

Communion

I will remember the cross of Jesus through communion. It was only His death that Jesus told us to remember, not His birth or His life, His words or His works, only His death. I will do this through the commemorative act that Jesus instituted on the night before He was crucified, commonly known as the Lord's Supper or communion. I will remember what Jesus did for me.

I will remember with a grateful heart that through His grace He chose me. This was His plan and will for me before the beginning of time. I will remember with a grateful heart that He exchanged His life for mine. Jesus stepped in and took my place; as a result I am no longer guilty of sin and am accepted by God the Father. I will remember with a grateful heart that He secured my position as a child of God through the cross. I will remember with a grateful heart that through all things His love sustains me. I will remember the cross of Jesus through communion.

The small amount of bread and wine in this supper represents the work of Jesus on the cross. This one act of worship is central to remembering Jesus' sacrifice for me. I will prayerfully prepare my heart for communion through confession of my sin, asking God to draw me closer to Him from where I have drifted and by focusing on Jesus. As I take the bread I will remember His body was broken for me. As I drink the wine I will remember His blood was shed for the forgiveness of my sins and give thanks.

Jesus' desire for me as His follower is to remember His sacrifice on the cross paved the way for the forgiveness of my sins and for me to have a right relationship with God the Father. As I do I will be nourished and empowered by His Spirit. And I am proclaiming my faith as a follower of Jesus; I live in all of the benefits of His resurrection from the dead and my anticipation and hope in His return. I will remember the cross of Jesus through communion.

Study: Communion

Day 1: God's Love - *Romans 5:7-8* (Page 960); *Romans 8:38-39* (Page 863); *Jeremiah 31:3* (Page 598); *Psalms 103:8-13* (Page 460)

Day 2: New Covenant - *Ephesians 1:4-5* (Page 895); *Mark 14:12-26* (Page 775); *Jeremiah 31:31-34* (Page 599)

Day 3: Community - *Matthew 26:17-30* (Page 757); *Acts 2:42, 46* (Page 832); *Acts 20:7,11* (Page 849)

Day 4: Fulfillment of Passover - *Matthew 28:19-20* (Page 760); *1 Corinthians 10:16* (Page 876); *Psalms 116:13* (Page 467); *Ezra 6:21* (Page 366)

Day 5: Mirrors the Passover - *Luke 22:7-20* (Page 804); *2 Chronicles 30:1-5, 12-27* (Page 354)

Day 6: For all Jesus followers - *Galatians 3:28* (Page 892); *1 Corinthians 11:23-29* (Page 877); *Malachi 3:17* (Page 730)

Day 7: More on Communion - *Ephesians 1:13-14* (Page 895); *Exodus 12:1-14* (Page 52); *Numbers 9:1-5* (Page 112). Read the *Daily Reading* once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:26 *"For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again."* 1 Corinthians 11:26

Life Transformation Questions:

1. As you read the *Daily Reading*, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?