

Covenant Teaching on The Lord's Table Jesus' Proposal To His Bride

Luke 22:7-13

Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. {8} And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." {9} So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" {10} And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. {11} "Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' {12} "Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." {13} So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

Luke 22:14-16

When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. {15} Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; {16} "for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Luke 22:21-23

{21} "But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. {22} "And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" {23} Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

Matthew 26:22-25

And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" {23} He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. {24} "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." {25} Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

John 13:22-27

Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. {23} Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. {24} Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. {25} Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" {26} Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. {27} Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

John 13:28-35

{28} But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. {29} For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. {30} Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night. {31} So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. {32} "If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. {33} "Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. {34} "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. {35} "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Luke 22:17-20

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; {18} "for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." {19} And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." {20} Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

The Four Cups of the Passover Meal

- Cup of Sanctification
- Cup of Praise
- Cup of Blessing - on this cup Jesus said, "this is the New Covenant"
- Kingdom Cup - Jesus said, "I will not drink from this cup until I drink it anew with you in my kingdom."

Luke 22:24-30

{24} Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. {25} And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' {26} "But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. {27} "For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. {28} "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. {29} "And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, {30} "that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

John 13:1-20

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. {2} And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, {3} Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, {4} rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. {5} After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. {6} Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" {7} Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." {8} Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." {9} Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" {10} Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." {11} For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." {12} So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? {13} "You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. {14} "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. {15} "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. {16} "Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. {17} "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. {18} "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.'

{19} "Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He. {20} "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." {21} When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

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." {26} For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. {27} Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. {28} But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. {29} For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. {30} For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. {31} For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. {32} But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Acts 2:41-42

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. {42} And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Church Membership vs. Covenant Relationship

Covenant

- An earthly covenant (contract) is based on the protection of both parties involved – “get it in writing!”
- As a result the earthly covenant is written with the intent of creating loopholes, and closing loop holes.
- A heavenly covenant on the other hand binds the two parties together without the options of loop holes with sanctions for breaking the covenant.

The wording of a heavenly covenant is based on two aspects:

- Blessings
- Curses.

There are three basic parts to every covenant.

I John 5:7

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

I John 5:8

And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

Three that bear witness

Father

The Originator of our covenant.
Word – Promises – Commandments.
Thus this work of God is coming to us.
Makes us his, we come into “son-ship”

Son

The Mediator of our covenant.
Does this by his Blood.
This is the work done for us.
Cleanses us from sin.

Holy Spirit

The Executor of our covenant.
He is the one appointed to carry it out.
He does his work in us.
He becomes the abiding force!

Then there are three more given to us:

- Blood Removes Sin (our past).
- Water Purges Our Conscience (our present).
- Spirit Seals as proof of ownership (our future).

There are three basic parts to all Bible covenants:

- Words
- Blood
- Sign or Seal

Marriage Covenant Today:

- Vows (words)
- Ring/Gift (sign/seal)
- Virgin (blood)

Proposal in Jesus' Day

- Kutuba (words)
- Gift (sign/seal)
- Cup (blood)

Passover – *Was* to Commemorate.

Lord's Table – *Is* to Celebrate!