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Transformed living

The Transforming Power of Christ's Blood

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. – Luke 22:19-20

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. ³²When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world. – I Corinthians 11:23-32

QUESTION: Why did Jesus issue what we call The Lord's Supper or communion?

ANSWER: We are never to forget the sacrifice Christ made for us.

The Lord's Supper is a very solemn declaration about the BREAD and the CUP.

The bread symbolizes His BODY and the cup symbolizes His BLOOD.

Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. – I Corinthians 5:7

Jesus instituted a “Sacred Supper” for us so that when He returned to heaven we would not forget.

Through the blood of Christ...

We are SAVED from God's JUDGMENT

We are cleansed from our SIN.

We find LIFE and FREEDOM.

We gain ACCESS to God's throne room.

In order to appease a Holy God a sacrifice had to be made..

but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him." ³When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." ⁴Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey." ⁸Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." –Exodus 24:2-8

The division of the BLOOD OF THE COVENANT has a two fold purpose.

1. The blood on the altar symbolizes God's FORGIVENESS and His ACCEPTANCE of the offering.
2. The blood on the people points to an OATH that BINDS them in obedience and that their sin had been forgiven.

The proper way to take Communion:

We PROCLAIM the Lord's death and BELIEVE He will return.

I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." – Matthew 26:29

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. – Revelation 22:12-13

We should not eat the bread or drink the cup in an UNWORTHLY manner.

We need to EXAMINE our HEARTS.

Test your HEART.

Ask yourself:

What is my motivation??

Do I proclaim Him in my life?

Test your OUTWARD conduct.

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. — Isaiah 53:4-6