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Communion - The New Covenant
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There are benefits in being able to take communion with the new covenant that has been provided for us, through what Jesus has accomplished with His death and resurrection.

In first Corinthians chapter 10, we are taught the importance of our taking communion not only with the elements but we must have communion spiritually with the Lord and be able to discern the other members of the body of Christ which make up the entire body.

1st Corinthians chapter 11 teaches how we are to come together, examining ourselves and judging ourselves, that we should be found worthy to partake of communion.

1 Cor 11:17-34 "Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. 18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. 19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. 20 When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. 21 For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. 22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? what shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not. 23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 27 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. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. 33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. 34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come" KJV

We cannot be partakers of what the enemy has to offer and be partakers of what God has for us. There are benefits which we will recognize when taking communion with the Lord, discerning the body of Jesus that was broken for us, healing for us physically, how the blood under the new covenant will blot out sin not just covering it, judging ourselves, remembering the poor, learning to flow together in unity, getting rid of division, learning about Jesus death and His coming. These are just a few of the benefits in communion that we are putting ourselves in remembrance of, we often times forget they are available to us.

Jesus teaches that it is the blood of the New Testament, covenant or will of God in Mark chapter 14 and the following scriptures.

Matt 26:26-28 "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is **my blood** of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." KJV

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What is the plan of God, what is His will, what is His new covenant? Part of the communion is to put us in remembrance of His will and the new covenant, the blood which Jesus shed. Most of the church world does not know the difference between the old covenant and the new covenant or the benefits between the two of them that God has made. They continue to live under the old covenant, even though they have accepted Jesus as their Savior, not realizing that it is the blood of Jesus that makes the difference. Their lack of knowledge or the lack of knowledge that is in their pastors or teachers is what causes this to happen, they're not being taught correctly.

Under the old covenant, the children of Israel had been in captivity for over 400 hundred years and they begin to cry out to God concerning what was happening to them. Moses was the man that God chose to raise up as their deliverer. As God begin to prepare the children for their exodus from Egypt, He changed the months of the year as they knew them and set a new date for the beginning of their year, in addition He prepared them for their departure with the shedding of blood that was to be placed on their door posts in order that the death angel would pass over them, this became the Passover Feast.

Exo 12:1-2 "And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, 2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." KJV

The benefits they would receive would be supernatural protection, favor with the Egyptian people who would supply all that the children would be needing for their journey, they would have prosperity because of that favor, they would have emotional health and healing. This is just a few of the benefits they would begin to walk in. They were now beginning to enter into another covenant relationship with God.

Most people do not understand the relationship in a covenant; Gods covenant is not one that is broken or altered. Covenant, testament or will are basically the same. Under the New Testament, Jesus is the mediator of the will.

We understand what a will is and as wills are set up today, we know that there is a person appointed to be the executor of that will, this says that they are responsible to those people named in the will, to see that the request of the one making the will is carried out upon their death. Jesus is the executor of the will that God has set for us. Because of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, the will that God has set for us can be carried out. It is Jesus job now to see that we receive all the benefits based on His blood, whatever is needed is there for us, this is done by faith

Heb 8:6-8,12 "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. 8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." KJV

Rom 5:1-2 "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." KJV

Covenant is a binding agreement and relationship between two parties. Because of the blood of Jesus that was shed, there is now a binding agreement between what God left us in His will through his Son Jesus. Jesus is wanting us to have all of the inheritance, the blessings and provision that He has provided in His new covenant or testament.

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The emphasis in the new covenant or testament regarding the blood is that the sins are remitted, blotted out, not just covered as they were under the old covenant made with the children of Israel.

Under the old covenant, the shedding of the blood was of bulls and goats and they had to be without spot or blemish, they were to be examined by the priests and could not be accepted unless perfect. The offerings were brought each year and only covered the peoples sins, did not blot them out, as the blood of Jesus does for us now under the new covenant. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice and enables us to come boldly before Him, we cannot clean up because we are accepted just as we are. If we are believers, having confessed our sins, then we can be sure that our sins will be blotted out to be remembered no more.

In the old testament the tabernacle is where the blood of the bulls and goats was sprinkled, the priests were allowed into the tabernacle but if they had anything wrong with themselves, they would die having to be pulled out, the blood was not perfect and only covered the sins of the people and had to be done each year. The real tabernacle is in heaven, where Jesus went and sprinkled His blood that He had shed for our sins. He only had to do this once, He was the perfect sacrifice.

Heb 9:7-17 "But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: 8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: 9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; 10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. 16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." KJV

Heb 9:14-17 "Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins." NLT

The greater revelation that we get regarding the forgiveness of our sins and the fact that they have been blotted out with no remembrance will cause us not to want to sin anymore. If we are truly born again then the Lord doesn't want us to have any conscientious of sin, it will cause there to be guilt and shame, which will keep us from coming to God boldly, will not allow us to enter into the Holy of Holies. Jesus has done everything He can do to get to His people all things that pertain to life and godliness through the will. Many times we pray "if it be Your will" is because of ignorance, the will of God is in His word the bible. We must search the scriptures sometimes because of things that we have been taught incorrectly. Under the new covenant, Jesus dealt with the sin problem.

In the following scriptures we learn that because of the covenant that God had made with Abram, before his name was changed to Abraham, the blessings of God were mighty and he was very rich, all that he

had was greatly increased to the point that he and his nephew Lot were unable to reside in the same location, they separated and went different directions. Lot had chosen to go to Sodom and Gomorrah, taking the better part of the country, but while residing there, he had been taken captive by another king, with all that he had. Abraham upon hearing this, took his servants in the middle of the night and went to rescue the people taken and return them to their owners. The king of Sodom offered to give all the plunder to Abraham if he would only return the people, but Abraham refused to accept anything, stating that he didn't want it said that the king had made him rich, his blessings came from the Lord God, but he did give a tithe to Melchizedek king of Salem. Abraham had corresponding actions in all that he did.

Gen 13:1-2 "And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. 2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold." KJV

Gen 14:11-16 "And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. 12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. 13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram. 14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. 15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. 16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people." KJV

Gen 14:21-24 "And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. 22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, 23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: 24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion." KJV

Gen 14:18-20 "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all." KJV

Melchizedek presented "the new covenant" to Abram with the bread and wine and blessed him which is a part of that covenant. Abraham understood covenant, putting himself in remembrance of the covenant that had been made with God.

When taking communion and putting ourselves in remembrance of the new covenant which Jesus has already cut for us and if we have accepted Jesus as Savior who had neither spot or blemish, then we can be seen without spot or blemish, based on the blood of Jesus which is superior. Begin to speak to our bodies regarding whatever it is that we are in need of, it is covenant and is ours to receive, the blessings that God has for us. Jesus is the executor of the will and is ready to reveal our inheritance to us. With the knowledge we have obtained, our flesh may want to cause us problems, but sin has been dealt with.

Col 2:8-14 "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;" KJV

Everything was laid on Jesus there is nothing to hindrance us now, that is why we have favor and are blessed of the Lord. Communion is the new covenant working in us. Come boldly and receive what the new covenant has for us.