



**The Apostles,
Doctrine,
Fellowship,
Breaking of
Bread and
Prayer**

**Leading a
Balanced
Christian Life**

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APOSTOLICAL DOCTRINE

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Doctrine

John 16:3

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

2 John 9

“Whoever transgresses and **does not abide in the doctrine of Christ **does not have God**. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.”**

Simply stated-to ignore doctrine is to ignore Jesus and his teachings for the truth.

Fellowship



discover & develop
a relationship
with jesus christ

christianfellowship

True Christian Fellowship

Literal definition- (lit: partnership) (a) contributory help, participation, (b) sharing in, communion, (c) spiritual fellowship, a fellowship in the spirit.

Ephesians 4:16

“from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

We Christians are bound and knit together in a way the world will never be able to understand-We are one!



The Breaking of Bread
LORD'S
Supper

“Do This”

Jesus' call for all Christians in relation to the Lord's supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”

The breaking of bread= His broken body


The fruit of the vine= through His shedding of blood He brings in a new covenant to us.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

What The Lord's Supper Is

“a memorial of Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross. It is a feast of living union of believers with the Saviour, whereby they truly, that is spiritually and by faith, receive Christ with all His benefits, and are nourished with His life unto eternal life” (Schiff in the history of the Christian church)

““The Supper is a personal fellowship with Christ. Partaking of one bread creates fellowship between the members too; it merges them into one body, the church” (G. Kittel).



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These two ideas coincide with what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:16,17

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.”

"It is a offering of thanks of ourselves to Christ, who died for us that we might live for him, but it is also an acted sermon, an acted proclamation of the death which it commemorates to proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26).

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- Simply stated the Lord's supper is a time to commune with Christ and each other.
- It is a time to reflect on our Lord's sacrifice for us
- It is a time to remember He is coming back again for us

– 1 Corinthians 11:26

- “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.”



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What The Lord's Supper Isn't

–It is not a time we come together to eat a regular meal- this meal has greater significance

- Paul's warning- 1 Corinthians 11:20-22

- “Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of *others*; and one is hungry and another is drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise *you*.”



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What The Lord's Supper Isn't

– It is not a time to distract yourself with the things of this world- to talk and chat with each other, but to examine yourself (in relation to Christ and what your about to partake in) lest you be accused by God for drinking in an unworthy manner (being disrespectful to Christ and His sacrifice)

– 1 Corinthians 11:27-31

» “Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.”



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Sunday- The Time Set Aside

Some have asked me and remarked about the scriptures never giving a time when to take the Lord's supper...but God's word does give us a very convincing example of when the disciples did.

Acts 20:7

“Now on the first day of the week,
when the disciples came together to
break bread...”

The only stated reason in the New Testament as to why the disciples gathered together each week!

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How Will You View This Important and Humbling Time?

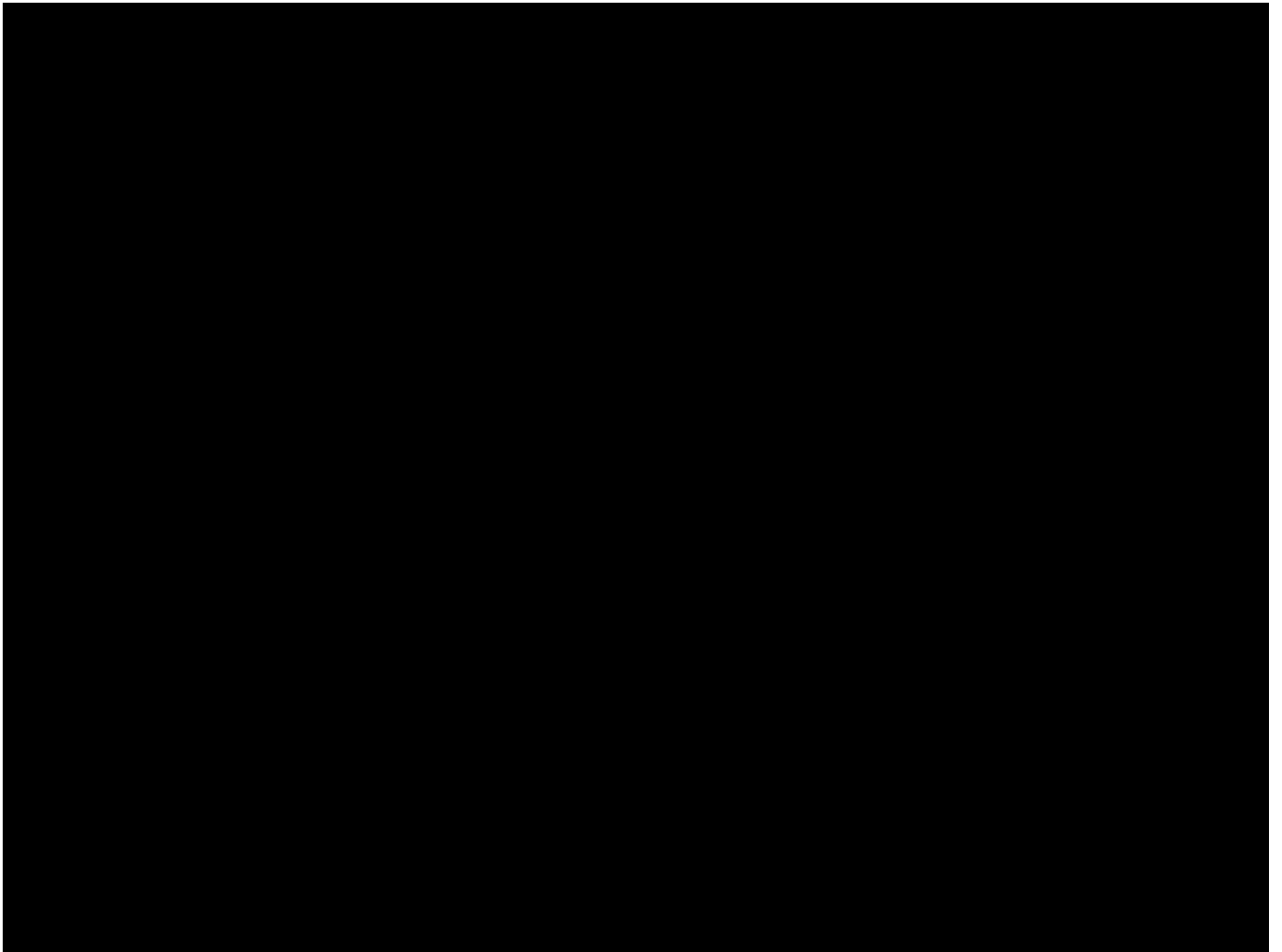
Hebrews 9:22

“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”

Isiah 53:5,6

“But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

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