

**Walking Together with God  
Open Our Eyes! Pt. 3  
Holy Communion  
Sermon Outline  
August 2, 2020**

**TEXT – I Corinthians 11: 17-26**

Reading Schedule

<b>Sunday</b>	8/2	<i>Proverbs Ch. 2; I Corinthians 11: 17-26</i>
<b>Monday</b>	8/3	<i>Proverbs Ch. 3; Philippians 2: 1-11</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	8/4	<i>Proverbs Ch. 4; I John 1: 1-10</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	8/5	<i>Proverbs Ch. 5; II Corinthians 5: 11-21</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	8/6	<i>Proverbs Ch. 6; I Corinthians 11: 27-34</i>
<b>Friday</b>	8/7	<i>Proverbs Ch. 7; Luke 9: 1-9</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	8/8	<i>Proverbs Ch. 8; I Corinthians 10: 14-22</i>

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

**(Standing before the communion elements) It's Communion Sunday!**

We ask O Lord that you consecrate these elements of bread and wine that they may represent for your people the broken body and shed blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AME

**Scripture Reading:**

*I Corinthians 11: 17-26 – <sup>17</sup> In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. <sup>18</sup> In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent, I believe it. <sup>19</sup> No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. <sup>20</sup> So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, <sup>21</sup> for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry, and another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup> Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter! <sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

**PRAYER:** LORD, IT'S COMMUNION SUNDAY. OPEN OUR EYES TO YOUR MEANING FOR HOLY COMMUNION! Amen

The people of Paul's time lost sight of God's plan, purpose, and power for Holy Communion. The Message Bible puts it this way:

*20-22. I find that you bring your divisions to worship—you come together. Instead of eating the Lord's Supper, you bring in a lot of food from the outside and make pigs of yourselves. Some are left out and go home hungry. Others have to be carried out, too drunk to walk. I can't believe it! Don't you have your own homes to eat and drink in? Why would you stoop to desecrating God's church? Why would you actually shame God's poor? I never would have believed you would stoop to this. And I'm not going to stand by and say nothing.*

Those are powerful words used to address the behavior of the Church at Corinth 2000 years ago

Today, in this era of the Corona Virus, we've been separated from each other on Sunday mornings. The ritual of everyone together eating the consecrated bread and drinking the consecrated fruit of the grape has not been available to us. Even so, the meaning and efficacy of Holy Communion remain the same. Whether we partake separately of crackers, pitas, tortillas, or bread? Whether we drink wine, grape juice, water, or something else, the meaning and efficacy of Holy Communion remain the same.

Let's talk about the meaning and effectiveness of Holy Communion.

**Jesus' obedience produced our healing, our freedom from sin, our deliverance, and our ongoing forgiveness.**

1. **Philippians 2: 5-8** says – Christ Jesus:

*<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;*

*<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

*<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

- a. Jesus, the Son of God, while equal to God, lived in obedience to the will of God, the Father. Jesus' obedience led him to death by crucifixion. The pain of crucifixion was so agonizing, the Roman culture created a word for it, "excruciating," and it means "from the Cross." They needed a new concept because there was nothing in their language that could describe the intense anguish caused during the crucifixion.
- b. Yet, Jesus' obedience produced our healing, our freedom from sin, our deliverance, and our ongoing forgiveness. Now, Christ commands us to remember his excruciating death so we won't forget our infinite blessings each time we take Holy

Communion. Today is Communion Sunday. It's a day to remember our blessings!

So let's talk about the benefits we're to remember this Communion Sunday. **What Christ did on the Cross and when He rose from the grave:**

**1. CANCELS OUR TRANSGRESSIONS AND ESTABLISHES RIGHTEOUSNESS IN US BEFORE GOD ALMIGHTY!**

- a. Jesus' death was substitutionary. That means, when Jesus went to the Cross, he took our sin, guilt, sickness, and eternal death, and gave us his righteousness. That is why we are the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ, even if we error, slip, relapse, or choose wrongly. (**II Corinthians 5: 21**)
  - i. Use an example of a bold exchange that shocked us because "We didn't even know you could do that!"
  - ii. **What Christ did on the Cross and when He rose from the grave cancels our transgressions and establishes righteousness in us before God Almighty!**
  - iii. The exchange has been made, and Christ is saying to us, "As you partake of my broken body and shed blood, be bold enough to receive what is already yours!"

**What Christ did on the Cross and when He rose from the grave means:**

## 2. THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST KEEPS ON CLEANSING YOU

- a. **I John 1: 7** says: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all<sup>[a]</sup> sin.
- b. Regardless of how you feel and what you have done, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. In the original Greek text, the tense for the word "purifies" denotes a present continuous action. This means that once you are a believer, **the blood of Jesus Christ keeps on cleansing you** from every sin!
- c. Use the example of windows being washed on Friday morning, and the rain fell on Saturday morning. The windows now have visible spots and streaks again. I thought, "Wouldn't it be great to have a raincheck for the windows at our place, just as there are at the carwash? If it rains the day after the windows are washed, the cleaners would come back and clean them again. And, they would just keep coming back every week to clean them whenever they got dirty again."
- d. I know you are saying, "You could have that if you're willing to pay for it!" Well, I've come to tell somebody, "With the blood of Jesus, God gave you an eternal raincheck. Jesus may have washed away your sin on Friday. You may have sinned on Saturday. But early Sunday morning, the blood of Jesus has washed away every spot of sin, every streak of guilt, and every stain of doubt that you are the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ!
- e. When we blow it, we tend to run away from God. Not you! When you blow it, don't run away from God. Run boldly to

Him with your raincheck in hand, knowing that you are justified by the blood of Christ and not by your good behavior.

- f. That's what Christ wants you to remember on Communion Sunday!

## INVITATION TO RECEIVE HEALING THROUGH THE BROKEN BODY AND SHED BLOOD OF JESUS

### **Jesus' obedience produced our healing**

Christ commanded us to remember his excruciating death so we cannot forget our infinite blessings each time we take Holy Communion.

God does not want us sick and unhealthy. God's desire is for every believer to walk in health, wellness, and wholeness of spirit, soul, and body. When we take Holy Communion, we are, by faith, receiving the health, wellness, and wholeness given to us by God through Jesus Christ's suffering on the Cross.

Today, take this Holy Communion, knowing you are receiving the healing power of Almighty God through God's Son, Jesus Christ. Take it, believing you are healed right now. You may have been praying for someone's healing, or maybe you know someone who needs healing. Take this Holy Communion, knowing they are whole today.

We're going to start by consecrating your home as if I were standing with you right now, holding Holy Communion with you in your home. You will be called on to read responsively to join me in blessing your home.

**Minister:** O Holy One, we give thanks to you for the home, which, when built upon faith in you and your blessed Son, our Saviour, becomes truly a haven of rest and peace.

**Communicants:** O God, accept this home, which joyfully acknowledges you as the head of the household. I praise you and give thanks for so great a blessing. Here, you have allowed me to raise an altar that extends from your church. Bless me, my family, those who abide in my house and the whole family of God. Forgive me my sins as I gratefully receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, the broken body and shed blood of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ. AMEN

## **RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS**

### **REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF UNFORGIVENESS OR**

**BITTERNESS – Confess it now to receive your healing and healing for others.**

### **BENEDICTION BLESSING:**

<sup>24</sup> Set a time for your healing, a time when you state, "I believe that I receive now." Keep saying it. That's the way to receive your healing.

"May the LORD, who is good, HEAL, LIFT, EXPAND, & PROTECT everyone who sets their heart on seeking God.

And God heard them, for their prayers reached heaven, his holy dwelling place. (II Chronicles 30: 18-20 & 27)

And the people of God together said, AMEN, AMEN, & AMEN!

(Use the big close from the Anniversary)

If you're with somebody, hug them and tell them, "God loves you, and so do I!"