

Life in Communion with Christ

Who Am I - Week 11 (6-5-24)

I. Unification

A. 1 Corin. 10:16-18

1. In the old testament the person bringing the sacrifice would partake of the sacrifice.
 - a) We are all partakers of the same sacrifice. We are all benefiting from the same covenant.
 - b) 1 Corin. 12:12-13
2. We become one with what we consume. A literal bonding experience.

B. John 6:53-58

1. We Must partake of Jesus' body and blood if we want to truly live.
2. Taking Communion is the "proxy" of the reality of the connection that we have in the spirit.
 - a) It is a physical representation of a spiritual reality.
 - b) We are mentally and emotionally connecting with something that is already true.
3. Vs. 56 - When we partake of Him, we dwell in Him and He dwells in us.

C. Covenant

1. In ancient blood covenant rituals, blood had to be shed and many times mingled together in some fashion.
 - a) The ceremony was the uniting of two individuals on the deepest level. This unification impacted their personal names, possessions, and offspring.
 - b) There was usually a meal where covenantal words were shared and food and drink were used to represent one another taking the other into themselves.

II. Recollection

A. Luke 22:19-20

1. Remember!
 - a) Remembering = connection
 - (1) Forming memories literally builds connections between neurons in our brains.
2. A memorial that we use to teach.
 - a) Exodus 12:14 and Joshua 4:1-6

B. Focus - Serpent on the pole - John 3:14-15

1. 1 Corin. 11:29 (AMP) - "For anyone who eats and drinks [without solemn reverence and heartfelt gratitude for the sacrifice of Christ], eats and drinks a judgement on himself if he does not recognize the body [of Christ]."

III. Proclamation

A. 1 Corin. 11:26

B. The blood speaks for itself, but we can cry out along with it!

1. It just needs to be applied, and that can be done vocally.

C. This is where taking communion can intentionally be used as a weapon.

- D. The blood was only applied once at passover, but God told them to remember it with traditions. They needed to remember because they were going to face opposition.
1. The same is true for us!
 2. When we take communion we are reminding ourselves AND the opposition who we are based on Christ's broken body and spilt blood.
 3. Jesus' blood was shed once for all time - Hebrews 11:10-14
 4. Taking communion is like showing your enemy the evidence of the blood covenant that you have with the God of the universe!