



What are the 4 views of Baptism?

TONIGHT from 6 -7:30 pm

TALK TOUGH

QUESTIONS

And... why does LWCC hold to our view as the most biblically accurate?

Remembrance

A CLOSER LOOK

AT COMMUNION

Thanksgiving

Fellowship

Message Series
6/22, 6/29, & 7/6

**Having True Faith
is Symbolic of
Consuming Jesus'
Body and Blood**

The Sharing of Communion or the Eucharist

The word "communion" in scripture is from the Greek word "κοινωνία" (koinonia) which means fellowship, sharing, participation, or communion. It is used 20 times in the New Testament manuscripts.

The word "eucharist" comes from the Greek word "εὐχαριστέω" (eucharisteó) meaning to give thanks, to be grateful, to have gratitude. This verb is used 38 times in the New Testament manuscripts. The noun from which the word eucharist also comes is "εὐχαριστία" (eucharistia) and is used 15 times meaning "thanksgiving".

Though churches observe communion in different ways, let's build a scriptural foundation to see why it is best understood symbolically.

Deuteronomy 8:3 (NIV) He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Matthew 4:3-4 (NIV) ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Ephesians 5:25-26 (HCSB) ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word.

John 5:24-25 (ESV) ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵ Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

This directly connects to the conversation in John 6, that "the work" that God requires is hearing His word and responding with true faith.

Jesus demonstrates that putting our faith in Him gives us the first resurrection from which the second death has no power. But we must first hear His word and choose to respond with repentance and belief.

Have you received the first resurrection from hearing, believing, & following the Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ?

John 6:25-31 (NIV) ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." ²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." ³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Do you yet realize that true faith is the "work" Jesus calls for?

John 6:32-36 (LSB) ³² Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses has not given you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

John 6:41-42 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ⁴¹ Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the bread that came down out of heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, 'I have come down out of heaven'?"

Do you see that active belief provides our spiritual sustenance?

John 6:47-54 (NKJV) ⁴⁷ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." ⁵² The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this *Man* give us *His* flesh to eat?" ⁵³ Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

How are you responding to Jesus' death and resurrection? Are you feeding on Christ with true faith and obedience through loving action?