

The Baptist Faith and Message

VIII b. The Lord's Supper

BF&M Statement: The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Webster defines communion as “mutual participation” and “intimate fellowship.”

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The Lord's Supper	Luke 22:1, 7-8, 14-20
Communion	I Corinthians 10:16-17
The Command and Ceremony	I Corinthians 11:23-26 (& 27-30)

What does it mean to “eat” the body of Christ?

The Passover	Exodus 11-12
Christ is our Sacrifice	John 1:28-29, Hebrews 9-10

- 1) We observe the Lord's Supper in accordance with the direct instruction of Jesus Christ.
- 2) The bread is without leaven (leaven representing sin) from the time of the original Passover to present, and is a reminder that repentance is intrinsic to godly sacrifice.
- 3) The Lord's Supper is a memorial of Jesus' death as our sacrifice, as illustrated by the Passover meal.
- 4) The sacrificial lamb of Passover points to the ultimate sacrifice of Christ.