

In Remembrance of Me

Wylie United Methodist Church

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Luke 22:19-20

19 And 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." 20 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."

Sacraments:

- Divine "mysterious" ways in which God Communicates and we Experience and Celebrate His free Gift of Divine Grace.
- They are Sacred Moments through which we Recognize God's Continual Participation in our lives.
- In other words, sacraments are ways in which God discloses things to us that are beyond our human capacity to know through reason alone.

2 Sacraments:

1. Holy Communion (Declaration that Christ DIED FOR you)
2. Baptism (Declaration that Christ LIVES IN you)

I. WHAT IS COMMUNION? (4 main ways Holy Communion is referred to)

- THE LORD'S SUPPER (Instituted by Christ and given to His Church)
Reminds us that Jesus Christ is the host and we participate at His invitation.

1 Cor 11:24

"do this in remembrance of me."

- HOLY COMMUNION (In Union with God and one another)
Reminds us that God is holy and yet He desires covenantal relationship with us.

Luke 22:15-21

15 And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

- EUCCHARIST (Derived from Greek word meaning "thanksgiving")
Reminds us that this is a costly meal and should be received in humility with thanksgiving

1 Cor 10:16

16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

- MASS (Roman Catholic derived from Latin word meaning "sending forth")

2. WHO'S IT FOR?

The people of God.

Liturgy invitation:

- For all that love him
- And earnestly repent of their sin
- Seek to live in peace with one another

3. WHAT DO WE RECEIVE THROUGH IT?

In a word...LIFE!

Communion, through the power of the Holy Spirit, makes available:

- Conviction - Repentance - Conversion
- Forgiveness - Sanctification