

Christmas Communion Service
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CHRISTMAS PAST

Remember the Lord's death.

"Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me" Hebrews 10:5 (NKJV).

- The Lord's death was only made possible by His birth.
- The Old Testament centered on the sacrifice of unblemished lambs.

"By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" Hebrews 10:10 (NKJV).

- Jesus was to be the "once and for all" Lamb.
- Christ was God's gift for our redemption.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Remember the Lord's steps and walk in them. The word "communion" is an action word which means: "fellowship, participate in, share together, have in common."

"For even hereunto were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps..." I Peter 2:21 (NKJV).

- Jesus left us here to continue His work and legacy.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father" John 14:12 (NKJV).

- We are a fellowship of believers.
- When we partake of the Lord's table, it is as if we were present with Jesus during that final meal.

CHRISTMAS FUTURE

"Till He Comes"

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" I Corinthians 11:26 (NKJV).

- Jesus spoke of His coming Kingdom.

"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints" Revelation 19:7-9 (NKJV).

"Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" Revelation 19:9a (NKJV).

EXAMINE YOURSELF.

“But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged” 1 Corinthians 11:28-31 (NKJV).

COME AND RECEIVE THE BREAD AND THE CUP OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me’” 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (NKJV).