

NEW LIFE WITH GOD
Unit 11: Values, Mission and Membership
July 14, 2024

CONTINUITY FROM LAST WEEK

1. There are four biblical accounts of the Lord's Supper (MT, MK, PAUL, LUKE)
2. Common Thread: This IS my body ... This IS my blood
3. Profound linkage between OT Passover and NT Lord's Supper
4. Comparison of Catholic, Lutheran and Reformed understanding of Lord's Supper.

I. ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

- A. Do both Believers and Unbelievers receive the Body and Blood of Christ?
- B. What is an UNWORTHY COMMUNICANT?
- C. What is a WORTHY COMMUNICANT according to the Bible?
 1. **1 CORINTHIANS 11:27-30** [27](#) *Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. [28](#) Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. [29](#) For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. [30](#) That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.*
 2. **EXODUS 20:1-17** (Original giving of the 10 Commandments)
- D. Leaving the worship service for non-emergency reasons before Holy Communion.
- E. Falling from grace due to avoidance of the Lord's Supper
- F. Close, Closed or Close[d] Communion?
 1. **1 CORINTHIANS 1:10** *I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.*
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II. WHAT IS A 'CONGREGATION'?

A. An assemblage of God's people - especially for spiritual purposes.

1. *Qahal Yahweh* (Hebrew) and *Synagogue* (Greek)

2. Psalm 22:22

3. HEBREWS 10:25 [24](#) *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25](#) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

B. Great Commission is all about MAKING DISCIPLES ... not Church Members

1. MATTHEW 28:19-20 [19](#) *Go therefore and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20](#) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

2. **DISCIPLE** (μαθητής) - a highly committed learner and follower (from *μανθάνω* - to learn, study, be instructed)

C. Trinity Congregation has 7 Core Values [*Constant, passionate biblical core Convictions (beliefs) that define and drive the ministry.*]

1. BIBLE-CENTERED Preaching and Teaching

2. ASSERTIVE Child and Youth Ministry

3. ENGAGED Community Service

4. EFFECTIVE Evangelism

5. RENAISSANCE Worship and Liturgy

6. TRANS-GENERATIONAL Christian Education

7. CHRISTIAN WARFARE Prayer