



# COMMUNION

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# The Eucharist

## The Elements

Breaking of bread,



The Lord's Supper,

The Lord's Table,

The Paschal Supper



**Memorial: Baptists**

**Spiritual Presence: Reformed**

**Consubstantiation: Lutheran**

**Transubstantiation: Roman Catholic**

# Justifications to practice communion

**The tree of life in the garden of Eden,  
Melchizedek as a priest of God brought out bread and wine.  
The offering up of Issac by Abraham  
The manna in the wilderness  
Sprinkling of the congregation with blood by Moses  
The show bread on the table in the tabernacle  
Jesus born in Bethlehem, the house of bread  
John calling Jesus The Lamb of God  
Miracle of the loaves and the feeding of the 5000  
The Lord's prayer: give us this day our daily bread  
Paul in 1 Corinthians 11: 'Ye do show the Lord's death till He come'.  
Revelation: the marriage supper of the Lamb**

# the Passover meal



# Deut 16:2-3

<sup>2</sup> Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

<sup>3</sup> Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest **remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.**

**Matt 26:17-20**

**Mark 14:12-17**

**Luke 22:7-14**

***17 Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to **eat the Passover?** (Tuesday)***

***18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will **keep the Passover** at thy house with my disciples.***

***19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready **the Passover.*****

***20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.***  
**(Tuesday after 6 pm begins Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>)**



## **Ex 12:43-45**

*43 And the Lord said unto Moses and Aaron,*

***This is the ordinance of the Passover:***

***There shall no stranger (Gentile) eat thereof:***

*44 But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.*

***45 A foreigner (Gentile) and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.***

## Ex 12:48

*48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the **Passover** to the Lord, let all his **males be circumcised**, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for **no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.***

## Numbers 9 :14

*14 And if a stranger (**Gentile**) shall sojourn among you and will keep the **Passover** unto the Lord; **according to the ordinance of the Passover, and according to the manner thereof**, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.*

<sup>17</sup> And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: <sup>18</sup> For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.


<sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

<sup>20</sup> Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood,** which is shed for you.

**Matt 26:26-29**

**Mark 14:22-25**

**Luke 22:15-30**



**This cup is the  
new testament  
(new covenant)  
in my blood,  
which is shed  
for you.**

**1** This meal is for circumcised Jews, and anyone else who is circumcised. **(not uncircumcised Gentiles)**

**2** This is the sign of the New Covenant between God and Israel and Judah. **(not Gentiles)**

**1 Cor 10:1-5 (Paul writing to the Jews there)**

*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all **our fathers** were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;*

*And were all **baptized unto Moses** in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same **spiritual meat**; And did all drink the same **spiritual drink**: for they drank of that **spiritual Rock** that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*

*But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.*

**1 Cor 10:16-18 (Paul writing to Jews there)**

***16 The **cup of blessing** which we bless, is it not the communion (fellowship) of the blood of Christ? (one of four cups used in the Passover meal)***

***The bread which we break, is it not the communion (fellowship) of the body of Christ?***

***17 For we being many are one loaf, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one loaf.***

***18 Behold **Israel according to the flesh**: are not they which eat of the sacrifices, partakers of the altar?***



## 1 Cor 11:17-22

*<sup>17</sup> Now in this that I declare unto you **I praise you not**, that ye come together not for the better, but **for the worse**.*

*<sup>18</sup> For first of all, when ye come together in the ~~church~~ **assembly**, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.*

*<sup>19</sup> For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.*

*<sup>20</sup> When ye come together therefore into one place, this **is not** to eat **the Lord's supper**. (**only occurrence in Scripture**)*

*<sup>21</sup> For in eating every one taketh before other **his own supper**: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.*

*<sup>22</sup> What? have ye not **houses to eat and to drink in**? or despise ye the ~~church~~ **assembly** of God, and **shame** them that have not? what shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? **I praise you not**.*

1 Cor 11 (Paul writing to the Jews there)


*Take, eat: **this is my body, which is broken** for you:  
this do in remembrance of me.*

***This cup** is the **new testament** in my blood: this do ye,  
as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*


*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup,  
ye do shew the Lord's death **till he come.***

# 1 Cor 11

**<sup>27</sup> Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall 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 that bread, and drink of that cup.**



**<sup>29</sup> For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**



## **Jer 31:31**

*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a **new covenant** with the **house of Israel**, and with the **house of Judah**:*

# Passover Meal

<b>Time:</b>	<b>The 14<sup>th</sup> of Abib or Nisan</b>	<b>Le 23:5</b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Privately at home, not publicly</b>	<b>Ex 12:46</b>
<b>Who:</b>	<b>Circumcised Only</b>	<b>EX 12:40-51</b>
<b>Bread:</b>	<b>Unleavened (For eight days)</b>	<b>Ex 13:3</b>
<b>Blood:</b>	<b>New Covenant, Atonement</b>	<b>Jer 31:31</b>
<b>Till He come again</b>	<b>Millennial Kingdom</b>	
<b>Jerusalem Council</b>	<b>Gentile could not partake</b>	<b>Ac 15:23-29</b>
<b>Directions</b>	<b>For Jews</b>	<b>1 Cor 10 &amp; 11</b>
<b>Penalty</b>	<b>For Jews</b>	<b>1 Cor 11:29-30</b>

**Remember:**

**Even after Christ's death during the Acts period Jews (including the twelve Apostles of Jesus) were still observing the Passover and still eating the Passover meal once a year.**

**Those who think  
they are the  
“new Israel”  
are bound to  
comply with what  
pertained to Israel.**



**To them the body of Christ  
is a piece of bread.  
To them to have eternal life,  
you have to eat the  
body of Christ.**

**That was true for the Acts  
period body of Christ.  
But only in a spiritual sense.**





**To take part in the New Covenant it is required to drink the wine which was a metaphor for the blood of the New Covenant between God and Israel.**

**But in a Spiritual sense also**

**ALL OF THE FOREGOING**

**PERTAINED TO ISRAEL (JEWS)**

**BEFORE THE END OF THE ACTS**

**What about today?**

**What is truth for today?**

# Post-Acts

**Here is where right division and dispensational truth is essential!**

**The mystery of the Body of Christ**

**Is not the sacrament of the body  
of Christ**

**At the end of The Acts, Israel was set aside,  
which includes everything that pertains to Israel.  
(except the Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus)**

**Everything changed in God's administration  
from earthly to heavenly: from flesh to spirit:  
From Israel to the whole world.**

**The Gospel of John and seven epistles of Paul were  
written after the end of The Acts.**

**What is written after The Acts about the Passover meal?**

**The Gospel of John was written after the end of The Acts**

**In John Chapter 6 is a record of how Jesus explained eating His body and drinking His blood.**

**This explanation took place one year before Jesus' Passover meal with the twelve before his death.**

# John 6

A.D. 28

<sup>35</sup> *And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.***

**Come and believe**



**48 I am that bread of life.**

**49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.**

**50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven,  
that a man may eat thereof, and not die.**

**51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven:  
if any man **eat of this bread**, he shall live for ever:  
and the bread that **I will give** is **my flesh**,  
**which** I will give for the life of the world.**

**52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying,  
**How can this man give us his flesh to eat?****

***53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.***

***54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.***

***55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.***

***56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.***

***63 It is the spirit that quickeneth;  
the flesh profiteth nothing:  
the words that I speak unto you,  
they are spirit, and they are life.***

**All of this is to be taken in a spiritual sense**

**Similarly, in our world today to eat, drink, and sleep something means to be very dedicated and passionate about it, implying that it occupies most of our time and thoughts. It suggests a deep commitment.**

**We don't actually eat it or drink it!**

**To eat and drink the flesh and blood of Christ has a spiritual meaning of commitment to and identification with Christ.**

**It is obedience to the word of truth about Christ.**

**It does not require a ritual in the flesh involving earthly elements such as bread and wine or crackers and grape juice.**

## **John 13:1-2 (IMPORTANT)**

*Now before the feast of the **passover**, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.*

*<sup>2</sup>And **supper being ended** (having been served), the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;*

**(Chapters 13-17 are Jesus' discussion with His disciples before they went to the garden.)**

## John 13

### NOTICE

No mention of the meal itself, or bread, or wine, or body, or blood, or cup or new covenant. Instead, we are given five chapters of Jesus pouring His heart out to His disciples and praying for His friends.

Is there a reason that **the new covenant** was omitted from John's Gospel?

Is there a reason **the bread and cup** are omitted from John's Gospel?

What changed between the time Matthew, Mark, and Luke were written and the time John was written?

**After the end of the Acts**

**The salvation of God was sent to the Gentiles**

**Saints now are saved by belief or faith in the Son of God**

**There is no requirement to observe the Passover**

**Gentiles cannot partake of the Passover**

**There are no covenants for the Gentile believers**

**To eat and drink the body and blood of Christ is only spiritual**



The **Body of Christ** is being called out from among the saints

The **faithful saints** are the called-out which is His Body.

Christ Jesus is the **Head of the Body**

How can the Body of Christ  
eat and drink the body and blood of Christ?

**We worship in the spirit and truth**

**Our baptism is spiritual by dying to the flesh and the world**

**We sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**

**We are blessed with every blessing that is spiritual**

**We have been adopted as sons of God**

**We have been accepted in the Beloved**

## **Paul's post-Acts Epistles**

**Paul never mentions the Passover**

**Paul never mentions communion**

**Paul never mentions a covenant**

**Eph 1, 2**

**There is neither Greek nor Jew,**

**Col 3:11**

**The blood of Christ created one new man**

**Eph 2:213**

**The blood of the cross made peace**

**Col 1:14**

**After the end of the Acts..... everything changed.**

**All things that pertained to Israel..... were set aside.**

**The salvation of God, not the kingdom of heaven, is being offered to Gentiles.**

**Gentile believers today..... are not the “new Israel”.**

**There is no biblical support or requirement for Gentiles to observe the Passover meal**

**For “Christians” to practice a communion ordinance is truth out of place.**

**Gentiles can certainly break bread, but only in the sense of fellowship.**

**Gentiles have no part in the covenants between God and Israel.**

**In the Body of Christ, there are no Gentiles or Jews, but only one new man.**

**Communion, as a Passover remembrance, has no place in the Body of Christ.**

**How can the elect members of the Body Christ eat or partake of the body of Christ?**

**Eph 5:30**

**<sup>30</sup> For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.**

**<sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the called-out body.**

## **Colossians 2**

**<sup>8</sup> Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**

**<sup>9</sup> For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**

**<sup>10</sup> And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:**

## **Colossians 2**

**<sup>13</sup> And you, being dead to your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;**

**<sup>14</sup> Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;**

## **Colossians 2**

**<sup>16</sup> Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:**

**<sup>17</sup> Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.**



**2 Tim 2:15**

**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**