

Communion

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It is vital that we understand the Ordinance and Doctrine of Holy Communion. True communion allows a person to have healing, health, and longevity.

Key points:

- There is a difference between a doctrine and an ordinance:
 - A **doctrine** is a law of God, a mandate.
 - An **ordinance** is a symbolic representation of a doctrine, like a ceremony.
- A good example of this is Baptism (baptism means to be immersed):
 - The Doctrine of Baptism = we are immersed into the Body of Christ when we are born again.
 - The Ordinance of Baptism = water baptism, which is a symbol or ceremony.
 - There is also the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues.
- The ordinance of Holy Communion is a ritual act, a representation of what Jesus did for us. It is important, and we should do it.
- The doctrine of Communion is what we should do often. Communion means communication (or prayer) with God.
- Drinking grape juice and eating crackers irreverently will not cause sickness or death; but people who are disrespectful with God's Word will have sickness and premature death.
- Psalm 91 also talks about the doctrine of communion. The secret place of the Most High God is that place of knowing God's unconditional love for us. Dwelling in that secret place prevents sickness, disease, and premature death.
- When we read, meditate, and esteem the Word of God, we are having communion with God. And that puts us in a position to receive His protection and blessings.
- The word "wine" is mentioned in the Bible 231 times. Well over 220 of those verses condemn drinking alcoholic beverages; therefore, grape juice is a more accurate translation.
- God wants us to be in constant communication with Him. His heart is to give us life more abundantly.

Scriptures:

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – pray (communicate with God) without ceasing.
- Matthew 15:6 – the traditions of men have made the Word of God of no effect.
- 1 Corinthians 11:29-30 – for he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.
- Psalm 91:1 – he that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 1 Corinthians 13:8 – love never fails.
- Psalm 91:3 – surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
- Psalm 91:7 – a thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you.
- Psalm 91:11 – for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

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- Psalm 91:14-16 – because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation.
- Psalm 34:19 – many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
- Genesis 50:20 – what was meant for evil, God will turn it for good.
- John 8:32 – you will know the truth and the truth shall make you free.
- John 6:32 – then Jesus said unto them, verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.
- Revelation 19:13 – His name is called the Word of God.
- Matthew 4:4 – Jesus said man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.
- John 6:33-35 – for the bread of God is He which came down from heaven, and gives life unto the world...and Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that comes to Me shall never hunger; and he that believes on Me shall never thirst.
- John 6:46-6:63 – Jesus explains that He is the bread of life...and that we must eat His flesh and drink His blood...the words He speaks are spirit and life.
- Luke 22:16-17 – Jesus said He would not take communion again until we're all together in heaven
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-30 – the Apostle Paul is writing about the doctrine of communion because crackers and grape juice will not remind you of what Jesus did; the Word of God will do that.
- Acts 2:46 – daily they broke bread.
- John 10:10 – Jesus came to give us life abundantly.