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 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: 1 Corinthians – week 18



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member what the meaning of the bread and wine in the Lord's supper or communion is?
2. What does v.16 tell us about the cup? (**The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?**).
3. What does v.16b tell us about the bread? (**The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?**).
4. What is Paul's warning to us in v.21? (**You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons...**).



Let's go deeper

5. What was God's promise in Exodus 12:11b? (**When I see the blood, I will pass over you, no plague will befall you to destroy you...**)
6. What was Jesus' words in Luke 22:19b? (**This is my body, which is given for you, Do this in remembrance of me.**).
7. What was Jesus' words in Luke 22:20? (**This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.**).
8. What does Revelation 19:9 tell us? (**And the angel said to me, "write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, these are the true words of God.**).



Let's apply this

- 9. 1 Corinthians 10:16 & 21;** The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? **v.21;** You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.
- Can only born-again believers partake in communion?
 - What is the meaning of the wine in communion?
 - Why do we break the bread in communion?
 - Why do we use communion? (See Luke 22:19).

SUMMARY:

Week 18 – The Lord's supper

Read: 1 Corinthians 10:15 – 22

We will look at five different and significant meals in the bible that changed the course of our relationship with God.

1st Meal: Genesis 3:3 – 7; eaten by Adam and Eve without God in unbelief and sin. Adam and Eve sinned against God, by eating the food which God had forbidden. The consequence was that sin came into human existence and mankind was separated from God. The answer to mankind's sin and separation would be restored by Jesus.

2nd Meal: Exodus 12:11 – 14; eaten at the Passover meal in Egypt.

The point of Passover was Jesus; the Lamb of God coming to take away sin.

1 Corinthians 5:8; "Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been slain." The point of slaughtering a lamb and having a Passover feast and meal as a family is to show that Jesus is coming and that His blood will protect us so that God's judgement will pass over us. Passover was eaten in faith that Jesus is coming to take away sin.

3rd Meal: Luke 22:14 – 20; The Lord's supper.

Jesus ate the Passover meal with His disciples; we know it as the Last supper or the Lord's supper or communion. In vv.19 & 20, Jesus revealed that He is the fulfilment of the Passover meal, for many years God's people celebrated and ate the Passover meal and Jesus reveals that all those Passover meals pointed to Him, He is our Passover Lamb. Sin will be forgiven, and people will be reconciled to God through Jesus' broken body on the cross and His blood will be shed for the forgiveness of sins.

4th Meal: 1 Corinthians 10:15 – 22; The early church celebrates communion.

The early church immediately began to devote themselves to communion, the Lord's table and the reason was because Jesus said in Luke 22:19b; "Do this in remembrance of me." Jesus said, if you believe in me and when you get together with other believers, celebrate communion continually in remembrance of me. Till today, this is what believers do they celebrate communion in remembrance of Jesus' broken body and blood that was shed on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

5th Meal: Revelation 19:6 – 9; Marriage supper of the Lamb.

History begins with the meal eaten apart from God and it ends with a meal eaten in the presence of Jesus Christ. And that meal is the wedding supper of the Lamb in Revelation 19. Jesus Christ is the Lamb in Revelation 19:7, all the way from Exodus 12 when God told His people to prepare and eat the Passover lamb, God was preparing the world for the coming and crucifixion of His Son Jesus Christ. And for all eternity in heaven, we are going to rejoice in Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.