

"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

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The Lord's Table is a time to remember Jesus' death together.

- It is the Lord's Table: it is only shared by those who are part of the Body of Christ (1 Cor 11:17–19).
- The Lord's Table is a *communion*: we share the bread and the cup just as we share in Jesus' death and forgiveness (1 Cor 11:20–22, 33–34; 10:16–17).
- The Lord's Table is an *ordinance* (commanded by Jesus Christ): "Do this to remember me" (1 Cor 11:23–25).

The Lord's Table proclaims Christ's death.

- We celebrate the death of Christ and how God is at work in us until Jesus returns to complete his saving work in us (1 Cor 11:25).
- We remember and give thanks (1 Cor 11:26).
- We must not partake in an unworthy way or treat it lightly (1 Cor 11:27–30).

The elements remind us of Christ's death.

The bread reminds us of Jesus' body, broken to make his Body one.

- Broken bread symbolizes the body of Christ, broken for us. He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities (Isa 53:5).
- His broken body redeemed a new Body, reconciled to God and to one another by his death (Eph 2:14–17).

The cup reminds us of Jesus' blood, shed in death to forgive our sin.

- Pressed juice symbolizes the blood of Christ, poured out for us in his death. He gave his life and purchased our redemption with his blood (Eph 1:7).

We share in the Love Offering for the Deacons' Fund.

- We have shared the bread and the cup, demonstrating God's love for us. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11).
- We share each other's burdens (Gal 6:2).

"For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:9–11