**THE LORD’S THANKSGIVING SUPPER**

**Luke 22:14-20**

**14**[**And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-22-14/)

**15**[**And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-22-15/)

**16**[**For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-22-16/)

**17**[**And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-22-17/)

**18**[**For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-22-18/)

**19**[**And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-22-19/)

**20**[**Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-22-20/)

**INTRO:**

**\*\*I realize that this is the Passover Supper (V-15).**

**\*\*I realize that this is the Last Supper (V-16).**

**\*\*What I had not noticed before was this was also a Thanksgiving Supper. Verse 17 and Verse 19 said that the Lord gave thanks!**

**\*\*After seeing this afresh and anew, you should note this about the Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper.**

 **1. The Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper is Shared**

 **a. It’s shared with our Saved Family**

 **b. It’s shared with our Saved Friends**

 **c. It’s shared with our Sovereign Father**

 **2. The Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper is Symbolic**

 **a. It Reminds us of the Savior**

 **b. It Reminds us of the Sacrifice**

**\*\*We remember the Agony and the Achievement of His sacrifice.**

 **3. The Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper is Sacred.**

 **a. It’s sacred because we Worship through this supper.**

 **b. It’s sacred because we Witness through this supper.**

 **4. The Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper is Special.**

**a. We have an opportunity to Repent before the Lord’s Supper!**

**- You can repent of your Sins and your Selfishness.**

**b. We have an opportunity to Renew before the Lord’s Supper!**

**- You can renew your Vows and your Vision unto the Lord!**

**I Corinthians 11:27-29 [27](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-11-27/%22%20%5Co%20%22CLICK%20FOR%20MORE%20TRANSLATIONS%20of%201%20Corinthians%2011%3A27-%20Wherefore%20whosoever%20shall%20eat%20this%20bread%2C%20and%20drink%20%3Cem%3Ethis%3C/em%3E%20cup%20of%20the%20Lord%2C%20unworthily%2C%20shall%20be%20guilty%20of%20the%20body%20and%20blood%20of%20the%20Lord.) 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**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-11-28/) **But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.**[**29**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-11-29/) **For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**

 **5. The Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper is Serious.**

 **a. We must be serious about the Lord’s Supper!**

 **- You should know that you’ve Repented!**

 **- You should know that you’re Right!**

 **b. We must be serious about the Loving Savior!**

 **- Our Lives show if we are Serious about the Savior.**

 **- Our Love shows if we are Serious about the Savior.**

**\*\*Now let’s look at what we can be thankful for at the Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper.**

**I. BE THANKFUL FOR THE BLOOD**

**Mark 14:23-24 23**[**And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Mark-14-23/)

**24**[**And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Mark-14-24/)

 **A. Let’s be thankful for the Purity of the Blood**

**I Peter 1:18-19** [**18**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Peter-1-18/) **Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;**[**19**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Peter-1-19/) **But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**

 **1. He’s Blood will always be Holy**

 **2. He’s Blood will always be Heavenly**

 **B. Let’s be thankful for the Power of the Blood**

[**Matthew 26:28**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-26-28/)**- For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

 **1. It was powerful enough to Cleanse me of my Sins**

 **2. It was powerful enough to Clear me of my Sentence**

 **C. Let’s be thankful for the Proof of the Blood**

[**1 John 1:7**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-7/)**- But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

 **1. The proof is in our changed Lives!**

 **2. The proof is in our changed Lifestyles!**

**\*\*When you take the Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper, take the cup and thank Him for the blood of Jesus that it represents!**

**II. BE THANKFUL FOR THE BREAD**

**Luke 22:19 19**[**And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-22-19/)

 **A. The Purpose of the Bread**

**John 6:35** [**35**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-35/) **And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.**

 **1. It’s a symbol of the Christ and Represents His Body.**

**Luke 22:19b This is my body which is given for you:**

 **2. It’s a symbol of the Crucifixion and Represents His Brokenness.**

**Luke 22:19a And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them,**

 **B. The Presentation of the Bread**

 **1. It was illustrated through the Miracle**

**John 6:11a And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down;**

**\*\*Remember there were five loaves – the number of grace!**

 **a. The men saw the bread as a little.**

 **b. The Messiah saw the bread as a lot.**

 **2. It was illustrated through the Manna**

**John 6:48-51**[**48**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-48/) **I am that bread of life.** [**49**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-49/) **Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.** [**50**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-50/) **This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.** [**51**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-51/) **I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.**

 **a. Like Jesus, Manna was Special**

 **b. Like Jesus, Manna was Sweet**

 **c. Like Jesus, Manna was Satisfying**

 **C. The Performance of the Bread**

 **1. Notice the Nourishment of the Bread**

 **a. Like Jesus it Feeds You**

 **b. Like Jesus it Fills You**

 **c. Like Jesus it Fuels You**

 **2. Notice the Necessity of the Bread**

 **a. It’s Necessary for Every Life**

 **b. It’s Necessary for Eternal Life**

**John 6:51a I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever:**

**\*\*When you take the Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper, take the bread and thank Him for the body of Jesus that it represents!**

**III. BE THANKFUL FOR THE BLESSINGS**

[**Ephesians 5:20**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-5-20/)**Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**\*\*I’m thankful for the blessings in the Lord’s Supper that shows that . . .**

 **A. I’ve Got the Lord’s Pardon**

**Micah 7:18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.**

**\*\*This Lord’s Supper makes me thankful . . .**

 **1. Because I’m Freely Pardoned**

 **2. Because I’m Fully Pardoned**

 **3. Because I’m Forever Pardoned**

 **B. I’ve Got the Lord’s Peace**

[**Romans 5:1**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-5-1/)**- Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

**\*\*The Lord’s Supper makes me thankful because . . .**

 **1. It reminds me that I have peace in my Soul**

 **2. It reminds me that I have peace in my Sorrows**

 **3. It reminds me that I have peace in my Storms**

 **C. I’ve Got the Lord’s Presence**

**Luke 22:15 15**[**And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-22-15/)

**\*\*The Lord desired to be present with His disciples during the Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper.**

**\*\*The Lord still desires to be present among His own every time we take part in the Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper!**

**\*\*During this Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper you should be thankful that you know the Lord’s presence is in . . .**

 **1. Your Christian Heart**

 **2. Your Christian Home**

 **3. Your Church House**

**\*\*When you take the Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper, take it and thank Him for all the Blessings that it represents and has been given unto you through salvation!**

**CLOSE**

**Illustration: It has been told about a certain man who was always thankful for his shoes. When asked why, he replied, "When I was a boy during the Depression, my parents couldn’t afford to buy new shoes for me. My dad would put cardboard in the bottom of my shoes because they had holes. When I walked through rain and snow, he had to keep replacing the cardboard. I’ve always been thankful for shoes because I've never forgotten wearing those shoes with holes in the soles.”**

**His reference point for thankfulness was his childhood memory of shoes with holes. If you will think of a time when you had a hole and emptiness in your soul, it’ll be easy to become thankful for the blood, the body, and the blessings of Jesus. That’s why God told the children of Israel to remember how He brought them out of the house of slavery in Deuteronomy 8:14. He wanted that experience to be a reference point in their minds for thankfulness. That’s the same reason he told us to have The Lord’s Supper in remembrance of Him and so we would be thankful for who He is and what He did for us. In essence He was telling us to have a Thanksgiving supper in remembrance of Him.**

**Here is the invitation:**

**1. It’s time to examine yourself and make sure you are ready for the Lord’s Thanksgiving Supper.**

 **a. Saved folks need to make sure their Hands are Clean.**

**\*\*In other words, you have been saved, but have you had your hands in sin? If so, you need to let the Lord forgive you and wash you up before supper.**

 **b. Sinner folks need to make sure their Hearts are Clean.**

**\*\*This supper is not a community supper for everybody. It’s a supper for the family members only! The good news is that you can get born into the family through the blood of Jesus. You can get a clean heart and be saved today!**

**2. It’s time to give the Lord thanks as well. This would be a good time for the family members to come to the altar and say the blessing before supper. You should come now and thank Jesus for the His Blood, His Bread, and His Blessings in your life!**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER SERVICE**

**1. Ask the Deacons and Ordained Men to come forward.**

**2. Read the scripture from Luke 22:17, 19.**

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 **19**[**And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-22-19/)

**3. Pray**

**4. Pass out the Communion. (Suggestion: Jesus took the cup first and then the bread according to this passage. So if you will drink of the cup first and then eat the bread.)**

**5. Has everybody been served?**

**6. Serve the Deacons.**

**7. Deacons serve me.**

**8. Sit down and sing.**