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COMMUNION

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What is communion service? (Meaning)

- The communion service is an instructive celebration service by our master and savior Jesus Christ to commemorate **HIS DEATH**-[Matthew 26:26-29](#), [Mark 14:22-25](#) , 1Corinthians 11:26
- It is the only celebration instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ in this new Testament era in remembrance of HIM -[Luke 22:19-20](#), and [1 Corinthians 11:24-25](#)
- The Passover and unleavened bread feasts in the Old Testament are symbolic of the communion service in this New Testament era-John 1:29,1Corinthians 5:8-9, Luke 22:11-13, 16
- The Passover feast was observed on the 14th day of the month of Nisan (formerly Abib), the first month of the year in the Jewish calendar which is like April in the Gregorian calendar- Exodus 12:1-14, 43-50

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- The feast of unleavened bread was observed on the 15th day of the same month- Leviticus 23:6-8
- The communion is also called "the Lord's table", "the Lord's Supper" ([1 Corinthians 10:21](#)), "cup of blessing" ([1 Corinthians 10:16](#)), and "breaking of bread" ([Acts 2:42](#) , 20:7). The breaking of bread is variously used to also mean "sharing of meal" or "love feast" (1Corinthians 11:20-22, Acts 2:46)
- In the early Church it was called also "eucharist," or giving of thanks ([Matthew 26:27](#)), and generally by the Latin Church "mass," a name derived from the formula of dismissal, Ite, missa est, i.e., "Go, it is discharged."



Why observe the communion service? (Purpose)

- To commemorate the death of Christ “this do in remembrance of me”–Exodus 12:14,17 Luke 22:19
- To signify, seal, and apply to believers all the benefits of the new covenant as they consecrate themselves- Luke 22:19-20, 1Corinthians 11:27-32, 5:6-8
- To indicate and to promote the communion of believers with Christ- John 6:53-56
- To represent the mutual communion of believers with each other-1Corinthians 10:17



Who can partake in communion service? (Target)

- According to scriptures, the Lord's Supper is meant for all sheep in the sheep-fold-1Corinthians 11:33.It is meant for for the circumcised only-Exodus 12:43,48→Colossians 2:11-12
- The believer however must not partake unworthily .To partake in an "unworthy manner" means: disregard for others in the body of Christ -1Corinthians 11: 20-22, an attempt to combine participation at pagan (demonic) feasts with participation at the Lord's table-[1Corinthians 10:14-22](#) and disregard for body and blood of Christ-1Corinthians 11: 23-27



How is communion service performed? (Items & Mode)



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- Pure red grape juice is used-Genesis 49:11,Deuteronomy 32:14,Luke 22:18
- Unleavened bread- “matzo” in Hebrew is used- Exodus 12:18, Matthew 26:17,26 ,
- Believers must “**examine ourselves**” – 1Corinthians 11:28-34
We are to test our motives and attitudes as we approach the table to be certain we are partaking for the right reasons and with the right understanding of what the elements represent.
- The unleavened bread is broken and not cut-Luke 22:19,1Corinthians 10:16
- The drink-blood is served from one cup and may be distributed in small cups or units, signifying unity of purpose and direction-Luke 22:17-18

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When is communion service performed?- (Timing and frequency)

- The bible indicates that the communion service must be as often as possible-
1Corinthians 11:26
- It is also clear that, the service is observed from sunset. It is a supper and not breakfast or lunch-Exodus 12:6, 1Corinthians 11:23, Acts 20:7-8



Some scriptural examples in the early church

- In the Corinth church-1 Corinthians 11:23-34
- At Troas-Acts 20:7-8,11
- In Jerusalem-Acts 2:42

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IF I THEN,
YOUR LORD AND TEACHER,
HAVE WASHED YOUR FEET,
YOU ALSO OUGHT TO WASH
ONE ANOTHER'S FEET.

-JOHN 13:14



Feet washing

- This is observed right after the communion service-John 13:4
- The Lord by His example commanded the church to observe it-John 13:8,14,15
- It was practiced by the early church-1 Timothy 5:10
- It projects humility among the saints-John 13:6-0



**Unless You Eat My Flesh
And Drink My Blood**

John 6:53-54

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