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Due Order & Preparation

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What Is It?

- It is the communion service of bread and wine.
- It is the Lord's Supper, because Jesus ordained it.
- It is the Lord's Supper, for it is to remember Him.
- Where is it called the Lord's Supper? I Co 11:20.
- Where is it called the Lord's Table? I Cor 10:21.

What Is It?

- Where is it called communion? 1 Cor 10:16.
- What does communion mean? Fellowship.
- What else does it mean? Common union.
- It is one of the duties for Jesus' disciples to keep.
- It is how Jesus wants us to remember His death.

Is It Important?

- **Anything to do with Jesus is extremely important.**
- **Since it remembers His death, it is important.**
- **Since it remembers our salvation, it is important.**
- **Corinth suffered God's damnation for abusing it.**
- **Abusing it deserves great judgment (Heb 10:28-31).**

What Is It For?

- **Jesus chose it for us to remember His death.**
- **We also remember His death by preaching.**
- **We also remember His death by baptism.**
- **We also remember His death by spiritual songs.**
- **We do not remember His death by “Good Friday.”**

How Do We Learn to Do It?

- **It is a matter of revelation, not rationalization.**
- **We can only do it correctly by obeying the Bible.**
- **Jesus taught Paul directly about it (1 Cor 11:23).**
- **We do exactly what the apostles did with it.**
- **We reject anything else no matter how valued.**

Is there Cause for Concern?

- **Like everything God gave us, men pervert it.**
- **We are charged with ignoring Jesus at Christmas.**
- **But we love the Lord's Supper the way He gave it.**
- **The errors of communion are Legion by Satan.**
- **Let us protect the ancient landmarks about it.**

What Is This?



What Is this Priest Doing?



Communion is Congregational

- **Communion is not an individual ordinance.**
- **Baptism is an individual ordinance (Acts 8:36-38).**
- **Communion needs more than one to commune.**
- **The church must assemble (I Cor 11:18,20,33).**
- **RCC priests carry it around thinking it saves men.**

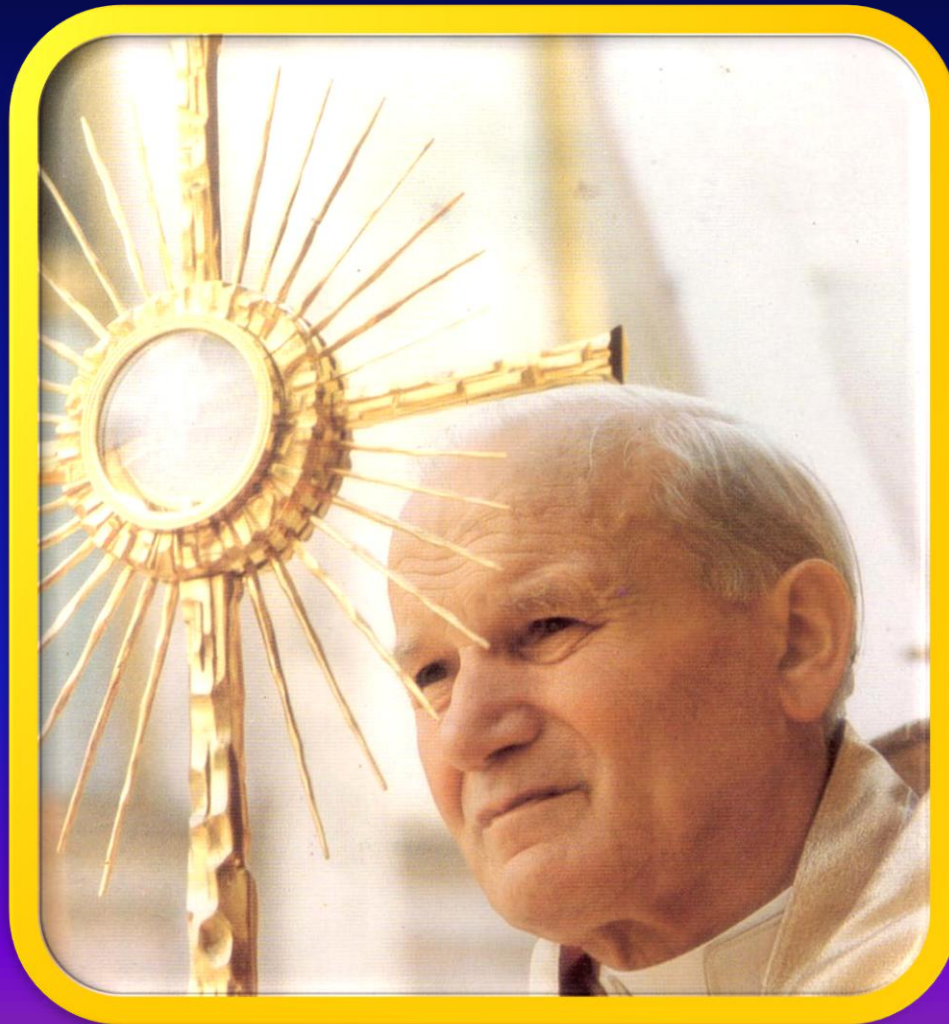
What Are They Worshipping?



Catholics Worship the Sun



John Paul II at Worship



What Are They Worshipping?



They Are Worshipping Leftovers

- **This is the dog house, or god house, for leftovers.**
- **Remember, their cracker fully became Jesus.**
- **Leftovers are fully Jesus, and cannot be reversed.**
- **This decorative cage for God is the tabernacle.**
- **We eat the leftovers or throw them away.**

What about, “This Is My Body”?

- Catholics say literal – the cracker is fully Jesus.
- Lutherans say synecdoche – Jesus in the cracker.
- Presbyterians metonym – Jesus there spiritually.
- Truth is metaphor – Jesus represented by bread.
- The bread does not change and is not spiritual.

What about, “Drink Ye All of It”?

- **Catholics usually keep the wine from the laity.**
- **Jesus used these words for every person to drink.**
- **All of the apostles were to drink it (Matt 26:27).**
- **Luke records it as dividing the wine (Luke 22:17).**
- **Jesus condemned Catholics for withholding wine.**

What about, “Drink Ye All of It”?

- **How can Catholics disobey Jesus to honor Jesus?**
- **They do not care at all what the Bible might say.**
- **They obey tradition instead – their magisterium.**
- **They say the bread turned into His blood anyway.**
- **Of course, they say the wine turned into His body.**

What Is Wrong with this Picture?



Why Do We Use Wine?

- **Because the Corinthians were drunken (I Cor 11:21).**
- **Paul corrected much error, but not the beverage.**
- **Jesus and the Jews usually drank wine (Lu 7:31-35).**
- **Abraham and Melchisedec drank wine (Gen 14:18).**
- **Church history knows no other until 19th century.**

Which Should We Use?



Which Should We Use?

- **Blackberry wine is not a “fruit of the vine”!**
- **Red wine is the color of blood (Gen 49:11; Deut 32:14).**
- **White wine does not represent blood at all.**
- **It is possible Israel had little or no white wine.**
- **So we use the blood of red grapes for wine.**

Why Unleavened Bread?

- **Jesus instituted it at the Passover Feast.**
- **Passover was also Feast of Unleavened Bread.**
- **Jesus had to have used unleavened bread.**
- **Paul argued from unleavened bread (1 Cor 5:6-8).**
- **Leaven in the Bible is generally a symbol for sin.**

Why Not Crackers or Wafers?

- **Because the Bible says bread, not crackers.**
- **Because it must be broken or torn from a whole.**
- **Manufactured wafers are never broken or torn.**
- **Break means to tear, open, or distribute. Think.**
- **The Bible is plain here (Matt 26:26; I Cor 10:16; 11:24).**

How About Adding the Passover?

- **The Passover was for Jews to remember Egypt.**
- **We want more than God to pass over our houses.**
- **Jesus Christ is the full fulfillment of the Passover.**
- **We remember blood saving us eternally from sin.**
- **Passover traditions are *Nehushtan! Sheep blood!***

Who Can Participate?

- **Only baptized believers and church members.**
- **Membership requires baptism; it is a church rite.**
- **Open communion allows anyone to take it.**
- **Close communion allows those similar in faith.**
- **Closed communion allows only that local church.**

Why Closed Communion?

- **Because that is all we see in the New Testament.**
- **Because a local church is the body of Christ.**
- **Because church discipline is by local church only.**
- **Because it needs an assembly of whole church.**
- **Because most Christians are not even baptized.**

Why Closed Communion?

- **Because it requires common union in doctrine.**
- **Because you are a member of one body at a time.**
- **Because a church is liable for communicants.**
- **Because it is Rome that opens it willy-nilly.**
- **Other options are illogical and dysfunctional.**

Miscellaneous Aspects

- **One cup or many cups are both legitimate.**
- **Some Presbies even give it to their infants!**
- **We should think of more often, not less frequent.**
- **Our unity around Jesus Christ is seen right here.**
- **This is a good spiritual test against belly worship.**

How Do We Prepare for It?

- We examine ourselves to confess sins (I Cor 11:28).
- We reconcile any offended persons (Matt 5:23-24).
- We discern His death in the elements (I Cor 11:29).
- We eat elsewhere to avoid hunger (I Cor 11:22,34).
- We tarry for others to keep it with us (I Cor 11:33).

How Do We Participate?

- **Any brother could lead the communion service.**
- **We could distribute the elements most any way.**
- **You should eliminate distractions from your mind.**
- **You can reflect on the scripture, songs, or words.**
- **Bless and thank God for Jesus Christ your Savior.**

A Witness of Jesus on Earth!

“And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one” (1 John 5:6-8).

- **Communion is a perpetual memorial about Jesus.**
- **He is the Son of God by Spirit and baptism also.**
- **Our communion practice is about 2000 years old!**

How Can We Delight In It?

- **Before Sunday, be sure to finish the duties above.**
- **Note the word *Passover* – I will *pass over* you!**
- **What are favorite communion songs? Have some!**
- **What are favorite communion texts? Have some!**
- **It is called a feast, not a fast, so be thankful!**

How Can We Delight In It?

- **It is not a funeral, for Jesus is very alive and well!**
- **Emotion is not the key, but rather faith in Christ.**
- **Emotions change, but Jesus is the same forever.**
- **Consider all the saints keeping it for 2000 years.**
- **Commit yourself anew to live for Jesus every day.**

How Can We Delight In It?

- **How many ways can you think of His suffering?**
- **How many of your sins are not put away forever?**
- **What is the book of life of the Lamb slain?**
- **How long did His torn body remain in the grave?**
- **Where is He now? And what condition is He in?**

How Can We Delight In It?

- **What happened in heaven when He ascended?**
- **How many choirs raised praise about His death?**
- **Are you glad He obeyed His Father in the Garden?**
- **Are you glad He did not call 12 legions of angels?**
- **Are you happy married to Jesus? By what dowry?**

How Can We Delight In It?

- **Paul purposed to glory only in the cross of Christ!**
- **We are to delight in God – and nothing is greater!**
- **Do you want to win Him as Paul in Philippians 3?**
- **You can set affection on Jesus and His death!**
- **You can fully engage to glorify Him to the max!**

How Can We Delight In It?

- **Pray for Spirit help to delight more (Eph 3:14-19).**
- **Read the scriptures that exalt His death for you.**
- **Sing/hear songs that move you toward Him.**
- **Write a song like a brother did twice recently.**
- **Speak to others of Him and His gracious death.**

For Further Study

Closed Communion ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/church/closed-communion.htm>.

Drink Ye All Of it ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/church/all-of-it.htm>.

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