Exalting Jesus, Loving People

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Importance of Communion



What is the importance of communion? Should we receive communion? How do we receive communion?

This ministry, (JSM) has received the Word of God as final authority. That means when we have questions in life we don't ask a particular church for an answer or form our own opinion but we go to the Word of God for our answers. This is where we get God's instructions and answers. After all, communion is HIS idea, not man's.

Communion is not just a religious observance but a holy time of fellowship with God. Matthew, Mark and Luke all talk about the first Communion. Matthew 26:26-28(NLT) As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." And He took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and His people."

This was an event that memorialized something called Passover. Passover was a memorial of the Israelites' deliverance from Egyptian slavery. We find this in Exodus 12. Let me encourage you to get out your bible and read the entire account.

I will give you a quick overview here. God sent Moses as a deliverer. The leader of Egypt, known as Pharaoh, did not want to let the Hebrews go free and refused to let them go. God sent nine plagues on Egypt and Pharaoh, but he still refused to let them go. God sent one last plague. The first-born male of every family would die on a certain night. The only way to receive deliverance was to take the blood of a spotless male lamb and put it on the top and sides of the door. When the death angel came and saw the blood, he would "pass over" that house, and everyone inside would live. Pharaoh did not take heed to the first nine plagues but the tenth one got his attention. He finally let God's people go. This event was then celebrated each year as Passover by the Hebrew people so they would remember how God miraculouslv delivered them from slavery. Let's now move ahead in time:

Jesus talked about the coming hours when He, the Spotless Lamb of God would be beaten, crucified and buried.

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Jesus said the bread represented His body. Mark 14:22 NLT, "As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body." There is physical healing for us here. Isaiah 53:5 NLT,...He was whipped so we could be healed. This is the prophecy and has been fulfilled.

I Peter 2:24 NKJV, ...by whose stripes you were healed. Every lash of the whip was a provision for healing. Jesus took care of cancer, diabetes, blindness, deafness and any other disease, sickness, weakness, or pain you can think of. It also included mental and emotional anguish. It's all a part of the curse of the law and Jesus has redeemed us from the curse of the law. Galatians 3:13-15

Jesus said the cup represented His coming sacrifice for the sins of the world. Luke 22:20 NLT, "This cup is the new covenant between God and His people, an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you." Jesus is the final, perfect Passover Lamb, willing to be man's substitute.

Jesus's sacrifice paid our debt of sin, Jesus's blood was the sacrificial offering to establish a new agreement for God to receive us as His children. Jesus's blood caused the death angel to pass over us. JESUS SAID THAT WE SHOULD RECEIVE COMMUNION. All believers may receive communion. Luke 22:19 NLT.

This is a holy time to remember

what Jesus has done for you and to have intimate fellowship with Him. It can be taken at any time. It may be a church service, family time or during individual worship time. My wife Helen and I, like to receive together on a daily basis. A special person is not needed to officiate this ordinance of the church. Let's look at the instructions the Apostle Paul gave. I Corinthians 11:23-26, "For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then He broke it in pieces and said, "this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and His peoplean agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it." For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until He comes again." (NLT)

Now get some bread or a cracker and some grape juice. You can get these at your local Christian bookstore or from the grocery store.

In essence, Helen and I like to say what the Word of God says; Father we thank you for the broken body of the Lord Jesus Christ. His body was broken so we could receive health and strength in our minds and emotions, and health and strength in our physical bodies from head to toe.

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At this time we will either read or quote Isaiah 53:3-5, Matthew 8:17, I Peter 2:24, Psalms 107:20, Psalm 103: 1-3. There are many healing and health scriptures so apply the scriptures that are your favorites. Now hold the bread and read:

Luke 22:19 (NLT), "He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." Now, receive the bread.

Now confess that the blood of Jesus is speaking for you today. It speaks better things than that of Abel, it speaks of mercy, remission and forgiveness and the total cleansing of sin and the sin nature. The blood of Jesus is on the mercy seat in heaven in the heavenly holy of holies.

Now hold the cup and read: Matthew 26:27,28, (NLT) "And He took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and

His people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many." Now drink the cup.

Now thank the Lord that you are healed, redeemed and delivered. "Thank you Father for blessing me in every area of life because of the sacrifice of Jesus. Thank you for your exceeding great and precious promises and the right you gave me to enjoy them. I gladly receive communion and remember the death, burial and the resurrection of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Now you can make up your own personal confessions based on scripture. I believe that as you study the "communion" scriptures you will receive new revelation insight based on scripture from the Holy Spirit.

I believe that the Lord Jesus will become more real to you as you spend intimate time with Him receiving the communion elements and just fellowshipping with Him. Receive daily, weekly, or however the Lord leads you. What is right for one may not be the same as what another may desire.

The Lord richly bless you and strengthen you!



Save the date

Friday, November 11, 2016

Make Plans to Attend

WHEN: Friday, November 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

(Part of the service will be a special time for Communion)

WHERE: Holiday Inn Express, 1392 Enterprise Pkwy, Ashland, OH 44805

For more information, please call 419-775-6334 or 419-631-4570

Prayer For Our Nation and A Great Awakening



Father, we lift up this election coming in November and those servants already in office. We pray for peace in America. We thank you for cleaning corruption out of our government on a local, state and federal level. We bind political, economic and social devils; fear, terrorism, idolatry, witchcraft and immorality and command them to stop in their strategies and maneuvers against the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ and the United States of America! In Jesus name, Satan you are under our feet.



Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray for the rain from heaven, (Zech. 10:1) a great outpouring of your Spirit, (Joel 2:28). We pray that you would soften the hearts and minds of the lost and give your people utterance (anointed words) and boldness as they preach the gospel. We hunger for and desire all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit to be in prolific manifestation. We ask for freshly anointed, fully equipped, prepared laborers to be sent into the harvest. Mt. 9:38 In Jesus name, Amen!



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<u>PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAISE AND THANK THE LORD WITH US!</u>

- 1. That our partner base will continue to grow and expand.
- 2. That doors for ministry would continue to open for both of us. Favor with pastors/church leaders.
- 3. Boldness/and manifestations and demonstrations of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. Finances for the radio outreach.

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