



THE LORD'S SUPPER

Do this in remembrance of Me

Mt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19, 20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)

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The “PURPOSE” of worship is
to honor & glorify God - The
ONLY way to honor & glorify
God in our worship is to
worship AS HE SAYS!

John 4:24; Leviticus 10:3; Hebrews 12:28,29



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Obeying God's REVEALED
will is the ONLY way we can
be confident our worship
will be accepted by Him.

Deut. 4:2; 1 Cor. 4:6; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 1 Pet. 4:11
John 4:24; Leviticus 10:3; Hebrews 12:28,29



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HOW TO KNOW GOD'S REVEALED WILL?

Compile all references to the subject including direct statements, approved actions, and necessary implications, along with any contextual considerations, both immediate and remote.



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Matthew 26:26-19

²⁶ ^uAnd as they were eating, ^vJesus took bread, ³blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; ^wthis is My body.”

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, ^x“Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For ^ythis is My blood ^zof the ⁴new covenant, which is shed ^afor many for the ⁵remission of sins. ²⁹ But ^bI say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on ^cuntil that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.”

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Mark 14:22-25

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²³ Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And He said to them, “This is My blood of the ⁷new covenant, which is shed for many. ²⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

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Luke 22:17-20

¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; ¹⁸ for ^kI say to you, ³I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹ ^lAnd He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My ^mbody which is given for you; ⁿdo this in remembrance of Me.”

²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, ^o“This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

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I Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For ^tI received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: ^uthat the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, ⁴**“Take, eat; this is My body which is ⁵broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”**

²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”**

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death ^vtill He comes.

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THE ELEMENTS:

- ▶ “**Unleavened bread**” – (Mat 26:26; Ex. 12:15,19-20)
- ▶ “**Fruit of the vine**” (*not oinos* - but *ampelos* (ἄμπελος, 288) *gennema* (γέννημα, 1081) – (Mat 26:27-29; Mark 14:25; Luke 22:18)



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- ▶ **“Take eat”** – a command for all Christians – (1 Cor 11:23,24)
- ▶ **“This is My body”** – The unleavened bread signifies the flesh of Jesus — (Mat. 26:26; Mk 14:22; Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24)
- ▶ **“This is My blood of the new covenant”** – The fruit of the vine signifies the blood of the new covenant which was shed for our sins – (Mat 26:27,28; Mk 14:24; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25)

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REFERRED TO IN SCRIPTURE AS:

- ▶ **The Lord's Supper** (1 Cor 11:20)
- ▶ **Breaking bread** (Ac 2:42; 20:7)
- ▶ **Communion** (1 Cor 10:16)
- ▶ **Cup of the Lord** (1 Cor 10:21)
- ▶ **The Lord's Table** (1 Cor 10:21)
- ▶ **Eating the bread & drinking the cup** – (1 Cor 11:26-29)
- ▶ **Feast of Charity** (Jude 12; cf. 2 Pet. 2:14)

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A Memorial

ITS PURPOSE

1 Corinthians 11:23–25 (NKJV)

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He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “**Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.**” ²⁵ In the same manner *He* also

took the cup after supper, saying, “**This cup is the new covenant in My blood.**

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ITS PURPOSE

1 Corinthians 10:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

A photograph showing a glass of red wine and a piece of bread, likely representing the elements of the Lord's Supper. The glass is partially filled with a dark red liquid, and the bread is a light-colored, irregularly shaped piece. The background is dark and out of focus.

A Memorial

Communion

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ITS PURPOSE

1 Corinthians 11:33–34 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. ... ³³ Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

³⁴ But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.



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Communion

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ITS PURPOSE

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

- ▶ We proclaim the benefits of Jesus's death (Mat. 26:28; Heb. 9:28; 2 Cor. 5:14)
- ▶ We proclaim Jesus is going to return for us (1 Cor. 15:23; Jn 5:28,29; 14:3; Heb. 9:28)



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Communion

Proclamation

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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

- ▶ In the assembly (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 11:17,20,33; Heb 10:25)
- ▶ The Disciples Came Together on the First Day of the Week For The Purpose of Observing the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7)
- ▶ They regularly Assembled on the First Day of the Week (1 Cor 16:1,2; Acts 2:42)

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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

The Didache 14:1

But on the Lord's day, after that ye have assembled together, break bread and give thanks, having in addition confessed your sins, that your sacrifice may be pure.



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B.W. Johnson

WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

Peoples New Testament

“... the early church writers from Barnabas, Justin Martyr, Irenæus, to Clement of Alexandria, Origen and Cyprian, all with one consent, declare that the church observed the first day of the week. They are equally agreed that the Lord's Supper was observed weekly, on the first day of the week.”

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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

Augustus Neander

“As we have already remarked, the celebration of the Lord's Supper was still held to constitute an essential part of divine worship on every Sunday, as appears from Justin Martyr (A.D. 150.)”

(History of the Christian Religion and the Church, Vol. I, page 332).

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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

Pliney (Epistles Book 10)
“Justin Martyr (Second Apology for the Christians) and Tertullian (De Ora, page 135) all three affirm that it was the universal practice of the Christians to assemble on the first day of the week to sing, pray and partake of the Lord's Supper together.

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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

- ▶ **Command** – “This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” (Lk. 22:19; 1 Cor 11:25)
- ▶ **Example** – “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread ...” (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1,2)
- ▶ **Necessary implication** – Every week has a first day . . . The day WHEN they came together to break bread. (Ex 20:8; 1 Cor 16:1)

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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

- ▶ The Lord arose on the first day of the week (John 20:1)
- ▶ Jesus appeared to the apostles at least twice on two different first days of the week, (John 20:19,26)
- ▶ The church was founded on Pentecost, which was on the first day of the week. (Acts 2)
- ▶ John referred to the first day of the week as "The Lord's day." (Rev 1:10)

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WHO SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

- ▶ After one becomes a Christian - (Baptized believer) (Acts 2:42; 20:7; Luke 22:16)
- ▶ After we have examined ourselves, our motives, behavior, and life (1 Cor 11:27,28)
- ▶ After properly discerning the Lord's body (i.e., considering the significance of the Lord's death / distinguishing the importance of the act / considering one another (1 Cor 11:29,30)

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WE ABUSE THE SUPPER BY...

Changing its nature.

Changing the elements.

Changing the authorized day.

Changing the design & purpose.

Neglecting it / Being indifferent.

Taking of it while living ungodly.



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THE LORD'S SUPPER IS:

A Memorial (11:24-25)

A communion (11:33; Luke 22:16)

A proclamation & expression of hope (11:26)

A time of Examination (11:27, 28)

A serious act – failure to properly discern the Lord's body is to bring condemnation upon ourselves
(1 Cor 11:20-22; 27-30; 3:17)

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WHAT DO WE THINK ABOUT?

- ✓ Jesus's humility (Phil 2:5-8)
- ✓ Jesus's obedience (Heb. 5:8,9)
- ✓ Jesus's suffering (Isaiah 53:3-8)
- ✓ Jesus's crucifixion (Lk 23:33-38)
- ✓ Jesus's sacrifice (Heb 9:11-15)
- ✓ Jesus's example (1 Pet 2:21-25)

The Lord's supper should help us to reflect on our lives and strive diligently to be like HIM!

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HOW THE LORD'S SUPPER SHOULD AFFECT US

- ▶ Increase our love & appreciation for what Jesus has done for us!
- ▶ Result in greater faith & obedience because of our constant and consistent reflection upon what Jesus has done for us!
- ▶ Bring about a deeper unity, strengthening our relationship with Christ & each other!
- ▶ Strengthen our hope & joy!



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