through Moses the way in which He wanted them to make offerings...

The sacrificial system was built to illustrate our need for cleansing and God's way of cleansing...

Hebrews 9:22 (ESV) — Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

In every sacrifice... In every offering... God was painting the mural of His grace...

Every splatter of blood was painting forgiveness and cleansing on the canvas of God's grace!

Just as a portrait is an illustration of a real person, the sacrifices and offerings were an illustrative portrait of the reality of Jesus!

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3. The INVITATION into God's Grace

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Isaiah 53:4–5 (ESV) — 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Luke 22:19b (ESV) — ... “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

The invitation into God's grace is simple...

➤ **Jesus CAME so you could COME**

Come you who are lonely...

Come, you who are broken...

Come, you who need healing...

Come, you who are guilty...

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Our Sermon series through this Christmas Season has been “Peace on Earth”

➤ **You must EMBRACE God's GRACE before you can ENJOY God's PEACE!**

As we ready ourselves to take the Lord's Supper...

I want you to listen to this song...

Find yourself in it...

Hear God's INVITATION of grace...

And COME!

➔ **SONG – "O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL"**

➔ **LORD'S SUPPER** ←

1 Corinthians 10:16 (ESV) – The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

The word "participation" used here is an extremely important word!

The word used is koinonia

This word means "fellowship"

It means to join in oneness with Jesus into the blessings flowing from His victory on the Cross!

➔ **PRAY FOR RELEASE OF THE BLESSING!** ←

Let's join together and pray God's blessings opened through Christ's victory would be unleashed in us through this fellowship!

➔ ➔ **TAKING OF THE BREAD** ← ←

Take the bread in your hand.

As you look at the bread, think about the body of Jesus.

John 15:13 (ESV)

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

1 Corinthians 11:23–24 (ESV) – For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

➔ ➔ **TAKING OF THE JUICE** ← ←

1 Corinthians 11:25 (NIV) – ... he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

➔ **PRAYER TIME FOR HEALING** ←

➔ **PHYSICAL HEALING**

Matthew 8:17 (ESV) — "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

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Crossgates AM Worship

David Jett

→ **EMOTIONAL HEALING**

→ **MENTAL HEALING**

→ **SPIRITUAL HEALING**

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