

Genesis 1:28–29 & 2:16 (NLT)

“Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply...Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food...You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden...”

Revelation 22:17 (NLT)

“Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.”

Revelation 19:9 (ESV)

*“And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”
And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”*

This meal we take is an act of _____!

1 Corinthians 10:17 (ESV)

This meal we take is an act of _____!

Matthew 4:4 (NIV84)

This meal we take is an act of _____!

1 Corinthians 11:26 (ESV)

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1 Corinthians 10:16 (ESV)



1 Corinthians 11; Luke 22; Exodus 24

1 Corinthians 11:17–22 (NLT)

¹⁷But in the following instructions, I cannot praise you. For it sounds as if more harm than good is done when you meet together. ¹⁸First, I hear that there are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God’s approval will be recognized! ²⁰When you meet together, you are not really interested in the Lord’s Supper. ²¹For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk. ²²What? Don’t you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God’s church and shame the poor? What am I supposed to say? Do you want me to praise you? Well, I certainly will not praise you for this!

1 Corinthians 11: 27–28 (NLT)

“So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.”

COMMUNION’S PAST

THE _____!

Exodus 12:8 (NIV84)

“That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.”

COMMUNION'S PRESENT

THE _____!

Luke 22:14–19 (ESV)

“And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, ‘Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and ‘gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.’”

Matthew 16:24 (ESV)

“Then Jesus told His disciples, ‘If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.’”

John 6:35 (NIV84)

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life’.”

Luke 22:20 (NASB95)

“And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.’”

Exodus 24:6-11 (NASB95)

“Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and the other half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar... ‘So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, ‘Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words’ ...and they saw God, and they ate and drank.’”

Jeremiah 31:31–32 (ESV)

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.”

Jeremiah 31:33-34 (ESV)

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

WHY SHARE COMMUNION TOGETHER?

Believers sharing in Communion is the _____!

Acts 20:7 (ESV)

“On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread...”

Believers sharing in Communion centers our message on the _____!

Believers sharing in Communion is a powerful and tangible reminder of _____!

Believers sharing in Communion displays _____!

COMMUNION'S FUTURE

THE _____ OF THE LAMB!

Luke 22:15–18 (ESV)

“And He said to them, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.’ And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, ‘Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes.’”