

# ***Feast of the Lamb: Our Lords Supper***

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*Sermon 16*

*Various scriptures*

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***I want us today to see the seven Bible verses that apply to taking Communion or the Lord's Supper.***

***Often the Lords Supper becomes a ritual and the instructions given in these passages become unclear or lost in meaning in our minds.***

***So, I desire us to have in our hearts and minds and soul the intention and experience our Lord had in mind then and now has in mind for us now as we partake of His Supper, the Feast of the Lamb of God...***

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***First Corinthians 11:26 "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."***

***When the Apostle Paul was instructing the Church, the living stones, in Corinth on the meaning and the proper methods for taking Communion or the Lord's Supper, he wrote that the Lord's Supper has a specific purpose.***

***For one thing, Paul reminds the church about the symbolic meaning of the bread when he writes that Jesus....***

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***“When He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in **remembrance** of me” (1st Cor 11:24),***

***When we partake of the Lord’s Supper, we are to remember the love our Lord had for us in in the breaking of His body for our sakes....***

***We are to continue to celebrate our freedom from the grasp and power of sin in our lives due to the sacrifice of our Lord on our behalf as He became sin yet never sinned... The perfect Lamb of God.***

***Allow me to read again verse 26 of Corinthians***

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***“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you **proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:26).***

***In our next verse the meaning is developed deeper...***

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“Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

“Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins” (Matthew 26:26-28).

***Here we see the Lord’s Supper is given by the One who established the New Covenant, Jesus Christ?***

***The One to be broken tells His disciples to see the cup of the New Covenant as a remembrance His blood offering, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.***

***The Old Testament taught that the life of the body is in the blood... so they were not allowed to drink it in any form... Look with me in Leviticus Ch 17.***

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if any native Israelite or foreigner living among you eats or drinks blood in any form, I will turn against that

person and cut him off from the community of your people,

***Why would you do this Lord?***

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for the life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the Lord. It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.

<sup>12</sup> That is why I have said to the people of Israel, 'You must never eat or drink blood—neither you nor the foreigners living among you.' (Leviticus 17:10-12)

***The Old Testament Israelites had a priest who had to continually offer sacrifices for himself to be cleansed and only then was he able to offer the sacrifices for the people of God once a year for unknown sin...***

***I want us to see what God the Holy Spirit teaches in about the Old Testament sacrifice...***

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The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer

tabernacle is still standing, which is a symbol for the present time.

Accordingly, both gifts and sacrifices are offered (*in the old Testament*) which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,

***Why not?..... Because...***

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... they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.

***When did this reformation come so we don't have? to sacrifice time after time as the Old Testament law required for forgiveness. It was...***

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...when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; (Hebrews 9:8-11 NASB)

***Where and when did He enter into a greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with human hands. Its in verse 24 of Ch 9...***

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For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one,

***but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;*** (Hebrews 9:24)

***And now,***

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...the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Holy Spirit offered Himself without blemish **to God**, (will) **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God... (Hebrews 9:14 NASB)

***As Paul continues to instruct the Corinthians in regard to the Lords supper and states...***

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“Because there is one bread, we who are many are **one body**, for we all partake of the one bread.” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:17).

***Clearly the church is referred to as a body...***

***The idea that Paul is teaching to the Corinthians is that there is one bread and the one bread is Jesus Christ.***

***We find in the gospel of John, Jesus teaching the crowds saying to them...***

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... "I am the bread of life;

he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. (John 6:35)

***We have all received the One, True Bread that is from Heaven.***

***This bread brings eternal life for all who believe and gives life to the body, both corporately and individually.***

***In John 6:53-54 we find Jesus instructing those around him once more...***

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"So, Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:53-54).



***I believe this was Jesus introducing the coming***

***New Covenant that He would institute through his death and resurrection...***

***He was now separating the sheep from the goats (believers and non-believers) in order to make plain who were His true disciples and who were not?***

***I say this because just after Jesus' hard saying that they must drink His blood and eat His flesh (being a symbolic meaning), the vast majority of the Jews stopped following Him.***

***They just couldn't understand Jesus' connection to the bread or manna in the wilderness, to the "Great I AM" that was standing before them.***

***They had so hardened their hearts that they couldn't even comprehend Jesus' as the perfect fulfillment of the Messiah.***

***Just prior to this, Jesus had just told them,***

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“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me” (John 5:39)

***but they refused to see what was right in front of them, and we read in John 6:66***

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“After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him” (John 6:66)

***The unbelievers were rejecting the King and the coming Kingdom, the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:1-4).***

***Paul continues his instructions in observance of the Lords Supper in verse 24...***

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First Corinthians 11:24 “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.”

***When we acknowledge what the elements of the Sacraments are, we keep reminding ourselves that it was Jesus' broken body that He willingly gave for the ungodly***

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When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

(7) Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. (Romans 5:6-7).

***His death on the cross reconciled the enemies of God being us...***

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But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (10) For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. (Romans 5:8,10).

***And now as Romans verse 11 says...***

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...we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

***In Matthew 26:29 we find encouragement from our Savior regarding His Supper in our future.***

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“I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” (Matthew 26:29).

***I love this because He is promising them and us that the next Lord’s Supper or Communion He will have with His disciples (and us) will be when the Father’s kingdom is established on earth, which will be forever eternal (Rev 22).***

***This “fruit of the vine” will once again be poured out as Jesus, the Bridegroom, receives His Bride, the church, you and me and all the living stones that have been placed on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ as the cornerstone. saying on that day...***

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“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready” (Rev 19:7),

***That’s when Jesus and we too shall “drink again of this fruit of the vine.” With Him serving...***

***You see, just like the priest of the Old Testament, I need to be replaced with Jesus, the perfect One, and He will provide the greatest banquet you and I will ever attend, the Feast of the Lamb***

***For now, until he comes for us, let’s continue to prepare our hearts as we partake in our Lord’s supper being symbolic or a foreshadow of what is to come.***

***If you will unpackage your little packets sent to you I will begin...***

***On the night before Jesus was taken away to be placed on the cross he was in the upper room at Jerusalem at the Passover...Except this time He was to be the Passover Lamb taking away the power of sin's eternal death...***

***It was from our Lords instruction that the church now models the supper given by Jesus that evening with his Apostles.***

***As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it.***

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***Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body."***

***And He took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it.***

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***He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.***

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And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many.

I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God."

(Mark 14:22-25 NLT)

*May our Lord hold and hug you today like never before!*

*Love to all,*

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