

WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?



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The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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." (1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

When we celebrate the Lord's supper, the bread and juice help us think about the body and blood of Jesus. Why would we want to eat Jesus? We don't want to eat Jesus! We love Jesus! But we do want what is inside of Jesus to be inside of us, because his love was stronger than sin and his life was stronger than death!

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:25)

When Jesus died on the cross, his life was poured out like juice for everyone in the world. When Jesus rose from the dead, he showed us what would happen to us if we accept this gift. He called this gift a covenant, which means a promise. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we remember that Jesus is the best gift in the world, and that we can't do anything to earn it, we can just say "yes please!"

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. (1 Corinthians 11:33)

Why would anybody say no to this gift? Well, some people don't want to sit down at the same table as the other people Jesus invited, because they didn't wash their hands first, or they don't say the right words or wear the nicest clothes. But Jesus only has one table, and so we can only enjoy the bread of life when we sit at the same table and admit that we need Jesus just as much as other people do.

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Jesus is planning the biggest dinner party the world has ever seen. When he comes back, many people from a long time ago will come back with him! There is going to be more eating and drinking and singing and dancing than we could imagine! We celebrate the Lord's supper every month because we want to keep ourselves ready for this dinner party, and also because we want to show other people what it's like, since everyone is invited, and we really want them to join us at the table! ~

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