

## **The Holy Communion**

**November 22, 2017**

It is the meal that Jesus Christ had with His disciples a night before He was crucified.

## **The Lord's supper and Passover**

The Passover began when God freed the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12), the unleavened bread and Passover lamb were eaten to commemorate this event.

Jesus transformed the Hebrew Passover meal into what is known as the Lord's Supper.

He used the imagery of bread and wine to point to Himself as the Passover lamb of God.

## **What names are related to this ordinance?**

1. Breaking of the bread **Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 10:16**
2. Holy Communion **1 Corinthians 10:16**
3. Table of the Lord **1 Corinthians 10:21**
4. The Lord's Supper **1 Corinthians 11:20**
5. The Eucharist **1 Corinthians 11:24** ( Sacrament – Faith in the people participating is necessary so the sacraments can effectively communicate God's grace)

## **Purpose/Why do we celebrate this?**

1. Commanded by the Lord **1 Corinthians 11:24-26**
2. To proclaim our hope in the Lord's return **1 Corinthians 11:26**
3. Creates a bond of spiritual fellowship among believers **1 Corinthians 10:17**
4. It is a form of worship
5. Time for reflection and introspection **1 Corinthians 11:26**
6. It teaches the new and refreshes the old **1 Corinthians 11:24-26**

## **What is contained in the Body**

1. The Word **John 1:1.14**
2. The Rod **Exodus 4:2; Isaiah 11:1-2**
3. Poison Neutralizer **2 Kings 4:39; 2 Kings 4:41; Exodus 17:11**

4. Revelation **Luke 24:30-31**
5. Health and vitality **John 6:57**
6. Divine Manna **John 6:49; Psalm 105:37; Acts 1:3**
7. The bread of Life **John 6:53; 1 Corinthians 11:28-30**
8. The Fan and the Fire **Matthew 3:11-12**

# Views

**Transubstantiation** – according to the theory of Transubstantiation, the accidents of the bread and wine remain unchanged, but their substance changes into the body and blood of Christ. That means that Christ is present in the underlying reality of the elements. The bread and wine (their accidents) while Christ's body and blood are present (their substance)

**Consubstantiation** – disagrees with the above but believes that the substance of Jesus body and blood is present alongside the substance of the bread and wine.