

THE LORD'S SUPPER BIBLE STUDY

The Lord's Supper is also known as: **Communion, the Lord's Table, and the Eucharist** (which means "giving thanks").

1. The Lord's Supper is one of the two ordinances of the church. It is also sometimes called a sacrament. We need to consider the biblical reason for participating in this observance.
 - a. According to Genesis 4:18-19, the first time we see the elements of The Lord's Supper used in a special way, it was by a priest named Melchizedek. This Melchizedek was a representation of Jesus before Jesus was born as a man. What were the two elements that Melchizedek brought out to Abram, the father of the faith? _____
What did Abraham give to Melchizedek? _____
 - b. According to Luke 22:15-16 what was Jesus eating with the disciples at his last supper, before he died? _____
When would he eat it again? _____
Note: The Passover was a Jewish feast that the Lord had instituted in the time of Moses (see Numbers 9:1-14). There was always to be a perfect lamb sacrificed at the Passover. This lamb represented the perfect sacrifice that Jesus makes for us on the Cross. Also part of the feast of Passover was the eating of unleavened bread. This bread represented the body of Jesus. So the Jews celebrated the symbols of the Passover lamb but now the Christian observance of the Lord's Supper was a fulfillment of that earlier symbolism.
 - c. According to Luke 22:19 why should we observe the Lord's Supper? _____

 - d. According to 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 what are the two things we are participating in when we observe the Lord's Supper? _____

What are we committing to when we do this? _____

2. One of the elements used in the Lord's Supper is wine (or grape juice/fruit of the vine). We need to consider what this represents.
 - a. According to Matthew 26:27-29 what does the wine (fruit of the vine) represent? _____
What is the real thing meant to accomplish? _____
 - b. According to Luke 22:20 how did Jesus describe the significance of the cup of wine? _____
 - c. According to Romans 5:9-10 what did the new covenant of the blood of Jesus accomplish for us? _____

- d. According to 1 Corinthians 11:26 what are we doing when we drink the wine or juice and when we eat the bread? _____
- e. According to 1 Peter 1:18-19 what was accomplished by the shed blood of Jesus? _____
- f. According to 1 John 1:7 what does the blood of Jesus do for us if we walk with him? _____

3. The other element used in the Lord's Supper is bread. We will also consider the meaning of the bread.

- a. According to Mark 14:22 what does the bread represent? _____
- b. According to John 6:25-27 what is the meaning of the bread that we take in the Lord's Supper? _____
- c. According to John 6:32-33 who gives the bread of heaven? _____
What does the bread of heaven do? _____
- d. According to John 6:35 what is Jesus referred to in this passage? _____
What will we have if we believe in him as the bread of life? _____

Note: We can see from this that we must believe in him and what he did for us if the benefits of the bread of life in the Lord's Supper are to apply to us.

- e. According to Romans 10:9-10 what are we believing about Jesus when we take the Lord's Supper? _____
- f. Now we know that the bread represents the resurrected body of Christ. According to 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27 who is the body of Christ? _____

Note: Now we see that when we eat of the bread we are declaring that the physical body of Jesus was raised from the dead and that those have put faith in Jesus are called his body. When we eat the bread at the Lord's Supper we are saying that we are part of Jesus' body here on earth.

4. We also need to see what are the qualifications and ramifications for participating in the Lord's Supper.

- a. According to John 6:29 what is important before we take the Lord's Supper? _____
- b. According to John 6:63-64 who gives life? _____
What counts for nothing? _____

Note: We can see it is the act of believing and the work of the Spirit that is important, not the act of eating bread and drinking wine (or juice).

- c. According to 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 what must we do before we participate in the Lord's Supper? _____
What if we take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner? _____

What must we recognize when we take the Lord's Supper? _____

