

## God's Memorial Feasts

**Leviticus 23**

- Sabbath (7<sup>th</sup> day)
- Passover (14<sup>th</sup> day of first month)
- Unleavened Bread (15<sup>th</sup> day of first mo.)
- Pentecost (50 days after Passover Sabbath)
- Day of Atonement (10<sup>th</sup> day of seventh)
- Etc.



## Today, we gather for a very special memorial...

- The Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20)
- Breaking bread (Acts 20:7; 2:42)
- Communion (1 Cor. 10:16)
- Cup of the Lord (1 Cor. 10:21)
- The Lord's Table (1 Cor. 10:21)

## History's Most Important Memorial

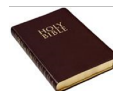


**1 Corinthians  
11:23–26**

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- Relatively cheap, common items
- Instituted during Passover
- **Matthew 26:17, 26**



### Matthew 26:17, 26



<sup>17</sup> Now on the first *day of the Feast* of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to **eat the Passover?**”

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### ■ But cost of sacrifice / suffering

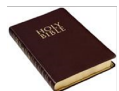
- **Matthew 26:26-29**
- **Hebrews 2:9**



### Matthew 26:26-28



<sup>26</sup> And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “**Take, eat; this is My body.**” <sup>27</sup> Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> For this is **My blood** of the new covenant, **which is shed for many** for the remission of sins.

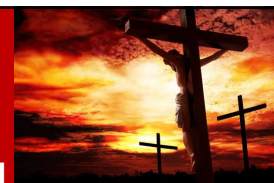


## Hebrews 2:9



<sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the **suffering of death** crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, **might taste death for everyone.**

## Jesus Suffered



### • Sweat drops of blood

– Luke 22:41-44

<sup>44</sup> And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

## Jesus Suffered



### • Scourged, Thorns, Nailed to Cross

– Mark 15:15-17, 24

<sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, **after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.**

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□ Matthew 26:28

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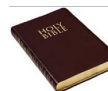
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### ■ The Lord's Supper

- Not your own (1 Corinthians 11:20-21)
- Commune with Jesus (10:16)



## 1 Corinthians 11:20-22



<sup>20</sup> Therefore when you come together in one place, it is **not to eat the Lord's Supper**. <sup>21</sup> For in eating, **each one takes his own supper** ahead of *others*; and one is hungry and another is drunk. <sup>22</sup> What! **Do you not have houses to eat and drink in?**



## 1 Corinthians 10:16



<sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the **communion of the blood** of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the **communion of the body of Christ**?

## Greatest Participants

### ■ Baptized believers —

- Disciples (Acts 2:41-42)

<sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, **in the breaking of bread, and in prayers**

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- In assembly ([1 Corinthians 11:33-34](#))

<sup>33</sup> Therefore, my brethren, **when you come together to eat**, wait for one another. <sup>34</sup> But if **anyone is hungry, let him eat at home**, lest you come together for judgment.

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- In kingdom ([Matthew 26:29](#))



## Matthew 26:29



<sup>29</sup> But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when **I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."**

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### ■ Between Jesus and His saints

- In kingdom ([Matthew 26:29](#))
- If church is not the kingdom, why take the Lord's Supper?!

## Most Effective Meal

### ■ Its purpose for you:

- Remind (11:24-25)
- Demonstrate (11:26)
- Examine (11:27-28)
- Discern (11:29)
- Chasten (11:30-32)

## Most Neglected Meal

### ■ Indicated by the warning

- “unworthy manner” (vv. 27-29)
- Results in judgment!



### 1 Corinthians 11:27-28



<sup>27</sup> Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an **unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.** <sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

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### ■ Unworthy manner, not person

- No one deserves to commune w/God
- Those who do must take seriously
- **Spiritual sickness** (v. 30)

## Most Neglected Meal

### ■ Incorrectly known as...

- ❑ The Passover
- ❑ The Eucharist
- ❑ The “Mass”
- ❑ The “Sacrament”
- ❑ A Church “Ordinance”
- ❑ “Love Feast”

**Mark 7:8**

## Greatest Day

### ■ “Upon the first day of the week” (Acts 20:7) —

- ❑ How often does first day occur?
- ❑ If paid on FDOW misunderstand?
- ❑ “Remember Sabbath...” (Exo. 20:8)

### ■ The Lord wants a memorial—

- ❑ Jesus taught Paul (1 Cor. 11:23)
- ❑ “This do”

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

<sup>23</sup> **For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you:** that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.”**

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

### Thought Question:



If we are not supposed to gather every Sunday to take the Lord's Supper, why do churches assemble every Sunday?

## History's Most Important Memorial

...Expensive

...Meaningful

...Participants

...Effective

...Neglected

...Day