

# Dedication to the Lord

## Communion

A quick summary:

Communion is a Celebration  
Communion is a Proclamation  
Communion is a Declaration  
Communion is an Examination

**Communion is a Celebration:** What are we celebrating and why is it important to celebrate?

Revelation 12:10-11 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now **salvation**, and **strength**, and **the kingdom of our God**, and **the power** of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Consider also: Hebrews 3:14; John 8:31-32, and James 1:2-4

Read and discuss the practical application of the following scriptures, the points and principles, into our daily lives. Be as specific as possible, describing how the principle can be put into action in specific situations.

- Submit and commit to the Lord every day: James 4:7; Romans 12:1
- Pray daily: Hebrews 4:16; Ephesians 6:18
- Read the Word of God daily: Hebrews 4:12
- Hang out with the right people: 1 Corinthians 15:33; Hebrews 10:24-25
- Put on the armor of god: Ephesians 6:13-18
- Depend upon the Holy Spirit: Luke 11:33; John 14:13-16

**Communion is a Proclamation:** What are we proclaiming?

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1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Revelation 5:6 **And I looked, and behold**, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, **stood a Lamb as through it had been slain...**

*Jesus is our Passover Lamb; Jesus died for us; Jesus is our victory, and He paid the price for our eternity. – Pastor Steve*

### **Communion is a Declaration**

John 6:53, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

We are declaring our total \_\_\_\_ (dependence) \_\_\_\_ upon Jesus Christ and His power.

Communion is a \_\_ (commitment) \_\_\_\_\_ to allow God place in our lives so that He can re-order our \_\_ (priorities) \_\_\_\_\_ and change our perceptions.

**Communion is an Examination:** Why is it important to examine our lives before receiving communion? Is this a healthy practice for other times in our life, why or why not?

1 Corinthians 11:28-30 That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking from the cup. For if you eat the bread or drink the cup unworthily, not honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

Deuteronomy 8:2 Remember how the LORD your God led you through the wilderness for forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would really obey His commands.

We may not die physically, but what are some ways that we may die because of our unwillingness to examine our lives? What are some things we should look for in our lives or questions we might ask ourselves?

This is my Body: (points to ponder, appreciate and learn to share with others)

Admit your need for God in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins. 1 John 1:9

Believe that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose again, and is alive today. Rom 10:9

Confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is the boss (Lord) of your life and your personal savior. James 5:16

Forgiveness Psalm 103:12; Micah 7:19; John 8:36

Receive God's free gift of salvation. Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:13