

The Two “Picture Practices” Jesus Gave for Us Today – Picture #2

PICTURE #2: COMMUNION OR “THE LORD’S TABLE”

(Matt 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; John 13:18-28; 1 Cor 11:17-34)

A. As a Sacrament: Needed to be saved, sanctified, or blessed

- **Catholics** (transubstantiation): Wine becomes Christ’s blood; wafer becomes Christ’s body
- **Lutheran** (consubstantiation): Christ’s blood is in and among the elements
- **Reformed** (means of grace): Observing communion brings special blessing

B. As an Ordinance: Jesus commanded us to do so. WHY?

1. To remember the sacrifice of His _____ “for you”

1 Cor 11:24 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.” (John 10:15)

- 1 John 4:9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.
- 1 Cor 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.
- Gal 1:4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
- Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.
- 1 Pet 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.

2. To remember the benefits of His _____

1 Cor 11:25 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.”

Covenant: an agreement that goes into effect upon the death of a person

3. To remember His _____

Including our present purpose driven by our future evaluation by Him

1 Cor 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

- 1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.
- 1 John 3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
- Rom 14:10-12 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹ For it is written: “As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹² So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. (2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 4:5)

4. To prod us to follow His _____

1 Cor 11: ²⁰ Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord’s Supper. ²¹ For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of *others*; and one is hungry and another is drunk. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. ³³ Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

- John 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
- 1 John 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.
- Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.
- John 13:34 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (John 15:12)
- 1 John 2:9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.
- 1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5. To reaffirm our commitment to the _____ of Christ, the Church

1 Cor 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? ¹⁷ For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

- Rom 12:5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.
- 1 Cor 12:12-13 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.
- 1 Cor 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.
- Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
- Eph 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
- Eph 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.
- Eph 4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.