

ReUNITE

Follow, Part 11

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We love you. Yes, you



Suggestions for further study

THE POWER OF COMMUNION

Accessing Miracles Through the Body and Blood of Jesus



THE DAY THE REVOLUTION BEGAN

Reconsidering the Meaning of Jesus's Crucifixion



Communion: Bible chapters

- John, the whole book, especially 5, 6, 7, 12, 13
- Matthew 26
- Mark 14
- Luke 22 through 24
- 1st Corinthians 11



Proverbs 3:5-8

- ESV: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.
- TPT: Trust in the Lord completely, and do not rely on your own opinions. With all your heart rely on him to guide you, and he will lead you in every decision you make. 6 Become intimate with him in whatever you do, and he will lead you wherever you go. Don't think for a moment that you know it all, 7 for wisdom comes when you adore him with undivided devotion and avoid everything that's wrong. 8 Then you will find the healing refreshment your body and spirit long for.

Psalm 23:5

- KJV: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- ESV: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- TPT: You become my delicious feast even when my enemies dare to fight. You anoint me with the fragrance of your Holy Spirit; you give me all I can drink of you until my heart overflows.

Jesus IS His 7 "I Am" Statements

- **The bread of life.** (Jn 6:35, 41, 48, 51)
Sustenance. Vitality. Spirit. Peace.
- **The light of the world.** (Jn 8:12)
Glory. Radiance. Guide.
- **The door of the sheep.** (Jn 10:7,9)
Entry. Passage. Kingdom.
Heaven culture.
- **The resurrection and the life.** (Jn 11:25)
New creation. New mind. Freedom.
New life.
- **The good shepherd.** (Jn 10:11, 14)
Care. Protection. Guard. Guide. Voice.
- **The way, the truth, and the life.** (Jn 14:6)
Source. Knowledge. Head. Certainty
God-Life.
- **The true vine.** (Jn 15:1, 5)
Father connection. Security. Life force.
Results. Legacy.

No hoops, no barriers

~ God

God made the only one [Jesus] who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we who did not know righteousness might become the righteousness of God through our union with him. (1 Cor 5:21)

My old identity has been co-crucified with Messiah and no longer lives; for the nails of his cross crucified me with him. And now the essence of this new life is no longer mine, for the Anointed One lives his life through me—we live in union as one! My new life is empowered by the faith of the Son of God who loves me so much that he gave himself for me, and dispenses his life into mine! (Gal 2:20)

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"Are you weary, carrying a heavy burden? Then come to me. I will refresh your life, for I am your oasis." ~ Jesus (Mat 11:28)

"...dramatically change your way of thinking and become teachable, [come to Me] and learn about heaven's kingdom realm with the wide-eyed wonder of a child..." ~ Jesus (Mat 18:3)

"...My heart longs with great desire to eat this Passover meal with you..." ~ Jesus (Mat 26:18)

"Then on the most important day of the feast, the last day, Jesus stood and shouted out to the crowds—"All you thirsty ones, come to me! Come to me and drink!" ~ Jesus (Jn 7:37-38)

Table Talk

Guidelines - 20 minutes

- 1) 10 minutes: Review handout
- 2) 5 minutes: Communion together
- 3) 5 minutes: Report



Table Talk

Review one of these three questions

1. What do you know about communion now that you didn't before?
2. In what way(s) did you experience communion more deeply or richly?
3. In what way(s) is Jesus now better revealed to you?



Accept Jesus's invitation. Come to the Table. Communion.

The Table is a celebration of victory (Rev. 12:10-11)

There is a new and better covenant. Jesus has fulfilled all the law; sin is no longer the centerpiece—for Heaven's sake, it's not even on the table anymore. As much as I am and you are in Christ, there is no longer condemnation... punishment has been done away with!

The Table is a proclamation of redemption (1 Cor. 11:26)

By taking the bread and the cup, we proclaim that Jesus purchased and paid for life for us. We also proclaim it by partaking with others, for the word "communion" means a "sharing in common." And we proclaim it tri-directionally—3 directions at once: God, man and the enemy.

The Table is a declaration of dependence (John 6:53)

But neither are we saying these are just a piece of bread and a cup of juice. Jesus said there is a working of the very Spirit of God that will happen in your life when you partake. This working is a dynamic of Holy Spirit power that will cause His life to nourish you if you come in that receptivity and understanding.

The Table is a place for examination of self (1 Cor. 11:28-32)

The Lord calls us to the Table as His disciples. As his sons and daughters, NOT as His orphans. As His very body, not His problems. As saints, NOT as sinners. It's one thing to receive Jesus as Savior—to become a believer—and quite another to grow into a believer who is learning, growing, changing. That's the definition of a disciple, and it relates to being shaped and accepting disciplines. God's Word says, "Let a man examine himself..." We come to the Table with a need to examine ourselves and see wherever the Lord is drawing us toward a stretch-point of discipleship.

The Table is a place for reception of provision (1 Cor. 11:29-32)

Partaking in a worthy manner means to ascribe the full worth to what Jesus Christ has done to welcome us into the presence of the Father. It has nothing to do with earning a place of value or acceptance. Jesus has made us worthy through His blood and the Cross, not by any accomplishment of our works.

Rethinking Communion:
A victorious reunion!

Declarations.

Say these aloud in your own words

King Jesus:

- I/We celebrate Your victory over the powers of darkness;
- I/We proclaim Your redemptive work in our lives;
- I/We declare our dependence upon You and on one another;
- I/We have deeply re-examined who You really are, what You are really like, what you think of me/us, and my/our alignment with you, that I/we might grow as Your disciples;
- I/We seek and receive every blessing that Your sacrifice for us has provided: Your grace, truth, righteousness, peace, joy, authority, power, the Kingdom of Heaven and Your ways, truths and LIFE!