



The Kingdom Perspective

Longing for Communion

Hello, this is Pastor Don of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome to The Kingdom Perspective.

Jesus gave us the ordinance of the Lord's Table to mark of our fellowship with Him and with one another. It is for this reason that it is often called Holy *Communion*. The Lord Jesus himself instituted this sacrament as a way for us not only to remember Him and His mission, but also as a tangible participation in our fellowship with Him and His church. Communion, when administered properly, is a meal shared together in the community of the body of Christ. In the bread and the cup, we share in Christ and His body through faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:27-32). At the Table, we are in communion with Christ and His people in a tangible and special way.

Now, certainly, God is not bound by the sacraments, as some might superstitiously suppose. Nonetheless, the Scriptures seem to suggest that He has bound us to them.

When we find ourselves in times of isolation we should long for the beauty of that shared meal. And, actually, this longing is quite fitting, for the Table itself is intended by God to be a reminder week-by-week of that ultimate longing for Christ's return. Paul tells us that as often as we eat the bread and drink the cup, we proclaim Christ's death, *until He comes* (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Indeed! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

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“And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, ‘Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.’”

~ **Luke 22:14-20 (ESV)**

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