

# The Table of the Lord

Matt 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." NIV

1Cor 11:23 . . . The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. NIV

Different Observances of The Lord's Table, or Communion

Different Names for Services

Significance

The Meaning of The Lord's Table

## Two Pictures of Christ's Sacrifice

### 1) Bread

**Pictures - Christ's suffering and His sufficiency.**

**The Suffering of Jesus Reveals**

#### A. The Gravity of Sin

Isa 53:6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. NIV

Hab 1:13 Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. NIV

Mark 15:33 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. 34 Then, at that time Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" NLT

Psa 22:1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? NIV

2Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. NKJV

2Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; 6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly. . . 10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority. NIV

## **B. The Love of God**

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

## **C. The Provision of God**

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? NIV

Isa 53:5 He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. NASU

**a. Forgiveness of Sins**

**b. Healing (scourging)**

**c. Whatever we have need of. . .**

So, today as you take the bread, do two things;

1) thank God for his suffering

2) by faith receive His forgiveness, healing, whatever you need. . .

# **2) The Cup**

## **Blood - Symbolic of Life**

Lev 17:11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. NIV

Lev 17:14 because the life of every creature is its blood. . .NIV

Heb 9:19 When Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. 20 He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." 21 In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. 22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. NIV

Heb 13:12 And so Jesus also suffered . . .to make the people holy through his own blood. NIV

Eph 1:7 In him [Jesus] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace NIV

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! NKJV

## **OT lambs vs NT "Once For All Lamb of God"**

Heb 7:27 Unlike the other [OT] high priests, he [Jesus] does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. NIV

## **Passover vs The Table of the Lord - Matt 26**

## **Jesus is "Our Passover" lamb.**

1Cor 5:7 . . . For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. NIV

## **"Redeemed"**

1Peter 1:18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. NIV

Matt 20:28 . . .the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." NKJV

Titus 2:14 [Jesus] gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. NIV

## **The Exchanged Life**

When we receive Jesus, He gives us His life in exchange for ours.

### **Conclusion:**

If you are saved - celebrate your salvation at the table of the Lord.

If you are not saved - receive your salvation at the table of the Lord.

If you have a need - receive whatever you need at the table of the Lord.