

Communion – Koinonia

Koinonia – fellowship/(friendship), communion, joint participation, intercourse, association.

Who am I in Communion with? The World/Satan? Or God?

James 4:4 “Do you not know that friendship (fellowship, communion) with the world makes you God’s enemy? So, whoever chooses to be a friend of the world takes his stand as an enemy of God.” Because friendship with the world means to be a friend to the ruler of the world, Satan. **John 14:30** “...the ruler of the world (Satan)...” **AMP & 1 John 5:19** “...the whole world is under the control of the evil one (Satan).” When our fellowship is with Satan, we will be lied to, day and night about God’s goodness, His forgiveness, His faithfulness and every beautiful promise God has on offer. As a result, we will be given over to the enemy of our soul who HATES us and will feed us with every hideous LIE about God and other people to keep us in unforgiveness and bitterness, bound up by fear, uncertainty, doubt about God and His word, anger, addiction, depression and loneliness to name a few.

John 8:44 “You are of *your* father the devil, and it is your will to practice the desires... of your father (Satan). He ...does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar and the father of lies and half-truths (bible words used for condemnation and accusation against God).” We can be so deceived into thinking that because we memorized and can repeat a word out of the bible we must “know” it. Satan did that (Matt 4:5). Yet in the scripture above it says “...there is NO truth in him...” Enslaved by thoughts and kept slaves by a lack of truth (Jesus Christ) entering our hearts and freeing us from every lie. But how?

John 8:32 “YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH (JESUS CHRIST) AND THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE” & **John 14:6** “Jesus answered, “I AM the... TRUTH...” only by knowing the Truth will we be made free, not by mentally acknowledging Him or memorizing Him. Then how? **John 6:56** “Those who eat my flesh...” and what does it mean to eat His flesh **John 1:14** “And the Word (Christ) became flesh... full of grace and TRUTH” **AMP** its by feeding on the flesh of Jesus, His word, along with **John 6:56** “...AND drink my blood...” because the Flesh without the Blood is dead. **1 John 5:6** “This is the one who came by water(word) and blood (spirit)—Jesus Christ not by water(word) only, but by water(word) and blood(spirit). And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony (Word).” **NIV/NLT** The word confirmed/made alive by the Spirit, the blood! Just as Jesus was confirmed and made ready for ministry ONLY after He received the Holy spirit. This is where true fellowship and communion happens, when a child of God is feeding on and delighting in the words of Jesus made living and active in their hearts by the Holy Spirit. **Matt 11:29** “(Jesus) take up My yoke(spirit) on you, and learn from Me, because I AM meek and humble in heart(spirit), and you will find rest to your souls” **LSV James 1:21** “...and with a humble spirit (one who has been filled with and is controlled by the Holy Spirit) receive the word (Jesus) which is implanted [actually rooted in your heart], which is able to save your souls.” and when this is true of us we know that **John 6:56** “...(we) they will live in Me(by His Spirit), and I in them(through His Word).” In fellowship and true communion with Jesus!

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Ps 27:4 **I have asked the Lord for one thing; one thing only do I want: to live in the Lord's house all my life, to marvel there at his goodness, and to ask for his guidance.** TEV

What does Communion represent?

Communion comes from a Greek word, *koinonia*, which means conversation, the vital core of true fellowship with God. "Taking" communion is an outward reminder of a spiritual truth.

1 Cor 11:23-26 **...the Lord Jesus...took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body...do this in remembrance of Me."**

25 **In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it...in remembrance of Me."**

And why do we take Communion? Why did God begin a physical ordinance to symbolize something spiritual, of infinitely greater importance, that He wants to take place daily in us?

The whole reason God sent Jesus Christ to live and then die on a Cross for you and me was to restore our fellowship with Him that was severed by your and my sin – self-will – to adopt us into His own family and grow us by eating His bread or living word, then by our submission to His blood, the Holy Spirit, enabling us to bear good fruit, bringing others into His family for eternity and growing them up in Him. This can only happen through a real relationship or communion or fellowship with Him, something religion and ritual can never do.

Eph 1:5 **His (God's) unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us....and this gave him great pleasure!** TLB/NLT

1 Jn 1:3 **And this fellowship (koinonia) that we have, which is a distinguishing mark of Christians - AMP, is with the Father, that is, with His Son Jesus Christ (bread & wine)**

Everything else we do, however seemingly God-related or sincere, is just rote religion if it is not based on a genuine, inward, ongoing, back-and-forth conversation with God, He speaking to my heart by His word and Spirit, and me asking Him questions in my heart, and getting answers. **"My sheep hear My voice...and they follow (obey) Me"** Jesus said (Jn 10:27). And He also said, **"Let all your questions be known to God"** (Phil 4:6). Because this inward conversation with God is so important, so foundational to true Christianity, He gave us this symbol of communion, as a picture and reminder of how He does it.

1 Co 10:16-20 **The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread...How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!** Ps133:1

