

“WORD OF LIFE”

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24 - Establishing His Table for the Believers to Remember Him

Matthew 26:26 “As they were eating, Jesus took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, *Take, eat; this is My body*”

✚ The **bread** of the Lord’s table is a **symbol signifying** the **Lord’s body** broken for us on the cross **to release His life that we may participate in it.**

- By participating in this life, **we become** the **mystical body of Christ** (1 Cor. 12:27),
- which is also **signified** by **the bread of the table** (1 Cor. 10:17).
- Hence, by partaking of this bread we have the **fellowship of the body of Christ** (1 Cor. 10:16).

Matthew 26:27 “And He took a **cup** and gave **thanks**, and He gave it to them, saying, *Drink of it, all of you,*”

✚ The **cup** is **related** to the **Lord’s blood**, which **has redeemed us from our fallen condition back to God and back to God’s full blessing.**

Concerning the **Lord’s table** (1 Cor. 10:21),

- the **bread** signifies our **participation in life**, and
- the **cup**, our **enjoyment of God’s blessing**.
 - Hence, it is called the **cup of blessing** (1 Cor. 10:16).
 - In this **cup** are all the blessings of God and even **God Himself as our portion** (Psa. 16:5).
 - In **Adam** our portion was the **cup of God’s wrath** (Rev. 14:10).
 - **Christ** has drunk that cup for us (John 18:11), and
 - His blood has constituted the **cup of salvation for us** (Psa. 116:13),
 - the cup that **runs over** (Psa. 23:5).
 - By partaking of this cup, we also have the **fellowship of the blood of Christ** (1 Cor. 10:16).

Matthew 26:28 “For this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.”

Matthew 26:29 “But I say to you, I shall by no means drink of this **product** of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in the **kingdom** of My Father.”

The “fruit of the vine” within the cup of the **Lord’s table** is also a **symbol, signifying**

- the **Lord’s blood shed on the cross for our sins**.
- His blood was **required** by God’s righteousness **for the forgiveness of our sins** (Heb. 9:22).
- The Lord’s blood, having satisfied God’s righteousness, **enacted** the **new covenant**.

In this new covenant God gives us

- **forgiveness**,
- **life**,
- **salvation**, and
- all spiritual, heavenly, and divine **blessings**.

When this **new covenant** is **given to us, it is a cup** (Luke 22:20), a portion for us.

- The **Lord shed** the blood.
- **God established** the **covenant**, and
- **we enjoy** the cup, in which God and all that is of Him are **our portion**.

✚ The **bread** is to participate in His life,

✚ The **blood** is the **price** Christ paid for us,

✚ the **covenant** is the **title deed** God made to us,

✚ the **cup** is the **portion** we receive from God.