

6-Communion of Saints

2/5/23

INTRO:

I. → 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

*14 Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. 16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a **participation** in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a **participation** in the body of Christ?*

*→ 17 Because there is **one loaf**, we, who are many, are **one body**, for we all **share** the one loaf. 18 Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices **participate** in the altar? 19 Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything?*

*→ 20 No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be **participants** with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. 22 Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?*

II. MEAT SACRIFICED TO IDOLS

BODY:

I. Commemoration of Thanks

*16 Is not the **cup of thanksgiving** for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?*

A. The eucharist reminds us that salvation did not come free.

1) **Exodus 12:14**

"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance."

2) THE ORIGINAL PASSOVER

B. We all need the forgiveness of the blood of Christ.

1) **1 Corinthians 11:25-26**

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.

2) **EVOLVING THEOLOGIES ABOUT COMMUNION**

II. **Community of Faith**

16 And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

A. Communion reminds us that we are part of something bigger.

1) **1 Corinthians 11:33-34**

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

2) **EATING LAST AT THE POTLUCKS**

B. The Lord's table is open to anyone who comes by faith.

1) **1 Corinthians 11:28-29**

*Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without **discerning the body** of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.*

2) **EXCLUDING PEOPLE FOR THEIR PAST**

3) **MOLLY'S GRANDMA'S FUNERAL**

III. Communion of Saints

17 Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are **one body**, for we all share the one loaf.

A. Communion is a way of proclaiming whom our family is.

1) **2 Corinthians 6:14-15**

*Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what **fellowship** can light have with darkness?*

2) DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS REFUSING THE KING'S MEAT
ANTIOCHUS MAKING THEM EAT PORK

B. Communion unites us with Christians around the world.

1) **John 15:5**

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

2) BUZZ ALDRIN—COMMUNION ON APOLLO II, 1969

"It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the Moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements."

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

1 Corinthians 10:31

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 11:20-21

So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk.