



## The Lord's Supper Living In Communion

If water baptism is the outward sign of an inward condition (I am a believer) what is the Lord's Supper an outward sign of? The answer to this question is at the heart of living in communion—one in the Lord.

**Introduction:** The Lord's Supper is a visible 'outward' sacrament of the Church that gives evidence that we are new creations in Christ. We celebrate our spiritual DNA that was given to us by the shed blood of the Messiah.

### A. Something New Mark 14:24

**A new partnership with God through His shed blood!**

**1. Our DNA:** Like our physical DNA which determines our features and much of our personality—our born again DNA determines the nature of our 'new creation.' 2 Cor 5:16-17

*16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh... 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

**2. Set free to be one:** When Christ sets us free we are able to participate in His purpose for His people: that they become one—one with Him and one with each other.

### B. Something to Live For Acts 2:42

**A God-based partnership with each other!**

**1. The Word:** Living for and in His truth.

**2. Fellowship:** The word in the Greek is 'koinonia' 'communion' which means to have something in common. There is no true communion or fellowship without Christ's Spirit in us and between us!

**3. Breaking bread:** Breaking bread is literally breaking a loaf or matzo and giving a portion to someone else. This is a daily practice by observant Jews. Some see the Lord's Supper in this passage. From vs :46 it was a daily practice by the early church.

**4. Prayer:** Prayer here is plural—which emphasizes a pattern of prayer or habit of prayer.

### C. Something to Remember 1 Cor 11:24

**Remembering I am a new creature in Christ and that I am one with God and every other believer!**

**1. Why remember?** The newly filled believers on Pentecost night were sure of who they were because they were sure of Christ. The Corinthian Church was already forgetting who they were in Christ. See 1 Cor 11:21-22

**2. Drinking from one cup:** [Mat 14:23] We eat from one bread and drink from one cup. We all share the same spiritual DNA.

**Today—we celebrate the Lord's Supper as one family created in Christ Jesus—we are the body of Christ.**

### Mark 14:22-25 (NKJV)

**22** And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

**23** Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

**24** And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many."

**25** Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

### Acts 2:42-47 (NKJV)

**42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**43** Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

**44** Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

**45** and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

**46** So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

**47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

### 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (NKJV)

**23** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;

**24** and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

**25** In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."