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



**The Last Supper...
Fellowship,
Thanksgiving, and
Remembrance**

Communion/ The Eucharist – What we've learned...

The Greek word koinonia means fellowship, sharing, or communion.

Eucharist is from the Greek words eucharistia (meaning thanksgiving) and eucharisteo (meaning to give thanks, to have gratitude).

The Old Testament informs us that we don't live on bread alone but on every word from God and Jesus confirms this to be true.

Jesus confirms that true faith is the "work" we must do that God requires. We first hear His word and then respond with active belief.

Jesus used symbolic imagery in His ministry: "Tear down this temple...", "Whoever drinks of the water I give him...", "My food is to do the will...", "I am the door", "I am the vine...", "I am the bread of life..."

If you still think we are to eat His actual flesh and drink His blood...

Leviticus 17:14 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ¹⁴ "For *as for the* life of all flesh, its blood is *identified* with its life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, *for the life of all flesh is its blood*; *whoever eats it shall be cut off.*'

Acts 15:19-21 (NKJV) ¹⁹ Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, ²⁰ but that *we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.* ²¹ For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

Matthew 26:26-28 (LSB) ²⁶ Now while they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it*. And giving *it* to the disciples, He said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Note that they've already been eating and this is taking place during their Passover remembrance fellowship.

Jesus had not yet given His life, but He was making sure they would understand that He came to fulfill the Passover, the law, and the prophets. They would know that He is the Resurrection.

Note that not one disciple questions Jesus concerning this for they knew He was speaking symbolically. Think of Acts 10 and Peter's visions.

Do you recognize that regardless of your circumstances, if you follow Christ, you have much to be thankful for?

Mark 14:22-24 (NIV) ²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

Again, note that the meal fellowship has already been in full swing. As the body of Christ, we are to represent this fellowship.

Jesus knew their minds, during this fellowship, would be on the Passover, so this was the perfect time to introduce the New Covenant (Jesus was about to fulfill Passover).

Jesus had told His disciples multiple times that He came to give His life, and this was a way they could remember Him in fellowship.

Do you really consider the body of Christ (fellow Christians) as true brothers and sisters?

Luke 22:15-21 (CSB) ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "I have fervently desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And

he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

²¹ But look, the hand of the one betraying me is at the table with me.

Do we regularly remember the great cost of our salvation?
Do we regularly give thanks with fellow believers in fellowship?