

Sermon Outline

Thinking Theologically about Communion | Tim Blagg

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (p.1635)

Setting Reminders

1/ Thinking theologically about the “what” of the Communion (what is it?)

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 - ¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

1 Corinthians 5:7- ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. **For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

Hebrews 9:27-28 - ²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ **so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many;** and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

2/ Thinking theologically about the “why” of Communion (why do we do it?)

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26 - ²³...The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. (see also Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-21)

3/ Thinking theologically about the “how” of Communion (how frequently? What do we use? Where should we do it?)

Acts 2:42, 46 - ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, **to the breaking of bread** and to prayer...⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. **They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts...**

Acts 20:7 - ⁷ **On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.** Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.

1 Corinthians 11:33 - ³³ So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, **you should all eat together.**

4/ Thinking theologically about the “who” of communion (who should participate? What frame of mind?)

1 Corinthians 11:26-30 - ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ²⁷ **So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.** ²⁸ **Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.** ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

Some recommended resources:

Chester, T. *Truth we can Touch*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2020.

Waters, Guy Prentiss. *The Lord’s Supper as the Sign and Meal of the New Covenant*. Edited by Dane C. Ortlund and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Short Studies in Biblical Theology*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2019.

Family Perspectives Podcast – Communion Episode



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