

## IT'S SUPPER TIME

Come and take your place at the table of the Lord with the "Body of Christ."

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ A beautiful tradition households have practiced for centuries has provided countless good memories and bonding opportunities for their family members. It's the tradition of eating together at supper time.
- ❖ Let's go back about 3,500 years to a particular meal that still holds a lot of relevance to us today. It was a massive national meal, eaten family by family by the Israelites in Egypt, just before God delivered them from slavery. Our first report of it comes from Exodus 12:1-14.
- ❖ There are a lot of details in this reading that we need to take note of. And as we consider these points, we'll see many similarities and the foreshadowing of what Jesus brought into being about 1,500 years later. That's when He introduced the next step forward in our spiritual feasting—a new meal we call "Communion."
- ❖ In Exodus 12:1-14, we read that:
  - The blood of the Passover lamb on the doorposts saved the firstborn of Israel from death (Ex. 12:3-13).
    - Paul specifies that *Jesus* is the Passover Lamb that has been sacrificed for us (1 Corinthians 5:7). It is *His* blood that cleanses us of our sins (1 John 1:7), and it is through *Him* that we have eternal life (John 3:16; Romans 6:23b).
  - The Israelites ate the meat of the Passover lamb, a necessity for sustenance as they were about to begin their journey of deliverance.
    - As Jesus ate the Passover with His disciples, He took bread, broke it, gave it to them and said (paraphrased from 1 Cor. 11:23-25), 'This is my body, my flesh, my meat. This is what you need to sustain your life.' Without Christ in us, symbolized by the bread and the cup, we have no spiritual life (John 6:53-58).
  - Only those who had entered into the covenant of circumcision were permitted to eat the Passover lamb (Ex. 12:47-48).
    - This is akin to a baptized believer partaking of Communion. First, we enter the New Testament church by way of the covenant of baptism.
- ❖ Now for the crucial application as we take a look at the kind of lives the Israelites lived in the wilderness:
  - God fed and cared for a nation of circumcised, 'baptized' sinners; rebels who constantly engaged in idolatry, lived immoral lives, and murmured against God on a daily basis (Numbers 14:22-23, 29).
- ❖ Then, approximately 1500 years after the first Passover, Jesus shared that meal with His disciples and instituted a new tradition we now call "Communion." And what Jesus started at this last Passover before His death closely parallels what we saw in Exodus 12:

**KEY SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 12:1-14, 47-48, 14:13-14, 16, 29-30a, (1 Corinthians 10:1-2), 16:4, 17:6; Numbers 14:22-23, 29; John 6:47-58; Mark 14:17-31; 1 Corinthians 5:7, 10:1-17, 11:17-34

- Jesus is the Passover Lamb whose blood saves (1 Cor. 5:7);
- We're eligible to partake at the Passover table after we have entered into covenant with Jesus Christ through baptism (Mark 16:16);
- And like the manna in the wilderness, Jesus identified *Himself* as the bread from heaven (John 6:51).
- ❖ Now, just how holy and righteous does one need to be to partake at the Communion table? Well, about as 'holy' and 'righteous' as the disciples were! (See Mk 3:17 & Luke 9:51-56; Mk 10:35-41; Luke 22:24-27; John 12:6; Matthew 26:74.)
- ❖ But even with the foreknowledge of His disciples' failings, Jesus served Communion to each and every one of them!
- ❖ What then is Paul talking about in 1 Corinthians 11:27 when he speaks against partaking "unworthily" (KJV)?
- ❖ His emphasis is not on our own personal holiness and worthiness before God to partake at the table. The emphasis is on the worthy condition of our *heart* as we partake.
- ❖ As we come to the table, are we honouring God? Or are we dishonouring Him?
- ❖ Eating and drinking 'in a worthy manner' actually means we are treating the "Body of Christ" in a proper, godly fashion.
- ❖ Jesus said: "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick" (Matt. 9:12 NASB).
- ❖ The Lord does not chase us from His table because of our imperfections—He welcomes us because of our need.
- ❖ Do not avoid the table. It gives life. It draws us closer to God and to each other. It shows the power of the gospel at work. It recalls the work of Christ at Calvary and celebrates Him.
- ❖ This is an invitation to come—come to the table!

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. During your walk with God, have you ever chosen not to partake in communion? In hindsight, is this something you would do today? Why or why not?
2. How does scripture encourage/instruct us about eating at the "Lord's Table" in a worthy manner?

### PRAYER TIME

Lord, when the call for "supper time" rings out, I will come and take my place at the table.

Start-up: Is supper time "sacred" for you and your family, in that everyone has to be at the table? What is your family's favourite meal for supper?

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

(Reminds me/Confirms)
 (New idea)
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **COMMUNION SERVICE**

Let us gather together to commemorate the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection.

When: Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: Following the morning message

Contact: Pastor A. Peel

### **APRIL FASTING**

Let's join together as a Faith Family as we fast every Friday during the month of April from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The theme is "Faith Family Unity."

### **3DY: SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Youth Sunday School is back in person for students in high school and for young adults.

When: Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Where: Youth Sunday School Classrooms (across from the kitchen)

Contact: Sis. Tope Famutimi

### **FAITH SANCTUARY ON-LINE SERVICES**

**Sunday Bible Study @ 10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.**

**(Rebroadcast @ 3:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and**

**Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.)**

**Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**

**(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)**

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS**

### **GOD**

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### **GOD'S WORD**

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### **GOD'S CREATION**

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### **HUMANITY'S FALL**

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### **THE GOSPEL**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### **OUR FAITH RESPONSE**

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### **CHRIST'S RETURN**

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

**APRIL 3, 2022**

  
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**Pastor: Rev. Granville E. McKenzie**

*"This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."  
John 6:58 NKJV*

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