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Due Order & Preparation
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What Is It?

• It is the communion service of bread and wine.

• It is the Lord’s Supper, because Jesus ordained it.

• It is the Lord’s Supper, for it is to remember Him.

• Where is it called the Lord’s Supper? I Co 11:20.

• Where is it called the Lord’s Table? I Cor 10:21.
What Is It?

• Where is it called **communion**? I Cor 10:16.

• What does communion mean? Fellowship.

• What else does it mean? Common union.

• It is one of the duties for Jesus’ disciples to keep.

• It is how Jesus wants us to remember His death.
Is It Important?

- Anything to do with Jesus is extremely important.
- Since it remembers His death, it is important.
- Since it remembers our salvation, it is important.
- Corinth suffered God’s damnation for abusing it.
- Abusing it deserves great judgment (Heb 10:28-31).
What Is It For?

• Jesus chose it for us to remember His death.

• We also remember His death by preaching.

• We also remember His death by baptism.

• We also remember His death by spiritual songs.

• We do not remember His death by “Good Friday.”
How Do We Learn to Do It?

• It is a matter of revelation, not rationalization.

• We can only do it correctly by obeying the Bible.

• Jesus taught Paul directly about it (I Cor 11:23).

• We do exactly what the apostles did with it.

• We reject anything else no matter how valued.
Is there Cause for Concern?

• Like everything God gave us, men pervert it.
• We are charged with ignoring Jesus at Christmas.
• But we love the Lord’s Supper the way He gave it.
• The errors of communion are Legion by Satan.
• Let us protect the ancient landmarks about it.
What Is This?
What Is this Priest Doing?
Communion is Congregational

- Communion is not an individual ordinance.

- Baptism is an individual ordinance *(Acts 8:36-38).*

- Communion needs more than one to commune.

- The church must assemble *(I Cor 11:18,20,33).*

- RCC priests carry it around thinking it saves men.
What Are They Worshipping?
Catholics Worship the Sun
John Paul II at Worship
What Are They Worshipping?
They Are Worshipping Leftovers

- This is the dog house, or god house, for leftovers.

- Remember, their cracker fully became Jesus.

- Leftovers are fully Jesus, and cannot be reversed.

- This decorative cage for God is the tabernacle.

- We eat the leftovers or throw them away.
What about, “This Is My Body”?

- Catholics say *literal* – the cracker is fully Jesus.
- Lutherans say *synecdoche* – Jesus in the cracker.
- Presbyterians *metonym* – Jesus there spiritually.
- Truth is *metaphor* – Jesus represented by bread.
- The bread does not change and is not spiritual.
What about, “Drink Ye All of It”?

- Catholics usually keep the wine from the laity.
- Jesus used these words for every person to drink.
- All of the apostles were to drink it (Matt 26:27).
- Jesus condemned Catholics for withholding wine.
What about, “Drink Ye All of It”?

• How can Catholics disobey Jesus to honor Jesus?

• They do not care at all what the Bible might say.

• They obey tradition instead – their magisterium.

• They say the bread turned into His blood anyway.

• Of course, they say the wine turned into His body.
What Is Wrong with this Picture?
Why Do We Use Wine?

- Because the Corinthians were drunken (I Cor 11:21).
- Paul corrected much error, but not the beverage.
- Jesus and the Jews usually drank wine (Lu 7:31-35).
- Abraham and Melchisedec drank wine (Gen 14:18).
- Church history knows no other until 19th century.
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- Blackberry wine is not a “fruit of the vine”!
- Red wine is the color of blood (Gen 49:11; Deut 32:14).
- White wine does not represent blood at all.
- It is possible Israel had little or no white wine.
- So we use the blood of red grapes for wine.
Why Unleavened Bread?

- Jesus instituted it at the Passover Feast.
- Passover was also Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- Jesus had to have used unleavened bread.
- Paul argued from unleavened bread (1 Cor 5:6-8).
- Leaven in the Bible is generally a symbol for sin.
Why Not Crackers or Wafers?

• Because the Bible says bread, not crackers.

• Because it must be broken or torn from a whole.

• Manufactured wafers are never broken or torn.

• Break means to tear, open, or distribute. Think.

• The Bible is plain here (Matt 26:26; I Cor 10:16; 11:24).
How About Adding the Passover?

• The Passover was for Jews to remember Egypt.

• We want more than God to pass over our houses.

• Jesus Christ is the full fulfillment of the Passover.

• We remember blood saving us eternally from sin.

• Passover traditions are Nehushtan! Sheep blood!
Who Can Participate?

- Only baptized believers and church members.
- Membership requires baptism; it is a church rite.
- **Open** communion allows anyone to take it.
- **Close** communion allows those similar in faith.
- **Closed** communion allows only that local church.
Why Closed Communion?

- Because that is all we see in the New Testament.
- Because a local church is the body of Christ.
- Because church discipline is by local church only.
- Because it needs an assembly of whole church.
- Because most Christians are not even baptized.
Why Closed Communion?

- Because it requires common union in doctrine.
- Because you are a member of one body at a time.
- Because a church is liable for communicants.
- Because it is Rome that opens it willy-nilly.
- Other options are illogical and dysfunctional.
Miscellaneous Aspects

• One cup or many cups are both legitimate.

• Some Presbies even give it to their infants!

• We should think of more often, not less frequent.

• Our unity around Jesus Christ is seen right here.

• This is a good spiritual test against belly worship.
How Do We Prepare for It?

• We **examine** ourselves to confess sins (I Cor 11:28).

• We **reconcile** any offended persons (Matt 5:23-24).

• We **discern** His death in the elements (I Cor 11:29).

• We **eat elsewhere** to avoid hunger (I Cor 11:22,34).

• We **tarry** for others to keep it with us (I Cor 11:33).
How Do We Participate?

• Any brother could lead the communion service.

• We could distribute the elements most any way.

• You should eliminate distractions from your mind.

• You can reflect on the scripture, songs, or words.

• Bless and thank God for Jesus Christ your Savior.
And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood, and these three agree in one” (I John 5:6-8).

- Communion is a perpetual memorial about Jesus.
- He is the Son of God by Spirit and baptism also.
- Our communion practice is about 2000 years old!
How Can We Delight In It?

• Before Sunday, be sure to finish the duties above.

• Note the word *Passover* – I will *pass over* you!

• What are favorite communion songs? Have some!

• What are favorite communion texts? Have some!

• It is called a feast, not a fast, so be thankful!
How Can We Delight In It?

• It is not a funeral, for Jesus is very alive and well!

• Emotion is not the key, but rather faith in Christ.

• Emotions change, but Jesus is the same forever.

• Consider all the saints keeping it for 2000 years.

• Commit yourself anew to live for Jesus every day.
How Can We Delight In It?

- How many ways can you think of His suffering?
- How many of your sins are not put away forever?
- What is the book of life of the Lamb slain?
- How long did His torn body remain in the grave?
- Where is He now? And what condition is He in?
How Can We Delight In It?

• What happened in heaven when He ascended?

• How many choirs raised praise about His death?

• Are you glad He obeyed His Father in the Garden?

• Are you glad He did not call 12 legions of angels?

• Are you happy married to Jesus? By what dowry?
How Can We Delight In It?

• Paul purposed to glory only in the cross of Christ!

• We are to delight in God – and nothing is greater!

• Do you want to win Him as Paul in Philippians 3?

• You can set affection on Jesus and His death!

• You can fully engage to glorify Him to the max!
How Can We Delight In It?

• Pray for Spirit help to delight more (Eph 3:14-19).

• Read the scriptures that exalt His death for you.

• Sing/hear songs that move you toward Him.

• Write a song like a brother did twice recently.

• Speak to others of Him and His gracious death.
For Further Study


Drink Ye All Of it ... http://www.letgodbethtrue.com/bible/church/all-of-it.htm.


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