

# The Lord's Table

*This holy ordinance symbolizes our sharing in the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. By eating the bread and the fruit of the vine we are reminded of His death and covenant with us.*

## A Symbol of Remembrance

We are baptized once, but often partake of this second ordinance which turns our eyes on the cross where Jesus shed His blood for us in order to cleanse us from all sin.

**John 1:29** "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" When John spoke these words and when Jesus instituted the "Lord's Supper", He was still alive, and the covenant not yet made. But the **shed blood** is the evidence of His death.

**Leviticus 17:** "For the life of the flesh is in the blood ... makes atonement"

**That is why Jesus said:** "This cup is the new covenant ratified by My blood, which is to be poured out on your behalf." – Luke 22:20

## → DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

## A Partaking of His Nature

This meal signifies Christ's entering into us. We constantly need spiritual nourishment to live the new life that we have received at new birth. Jesus said: "I am the bread of Life"

"Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood have eternal life... abides in Me and I in him...this is the bread which came down from heaven."

**As we partake of the symbols**, we are **reminded** how we must feed on who Jesus is and on what He did to set us free. Now we grow into His image and nature as we make His life our own.

## A Preparation Needed for Healing

→ We are to **examine** our hearts and lives before we partake of the bread and the cup. If you discern the healing virtue in the body of the Lord (bread), you may receive healing and strength.

## A Prophecy of His Return

The angels said that Jesus would come again in the same way. We are told to observe this ordinance "until He comes"

Every time you will think again about Jesus Christ

**Covenant** = Greek diathēkē (G1242)

Testament or will.

**The one who makes the testament** must first be dead for it to have an effect.

**Ratified** = to affirm

**Nature** = qualities, identity, or character

**Baptism in water** = signifies the believer entering in Christ.

**Study:** John 6:47-51

John 6:32-35, 53-58

**Word** = Spirit & Life  
John 6:63 (feed your spirit on His words)  
Galatians 4:19

1 Cor 11:30-32

**Examples are** quoted where this was not done.

**Exodus 12:13**

**The body** (bread) like the meat of the lamb for strength and health.

**The blood** (cup) to protect from the destroyer (covering).  
Mt 26:29; Titus 1:1

**Believers' Baptism** and **The Lord's Supper** are the two ordinances instituted by the Lord.

**Ordinance** = an authoritative order.

**Memorize:** Take, eat; **this is my body which is broken for you: do this in remembrance of Me. This cup is the new covenant in My blood:** this do you as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. (1 Cor 11:24,25)

**Pray:** Lord Jesus, let me always eat and drink in a manner worthy of You.

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