

REDEMPTION LIFE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

The City of God, Oasis & Citadel of REDEMPTION

INTERNATIONAL, DYNAMIC & CHARISMATIC MINISTERIAL BIBLE CHURCH

SINGSPIRATION:

1. ONE BODY, ONE GOD - FATHER, LORD, SPIRIT (1 Cor. 12:12-27/1 John 5:7)

One body, One Lord

One Hope, One Faith

One People, One Nation

Oh Praise His Name

One body, One Spirit

One Baptism, One Calling

One People, One Nation

Oh, Praise His Name

One body, One God

One Father, of all

One People, One Nation

Oh, Praise His Name

2. WE ARE FAMILY – HEIRS OF THE FATHER! (Romans 8:16-17)

We are heirs, of the Father,

We are joint-heirs, with the Son

We are children, of the kingdom

We are family, We are one

3. I LOVE THE FAMILY OF GOD (Ephesians 3:14-15)

I Love this family of God

So closely-knitted into one

They have taken me into their midst

And I am so glad to be

A part of this great family

STUDY TOPIC:
THE WONDERS OF COMMUNION!
(A Didactic Teaching)

BIBLE TEXT:

John 6:22-63; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 John 1:3-7; 1 Corinthians 10:16-23

INTRODUCTION:

The word **COMMUNION** is called in the Greek original translation – ‘KOINIONIA’ - which means - **FELLOWSHIP**. 1 John 1:3-7.

And we are called into this **FELLOWSHIP** – 1 Corinthians 1:9; Romans 8:28-30. This fellowship is sustained and maintained by the blood of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord King – 1 John 1:3-10 and by the love of the brotherhood – John 15:9-14; John 13:34-35; 1 John 3-5:21.

AT REDEMPTION TWO THINGS HAPPENED:

1. A restoration of **RELATIONSHIP** with God and
2. A restoration of **FELLOWSHIP** with God

Both were lost at **ADAM** in Eden – Genesis 3; 1 Timothy 2:14-15.

What makes our **RELATIONSHIP** to be cordial and refreshing is the devotion of **FELLOWSHIP**, that is, the **communion** with God firstly and, with one another. Hence Christian **FAITH** without the act of communion is a dead practice. It turns the whole concept into rituals and cults as we see in many places today which are called Church or seminary centres when there are already supposedly spiritual cemeteries. Hence, we must crave and create a cordial fellowship with God to keep our relationship with Him alive and ablaze. This we can do through love for God and for our beloved brethren in true unity of the Spirit – Psalm 133; Romans 8:28-39; 1 John 4:7-21.

THE HOLY COMMUNION CONNOTATIONS

CONNOTATIONS A:

1. The **Holy Communion** which is attributed as the Lord’s Supper – is one of the two ordinances or sacraments of the **REDEEMED** Churches (you/us in Christ) for this age. The other is the **Water Immersion Baptism**. And of these two, the Holy Communion is the one that goes beyond this physical life. It is an event awaiting all saints of God one more time when the Lord returns – Revelation 19:9; Luke 22:16; Matthew 26:29.
2. The **Holy Communion** is not a religious rite, or a mere tradition or coming to share in the Lord’s table; but it is about life transfer and exchange, the life of Jesus being transferred into us and exchanged with our Adamic life. Hence, it is imperative and not just Bread and Wine symbols but of the actual Blood and Flesh of Jesus – John 6:53-57.

3. It is not a symbol for Jesus said “*except you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink His blood, ye have no life in you*” – John 6:53-57. If it is a symbol to you, it profits you nothing and a mere religious rite.
4. The Holy Communion elements (Bread and Wine) serve as MEDIUM and not symbol. The reason being this contrast:
 - a. A **symbol** is an image, an object that suggests or refers to something else, emblem . . . a mark or sign with meaning.
 - b. A **medium** is a substance in which something is expressed or communicated.

That is to say in essence, as a **symbol**, the Bread and Wine are representative of the actual body and blood, but as a **medium**, the Bread and Wine are the **actual substance transmitting life** to those who partake in it – John 6:53-57; John 6:32-35.

CONNOTATIONS B:

1. The Lord’s Supper was instituted by the Lord God, but firstly or partly experience in Old Testament as a **shadow** and now in us as the **fulfilment** for the New Testament Covenant by our Lord Christ Jesus – 1 Corinthians 10:1-33; Matthew 26:26-29; John 13:12-30; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34.
2. It was practice by the early Church hence no controversy – Acts 2:41-47; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34.
3. It should be done in remembrance of Christ – Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 1:24-25. (This is where most people borrowed or derived remembrance or memorial services. It must be noted that there is no relationship between the dead and the living for those according memorial services unlike Christ, He is not dead but alive hence the remembrance in the communion).
4. It shall be consummated at the marriage feast of the Lamb of God – Revelation 19:7-10.
5. Fruit of the vine is in used – Luke 22:18 (Deuteronomy 32:14; Judges 9:13; Psalms 104:15; Isaiah 65:8).
6. Do not reject the Holy Communion today; else it may reject you in the later - Luke 14:15-24.
7. Love is the mark of the Christian Faith in the partaking of the communion – John 13:34-35; Galatians 5:1, 6; Psalm 133.

WONDERS & SIGNS FOLLOWED THEM: Mark 16:15-20

1. Unity, fellowship, godly reverence and more followed: Acts 2:41-47; Acts 20:7
2. There are blessed - Luke 14:15; Psalms 133
3. There shall never be hunger and thirst – John 6:35; Matthew 5:6.

GUIDANCE TO PARTAKING IN THE HOLY COMMUNION:

1. **DON’T PARTAKE IN SIN - UNWORTHILY:** It disrupts the essence of *fellowship* and *relationship* for which redemption is paid to restore us to God in love.

1 Corinthians 17:28 (Matthew 17:1; 1 Corinthians 10:21; an example is Judas Iscariot: John 13:2, 12-30).

Example - Apostolic Experience: Acts 2:42; Acts 20:47; Acts 5:1-11.

2. YOU CAN BE WORTHY TO PARTAKE BY:

- (a) Being Born Again if not – John 3:1-13, 16-18; 1 Peter 3:23-25.
- (b) Repent of one's sin if already Born Again - Acts 2:20-21; 1 John 1:3-10.
- (c) Forgive and forget all forms of unforgiveness, bitterness, quarrels, hatred and more - 1 John 3:13-21; 4:18-21; Philippians 4:1-9.

CONCLUSIONS: 1 Corinthians 10:16-23

It must be noted that Jesus has no Adamic nature, and, in that sense, there is no Cancer, or Ulcer or any form of sickness and disease known or unknown, named, or unnamed; nor any sense of poverty, death or illness in the precious and redeeming blood of our saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. Meaning, by Christ Jesus blood, we can put to an end any Adamic nature that is confronting us today. For He bore our sicknesses and diseases in His blood and by the stripes on His body we are made whole - spirit, soul, and body by the word – 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (Hebrews 4:12-13); 1 Peter 2:24 (1 Peter 3:18-22); Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; Psalms 107:20.

Do partake the communion today and be made whole! STRONG FAMILY, STRONG FELLOWSHIP!! It Is A Strong Family That Makes A Strong Fellowship!!!

ADMINISTERING THE COMMUNION:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (Matthew 26:26-30; Luke 22:17-20)

THE HYMN/COMMUNION SONG: MATTHEW 26:30

He's Body was Broken)
And His Blood was Shed) **2X**
To make me/us a child of God)

This is the body that was broken for me

This is the Blood that was shed for me

PRAYERS/CLOSING REMARKS:

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FURTHER COMMUNION/WORSHIP SINGSPIRATION:

Oh, the blood of Jesus

Oh, precious blood of Jesus

Oh, redeeming blood of Jesus

It washes/cleanses white than snow

There is power, power

Wonder working power

In the blood, of the lamb

There is power, power

Wonder working power

In the precious blood, of the lamb

Oh, that blood that gives me strength

From day to day

It will never lose its power

It flows higher, than the highest mountain

It flows deeper, than the lowest valley

Oh, that blood of Jesus, that gives me strength

From day to day

It will never lose His power