

THE WHERE - 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

THE WHAT - COMMUNION

Communion, or The Lord's Supper, is one of the two main ordinances of the Church. It is not simply a tradition of drinking grape juice and eating small pieces of bread, but a symbol that we use to remember what Jesus did for us. It is meant, not only, to remind us of the past, but to prompt us into thinking of the present and future as well.

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The Past

Communion refers to the Passover meal Jesus had with His disciples in His final moments on Earth. At that time, Jesus took the bread and tore it into pieces to signify that His body would be broken; and then He passed the cup around, signifying that the shedding of His blood would usher in the New Covenant. At the end of this moment, Jesus instructed us to carry on this tradition in remembrance of what He did for us.

The Present

Communion speaks of the present and how we can abide in a living Christ. Because our sins are forgiven, we do not have to wait for Heaven to have fellowship with God. We can have communion now. And not only do we have communion with God, but we can have communion with other believers. This brings unity and keeps us focused on the cross. It draws us into fellowship with God and the body of Christ.

The Future

We are to continually observe the Lord's Supper "till He comes" (1 Cor. 11:26c). Therefore, this table also looks ahead to Christ's return. It reminds us that Jesus is victorious and He will set up His kingdom here on Earth. We are to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again in the future. So not only should we think of communion as a remembrance of what Christ did for us in the past, but also as the hope of the resurrection - the promise of victory over Satan and sin, and the truth of Heaven!

ABIDING DAILY

- SET A TIME EACH DAY TO PRAY AND TALK TO GOD
- PREPARE YOUR HEART - INCORPORATE THESE 3 ELEMENTS INTO YOUR PRAYER TIME:
 - PRAISE
 - GRATITUDE/THANKS
 - FORGIVENESS OF SINS
- READ THE BIBLE AND LET HIM SPEAK TO YOU. REMEMBER THAT IT IS THE LIVING WORD OF GOD.
- ACTIVELY INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FILL YOU AND GUIDE YOU TODAY.
- MAKE WORSHIP A PRIORITY IN YOUR LIFE - WORSHIP SETS THE ATMOSPHERE FOR OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE WHAT GOD HAS FOR US.

CCC Worship Playlist



THE HOW - ABIDE

PAST

Application: Write it out. Think back on all that Christ has done for you, all that He has brought you through. Remember all that Christ did for you on the cross.

PRESENT

Application: Write it out. Think of where you are now. How do you see the Spirit moving in your life? What do you need to release or let go of?

FUTURE

Application: Write it out. Think about what you've heard God say to you. Where do you feel He is calling you? How will you respond to that call?
