

"In Remembrance of Me"
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 – "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: 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." 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." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Two Symbols of Holy Communion

God's Provision

Deuteronomy 8:3 "He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

- We remember God will supply all our needs, including food.
- We remember God's provision.
- We remember that God's Word is more important than bread.

Matthew 4:4 "Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

- Bread feeds our physical body, and God's word feeds our soul.

The Bread – Jesus Body

At the Passover meal Jesus equated the bread with His body.

Bread is the basic nourishment for life.

Jesus was the Word made Flesh

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:14a "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..."

- We remember the Word of God became flesh and blood in Jesus Christ.
- We remember Jesus' life and His teachings.
- I remember all that Jesus has done for me.

The Blood - Cup of Wine

Forgiveness of our Sins through the Blood of Jesus

Hebrews 10:1-2 "The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins."

Hebrews 10:3-5 "But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: 'Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me...'"

Hebrews 9:22 "In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

- We remember that Jesus paid a debt that we could never pay.
- We remember that God loved us so much that he allowed His Son Jesus to die in our place.
- We remember that Jesus literally shed His Blood for us.