

Communion, a Time of Thanksgiving

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Paul

1Cor 10:16-17 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

2842 **sharing**; communion (NKJV); Greek word is koinonia, koy-nohn-ee'-ah; from 2844; partnership, i.e. (lit.) participation, or (social) intercourse; (to) communicate, communication, communion, distribution, fellowship. (from Strong's Dictionary of Greek Words)

Related words:

2844 kōinōnōs, koy-no-nos'; (from 2839; kōinōs, koy-nos'; common, i.e. (lit.) shared by all or several) a sharer, i.e. associate, companion, fellowship, partaker, partner.

2841 kōinōnēō; from 2844; to share with others; communicate, distribute, be partaker.

2843 kōinōnikōs; from 2844; communicative, willing to communicate.

1Cor 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which 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 He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

given thanks (The Greek word is eucharist; to be grateful, to express gratitude (towards); to say grace at a meal; to give thanks)

Jesus

The feeding of 5,000 (Mt 14:13-21; Mk 6:30-44; Lk 9:12-17; Jn 6:1-13)

Jn 6:10-11 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted. (Jn 6:23)

Jesus is the Bread out of heaven

Jn 6:32-34 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. 33 "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." (Jn 6:40-41)

Jesus is the Living Bread out of heaven

Jn 6:49-51 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

Jesus is the Bread of life

Jn 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst."

Jn 6:48 "I am the bread of life."

Jesus is the Bread that gives eternal life

Jn 6:52-58 Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. 54 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. 56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57 "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. 58 "This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever." (Jn 6:26-27)

The feeding of 4,000

Mk 8:6 And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve to them, and they served them to the people. (Mk 8:1-9; Mt 15:32-38)

The last supper (Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-20; 1Cor 11:23-26)

Lk 22:14-20 When the hour had come, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. 15 And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

Spiritual realities that is demonstrated and experienced in the Lord's Table:

The symbols that Jesus used in establishing Communion:

Bread - speaks of the body of Christ, broken for sinful man.

Wine (grape juice) - speaks of the blood of Christ that was shed for sinful man for cleansing sin

It is a time of remembrance (1Cor 11:24-25)

We remember what God has provided for us in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

It is a time of receiving forgiveness

1 Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1Cor 11:27-32; Heb 9:22; Rev 1:5).

It is a time of communion (1Cor 10:16)

We renew and strengthen our relationship with the Lord of fellowship, communication.

It is a time of receiving physical healing

1Pt 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed (Isa 53:5-6; Mt 8:16-17)

It is a time of thanksgiving

Eph 5:18-20 ... but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

It is a time of faith proclamations

1Cor 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.