

*“Wherefore whosoever shall eat this Bread, and drink this Cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the **Body and Blood** of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, **EATETH AND DRINKETH DAMNATION** to himself, not discerning the Lord's Body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep (die).” 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 KJV*



Many teach “Holy Communion” as a cleansing ritual needed to stay in touch with God, be saved, etc. That is heresy! If you come to the Remembrance Table unclean, then you partake of damnation! The Lord’s Supper, “*as oft as ye do it,*” is a reverent remembrance of God’s Sacrificial Lamb, not a ritual. We are not made right by partaking; we must be right with God before we partake. We cannot be in the right frame of mind or spirit if we come to the Table with unconfessed sin or a sinful lifestyle. The way a person becomes clean before God is to confess and forsake their sin, thereby attaining the righteousness of God that is in Jesus Christ. “*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” Forsaking is leaving and moving away from something, never to return. If you return, you have not forsaken. The very fact believers are cleansed by the Blood of The Lamb brings reverent poignant meaning to the Remembrance Table! The Apostle said those who partake unworthily, or uncleansed, risk sickness or even death. God is “dead” serious about the mind and the heart condition of those who partake of this reverent repast. God knows your deepest, darkest thought and will not for a moment tolerate sin without repercussion. Intimacy with God comes from intimacy with His Word and much fervent prayer. “*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.*” What do you suppose was always on the mind of Christ? His thoughts! And since Jesus is “*the Word made flesh...and the Word IS God,*” His thoughts are the Words of God; ergo, the mind of Christ is the Word of God! Oh, we may read a passage or two, and pray cursorily, but do we really seek the Face of God when we read and pray? Are His Words the focus of every thought and decision? Do we “*pray WITHOUT ceasing?*” I think we all fall short. Only the Holy Spirit, through God’s Word, can bring sin completely to mind for confession. “*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me!*” Meditate on His Word when you pray for forgiveness. God’s Word reveals sin, so if it is your focus, your sin will be obvious. Unless, of course, like Rachel hiding her idols, you wish to cover your sin; then you will avoid God’s Word! “*He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.*” Neglecting God’s Word is covering your sin! As your constant focus, God’s Word will determine what you say, think, and do. “*As he thinketh in his heart (mind/soul), so is he. Out of the heart the mouth speaketh.*” You are your thoughts! So, what ARE you thinking?

We eat and drink the bread and wine,  
To not forget, the Lamb Divine,  
Confess your sins before you come,  
Unless by doing you are undone. ~CGP

The Communion Table is a remembrance of Christ’s Death until He comes again, as He promised. The Bread is broken to portray Jesus’ suffering. His Blood and Broken Body makes us worthy to partake of the Lord’s Supper!

*“Having therefore these promises, Dearly Beloved, let us cleanse ourselves (through confession to God) from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting Holiness in the fear of God.” 2 Corinthians 7:1*