

42 They were continually devoting themselves to the <u>apostles'</u> teaching and to <u>fellowship</u>, to the <u>breaking of bread</u> and to <u>prayer</u>.

43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Practice #3 Breaking of bread

The practice of "communion" keeps us focused on what makes a gathering of Christians into a church — Jesus Christ.

All that is necessary for sharing in communion is 2 or three gathered in His name.

19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Luke 22:19-20

20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.

Luke 22:19-20

Jesus did not create for us empty religious rituals. Everything He commanded us to do has life available in it.

Partaking of the Lord's Supper is a door into all the promises of His life.

53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

54 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

55 "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood <u>abides</u> in Me, and I in him.

Everything Jesus offered while walking the earth becomes available to us when we partake of His body by faith.

28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther.

29 But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them.

30 When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them,

34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon."

35 They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

When we feed upon the Lord by faith in this covenant meal, He manifests Himself in all that He is.

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which 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 He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

When we break bread in the Lord's supper, we remember that we were in Christ in His cross, and therefore in Christ when He rose, and that we will still be in Christ when He returns.

Even while we explore the territory of our salvation, we must never stop remembering with thanks the door that got us here in the first place.

27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:27–28

28 But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

While partaking of the Lord's body and blood, we reset ourselves into the moment of our Salvation.

Cleansing ourselves of unforgiveness while receiving His.

Apprehending by faith all He purchased on that cross

Celebrating again the miracle of our first resurrection, while anticipating the next.

Renewing ourselves in His covenant with us.













