

Communion

- ◆ Intro: Which is the best way to say it?
 - ◆ 1. taking COMMUNION
 - ◆ 2. receiving COMMUNION
 - ◆ 3. experiencing COMMUNION
 - ◆ 4. to have COMMUNION
 - ◆ 5. participate in COMMUNION
 - ◆ 6. It is the Lord's supper

I think “To Have Communion”

We might use another term for different reasons. Like to define what we are going to do today. We are going to participate in the communion service today.

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- ◆ Definition of COMMUNION:
Partnership, participation,
fellowship, fellowship that is
recognized and enjoyed

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- ◆ Background Scripture
1Cor. 10:1-17

I would like to read verse 11 so you can have the first part of this chapter in context. The first 4 verses are the setting and then verses 5-10 is how they responded. Then verses 11-14 we have some exhortation. In verse 14 we get into the subject before us today. Communion.

[1Co 10:1](#) Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

[1Co 10:2](#) And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

[1Co 10:3](#) And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

[1Co 10:4](#) And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

[1Co 10:5](#) But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

[1Co 10:6](#) Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

[1Co 10:7](#) Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

[1Co 10:8](#) Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

1Co 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

1Co 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

1Co 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

1Co 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

1Co 10:15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

1Co 10:16 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?

1Co 10:17 For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

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- ◆ It is COMMUNION
- ◆ It is FELLOWSHIP
- ◆ It is being a PARTAKER
- ◆ The Blood
- ◆ The Body

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- ◆ 1Cor. 10:16 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?
- ◆ 2Cor. 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the COMMUNION of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.
- ◆ 2Cor. 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what FELLOWSHIP hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what COMMUNION hath light with darkness?

Communion/Fellowship

- ◆ It is FELLOWSHIP

- ◆ 1Cor. 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the FELLOWSHIP of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ◆ Eph. 3:9 And to make all men see what is the FELLOWSHIP of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
- ◆ Phil. 1:5 For your FELLOWSHIP in the gospel from the first day until now;
- ◆ Phil. 2:1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any FELLOWSHIP of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

This fellowship is translated from the same Original (Which was Greek) word as communion in 1Cor. 10

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from 2844; TDNT - 3:797,447; n f

KJV - fellowship 12, communion 4, communication 1, distribution 1, contribution 1, to communicate 1; 20

It is a relationship.

fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation

1a) the share which one has in anything, participation

1b) intercourse, fellowship, intimacy

1b1) the right hand as a sign and pledge of fellowship (in fulfilling the apostolic office)

1c) a gift jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution, as exhibiting an embodiment and proof of fellowship

Communion/Fellowship

- ◆ Phil. 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the FELLOWSHIP of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
- ◆ 1John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have FELLOWSHIP with us: and truly our FELLOWSHIP is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
- ◆ 1John 1:6 If we say that we have FELLOWSHIP with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have FELLOWSHIP one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Fellowship denotes agreement and mutual understanding.

Communion/Partaker

- ◆ It is being a PARTAKER
 - ◆ 1Pet. 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are PARTAKERS of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.
 - ◆ Hebr. 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are PARTAKERS of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;
 - ◆ 1Tim. 5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be PARTAKER of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

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KJV - be partaker 5, communicate 2, distribute 1; 8

1) to come into communion or fellowship with, to become a sharer, be made a partner

2) to enter into fellowship, join one's self to an associate, make one's self a sharer or partner

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- ◆ The blood
 - ◆ Gen. 9:4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.
 - ◆ Lev. 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.
 - ◆ Lev. 17:14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

We say Jesus shed his blood. We are saying he gave his life.

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- ◆ 1Cor. 10:16a The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the COMMUNION of the blood of Christ?
- ◆ Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

- ◆ John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.
- ◆ John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

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◆ VII The Body

- ◆ 1Cor. 10:16b The bread which we break, is it not the COMMUNION of the body of Christ? 17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.
- ◆ Rom. 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- ◆ Eph. 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.
- ◆ Eph. 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Romans 6:3-5

“3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:”

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- ◆ Read 1 Cor. 11:17-34
 - ◆ Think of all the scripture we already read. Can you see why a person would take communion unworthily if you took the emblems of communion. You identify with what you are not.
- ◆ Conclusion.
1Cor. 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

1Co 11:17 Now in this that I declare *unto you* I praise *you* not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.

1Co 11:18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

1Co 11:19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

1Co 11:20 When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lord's supper.

1Co 11:21 For in eating every one taketh before *other* his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

1Co 11:22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not.

1Co 11:23 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:

1Co 11:24 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.

1Co 11:25 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.

1Co 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

1Co 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

1Co 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

1Co 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

1Co 11:30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

1Co 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

1Co 11:33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

1Co 11:34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.