

Holy Communion/Lord's supper/Passover

The number one goal of communion is to trigger remembrance of the LORD and the finished work at the cross.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 *23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*

Luke 22:19 *And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

1. Give thanks; —Give thanks for the Body and Blood of Jesus. It's worth thanksgiving.
2. Broken bread = Broken Body of Jesus—Wounded, Bruised (Isaiah 53:1-8).
 - a) Wine = New covenant in His blood shed for the remission of our sins. Through His blood God made a new covenant with us.
3. Elements
 - a) The elements of Communion are symbolic to the Body and the life of Jesus. The elements do not turn into the Body and the blood of Jesus.
4. As often
 - a) There is no frequency required in the scriptures; just as there is no day prescribed for a church gathering.
 - b) Jesus wants you to remember His death. His death was in our place, for our sins.
5. Remembrance
 - a) Power of Communion is not in the elements. The purpose of the act was to keep in remembrance what the LORD was doing.

- b) Jesus emphasized remembrance. Do not forget His death, burial, & resurrection—the tremendous price Jesus paid for us.

6. Ye do shew

This finished work was done by Jesus. “Ye do shew” shew = preach and declare. Taking communion proclaims the LORD's death.

7. Take eat

- a) Eating has to be done in faith or in believing.

8. As we partake ' communion, be expecting healing to happen.

- a) Passover meal—Over 3 million people yet none was feeble among them.

9. Unworthily

This is not talking about not having any sin. His taking about those who aren't born again. There were people back then who were eating from the communion yet weren't born-again.

- a) If sin hinders us from going to the communion table, then none can qualify. We all have some uncontested sin. You can't make yourself right to qualify for Communion-Jesus made you right and qualified you.
- b) Jesus said we do this in remembrance of Him, not ourselves, nor our sin.
- c) Examine—this is referring to whether one is in faith or not (2 Corinthians 13: 5). The Passover is to be taken in faith for power to be released.