

NEW LIFE WITH GOD
Unit 10: The Mystery of the Lord's Supper
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CONTINUITY

1. The word "sacrament" is a Latin translation of the Greek "mysterion" (beyond logic).
2. God joins the Word and Promise of Christ to an earthly element and conveys forgiveness.
3. This biblical principle applies to both Baptism and the Lord's Supper

A. THE BIBLICAL RECORD OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-25, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Luke 22:14-20
2. Differences in perception, accent and audience.
3. But the same reality: *This IS my body ... This IS my blood*

B. THE LORD'S SUPPER IS LINKED TO THE OLD TESTAMENT PASSOVER

1. Saved from death by the Blood of a Lamb (Adam's Animal Skins).
2. See **Exodus 12:1-8** (Full Passover account)
3. The STUNNING comparison (Passover Lamb and Jesus the Lamb of God)

C. THREE APPROACHES TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. Roman Catholic (Transubstantiation)
2. Lutheran (Real Presence - IS)
3. Reformed (Represents, Symbol)

D. THE WORTHY COMMUNICANT

1. See **1 Corinthians 11:27-30**
2. The biblical practice of *CLOSED communion*
3. Recent article in *LCMS Reporter* by President Harrison

E. ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. Unbelievers DO receive the body and blood of Christ (condemnation).
2. Marks of the UNWORTHY COMMUNICANT
3. Marks of the WORTHY COMMUNICANT
 - a. Sorrow for sin
 - b. Self-examination and confession
 - c. Trust the word and promise of Christ for forgiveness
 - d. Discern the real presence of Christ's body and blood
 - e. Repentance and effort to turn away from sin
4. Attend worship - but skip Holy Communion
5. Avoidance triggers fall from grace and faith (disobedience)