

COMMUNION 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16, 19

READ 1 COR. 10:14-20

- **Expound the context/Setting.....** Partaking of heathen idolatry.
- Only 2 outward ordinances.
- What does communion point to? What are we to remember and celebrate?
- Thomas Watson has powerfully said, "The Lords Supper is a mirror in which we behold the sufferings and the death of Christ. It is a visible sermon.
- He adds to this, speaking of the practice of the true meaning of the emblems, "Here is the apple of the tree of life." Here God brings us into His banqueting house, and His banner over us is love." (SS. 2:4)
- We as His people, are invited, called, yea even commanded to come to this celebration, "let him who is athirst come and whosoever wills, let him take of the Water of Life freely. (Rev. 22:17)

VS. 16:

- **Communion:** "union- with." Fellowship, mutual participation, to have a share in, sharing, participation
- **Blessing:** to speak well of someone, or something. To praise and thank, thus give thanks.
- This blessed sacrifice of God the Son, which is reflected as in a mirror with this ordinance, symbolizing our redemption, is to be our glory, as the apostle Paul said,
 - God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Gal. 6:14)

THE CUP/BLOOD:

- The cup is the participation with the blood of our Lord.
- To be in communion with the blood of Christ is to be partaking of the benefits of His blood.
 - knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Peter 1:18, 19)
- We are made alive by His blood for the life is in the blood. (Lev. 17:11)
- The cup of blessing. We bless God for the truth and reality of the cup, the blood that redeems and cleanses and forgives.
- We bless the cup and the personal reality of it blesses us with forgiveness, cleansing, ransom.
- Jesus blessed the bread and the cup in the upper room. Mt. 26: 26, 27.

THE BODY:

- What is meant by the communion of the body of Christ? What are the benefits?
 - **Propitiation:** 1 Jn 2:2, 4:10; He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

- **Reconciliation:** Col. 1:21-22; And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight
- **At the cross the Father poured into the body of His Son, our Savior, all the sin, the just wrath and punishment due to a sinful rebellious people.**
 - **1 Peter. 2:24;** who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.
- **And all the goodness, and righteousness and perfections of the life of Christ were poured unto us.**
 - **2 Cor. 5:21;** For He became sin for us who knew no sin
- **Being in communion with the bread, which is an emblem of the body of Christ, is to partake of the benefits of His body broken for us.**

THE UNION/ONENESS:

- **Here together we share the realization of the effects of the Blood of Christ and the Body of Christ, as set forth by the emblems in this Lord's Supper.**
- **We must enjoy real union with Christ and His church before we can enjoy the reality of this outward communion.**
- **In Christ we all have the same spiritual blood type. We are all in communion, and union in the life of Christ's blood.**
- **Likewise, we are all partakers of the same loaf, body, we are all members of His one bread**
 - **Eph. 5:29-30.** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.
- **In Christ we are all united to each other, we have "participation, communion" in the one cup and the one bread that is Christ.**
- **We celebrate this picture and its realities together.**

CONCLUSION:

- **Now as we prepare to come to the Lords table, we do it in remembrance of Him, of His being broken for us as God poured sin and His wrath upon His broken body.**
- **Taking the bread is a confession that I am participant of the benefits of His body broken unto death.**
- **And His blood being poured out unto death for the price owed for our ransom and redemption.**
- **This Lord's Supper/Communion is a celebration of the benefits of His sacrifice for us, once and for all, and being of eternal duration.**
 - **Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**
- **LK. 22:15, 16;** "With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."