

The Lord's Table

Last Supper Exit Poll



What Would They Say?

If Matthew, Simon the Zealot, Philip, Thomas, Peter and John were asked what they remembered most about the Last Supper—what would they say?

- **What Will You Say?** If we took an exit poll after Communion this morning—what would you remember most? What is it that you take away from sharing the Lord's Supper with the Church? What is it that you bring to the Lord's Table?
- **What is Communion? κοινωνία** [koinonia / koy·nohn·ee·ah/] Fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation. **The share which one has in anything!**

A. Sharing in Communion

The power of the Lord's Table is found in the concept of the word 'koinonia' and its Greek root word 'koin:' Sharing in something with someone. It is a willingness to both 'have a share' and 'give a share.'

1. Having a Share—the Body of Christ

- a. **The Lord's Supper** 1 Cor 10:16
- b. **Fellowship of the Son:** 1 Cor 1:9 "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."
- c. **Fellowship of the Spirit:** 2Co 13:14 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."
- d. **Suffering with the Lord:** Phil 3:10 "...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death..."

2. Giving a Share—Bearing Fruit John 15:16 [Gal 6:1-5]

- a. **Meeting needs of the saints:** 2 Cor 9:13 "...For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ." The word 'generosity' or contribution represents the Greek 'koinonias.'
- b. **Meeting needs within the local church:** Act 2:42; 45 "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need."
- c. **Being a good neighbor:** Luk 10:25-37 The 'spirit' of this passage teaches that we have a 'share' in the well being of others—even those who we might avoid if it were not for the work of Christ in our lives.
- c. **Ministry gifts:** Rom 12:4-5 "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another." [See also 1 Cor 10:16]

1 Cor 10:14-17 (NKJV)

- :14** Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.
- :15** I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say.
- :16** 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.

Galatians 6:1-5 (NKJV)

- :1** Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.
- :2** Bear one another's **burdens**, and so *fulfill the law of Christ.
- :3** For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
- :4** But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.
- :5** For each one shall bear his own **load**.
- *John 13:34 "A new commandment"

What did you receive at communion today? _____

What will you 'share' with someone today? _____