

“The New Covenant ‘RIPPLE Effect’” – Part 15

A Fresh Look At Jesus’ Life & Ministry

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Luke 22:19-20 – *He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.”*

Holy Communion Can Be:

□ A Returning – the “Tree of Life”

Genesis 3:15-17 – *Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it... “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”*

John 10:10 – *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

Galatians 3:13-14 – *Christ has redeemed us from the curse... having become a curse for us...*

Revelation 22:2-5 – *...and on either side of the river, was the tree of life... The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse... and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face... And they shall reign forever and ever.*

□ A Remembering – Transcending Time

- **History** (Personal & Universal)
- **Present**
- **Future**

1 Corinthians 11:26 – *Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.*

Revelation 19:7 – *“Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready...”*

□ A Receiving – Grace Meeting Me Where I Am

John 6:47-51 – *“I am the bread of life. ...I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”*

- **A Rendezvous with Christ**
- **A Sacramental Sign of Full Redemption**

Matthew 26:26-28 – *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”*

○ **A Gate/Portal to Healing & Wholeness**

Isaiah 53:4-6 – *Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

Next Week, April 21st -- EASTER SUNDAY! –

“Why Easter Matters & the ‘Ripple Effect’” (A Fresh Look At Jesus’ Life & Ministry)

A Suggested Prayer: *“Loving Father God, realizing how desperately I need You in my life, & that I could never on my own merit this; I receive Holy Communion by faith, grateful for Your grace. I receive from You, Your broken body & Your spilled blood, & now Your spiritual, abundant life through faith. I am forever grateful to You & want my relationship with You to grow, through Jesus Christ, my Lord & Savior Who lives & reigns with You & the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.”*