

Hidden Treasures within the Lords Supper

(Two Perspectives)

Prescriptive #1

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The Lord's Supper, a sacred act of remembrance instituted by Jesus Christ, holds profound spiritual significance that transcends generations. **Rooted deeply in Jewish traditions**, it serves as a **bridge** between the Old and New Testaments, revealing the continuity of God's redemptive plan.

By exploring its **symbolism** and **connections** to biblical teachings, we uncover hidden treasures within this holy ordinance that unite believers in fellowship with Christ and one another.

The Jewish Foundation of the Lord's Supper

To fully grasp the meaning of the Lord's Supper, it is essential to recognize its Jewish origins. Jesus was a Jew, and the Bible itself is a Jewish document. The Passover celebration, detailed in the Haggadah—a Jewish text that sets forth the order of the Passover Seder—provides the historical context for the Last Supper.

The Haggadah fulfills the Scriptural commandment in **Exodus 13:8** to narrate the account of liberation from Egypt.

Passover traditions include drinking four glasses of wine and using **three loaves** of unleavened bread, stacked one on top of the other. The **middle loaf** is **broken** and **hidden**, only to be **brought back later** during the Seder.

This **broken piece** of bread becomes **central to understanding Jesus'** actions during the Last Supper. When He broke the bread and declared it to be His body, He transformed this symbolic act into a new covenant between God and His people (**1 Corinthians 11:23-25**).

The Middle Loaf: A Picture of Christ

The **middle loaf** in the Passover tradition **represents Jesus**—the Son within the triune Godhead of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Its breaking and subsequent hiding symbolize His sacrificial death and resurrection.

As believers, we are **united with Christ**, becoming part of this "loaf" through our faith in Him. Jesus prayed for this unity in **John 17:20-23**, emphasizing that believers are one with Him and with each other.

This unity is further illustrated through the metaphor of wheat. In **Matthew 13:24-30**, Jesus describes believers as wheat growing alongside weeds until the harvest.

Wheat symbolizes purity and righteousness, while its transformation into bread signifies a process of refinement and fellowship.

The Process of Baking: Spiritual Growth

Bread-making involves crucial steps that mirror spiritual growth. Yeast, or leaven, plays a significant role in this process.

While leaven often symbolizes sin or corruption in Scripture, it can also represent positive influence and growth, as seen in **Matthew 13:33**.

In this parable, Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to leaven that permeates dough, signifying transformation and expansion.

For bread to rise properly, its gluten strands must be kneaded until they form an elastic structure capable of trapping gases produced by yeast.

Similarly, believers must work together harmoniously as strands within the body of Christ. Disunity or conflict among believers disrupts this process, preventing spiritual "rise" or victory in challenging situations.

Strands in Unity: Fellowship Among Believers

The Apostle Paul addresses disunity among believers in **1 Corinthians 11:17-22**, rebuking divisions during the Lord's Supper. Just as damaged gluten strands hinder bread from rising, discord among believers obstructs spiritual growth and victory.

Proverbs 12:18 warns against words that pierce like swords, while **Proverbs 16:24** highlights the healing power of kind speech. Believers are called to form bonds of connection and harmony, ensuring smooth fellowship within the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 emphasizes the communal nature of the Lord's Supper. The bread we break represents our fellowship—our "koinoonía"—with Christ and one another. This joint participation strengthens our unity as one body, enabling us to rise above spiritual challenges and glorify God together.

Fellowship with Christ and One Another

The Lord's Supper is **not merely an act of remembrance but an opportunity to deepen fellowship with Jesus and fellow believers.**

Through His **broken body** and **shed blood**, we are **forgiven** and **made whole** (Colossians 2:11-13). As strands within His loaf, we must work **smoothly** together to fulfill His purposes on earth.

Before partaking in the Lord's Supper, we are encouraged to **reflect on our relationship with Christ and our interactions with others.**

Are we fostering unity or creating divisions? Are our words and actions building up or tearing down? **By renewing our commitment** to fellowship with Jesus and each other, **we align ourselves** with His will and experience victory in Him.

Conclusion

The Lord's Supper is a profound expression of unity and fellowship rooted in biblical symbolism and tradition. From its Jewish foundation in the Passover Seder to its fulfillment in Christ's sacrifice, **it reminds us** of our oneness with Him and our role **as strands within His body**. As believers, we must **strive** for harmony, allowing His Spirit to work through us for His glory.

Let us approach the Lord's Supper with reverence and intentionality—deepening our fellowship with Jesus, who was broken to make us whole, and with one another as members of His body. In doing so, we honor His sacrifice and **partake in the hidden treasures of this sacred ordinance.**

Sequence of teaching.

1. Jewishness established (Haggadah textbook)
2. Middle loaf (Jesus)
3. One with Him (Jesus)
4. One with Wheat (Jesus)
5. Baking (Part of the process)
6. Yeast (Good or bad influence)
7. Rising (Elastic fibers)
8. Strands (Working smoothly)
9. Fellowship (Koinoonía introduced 1 Corinthians 10:16-17)
10. Cutting the strands (Prevents the rise or victory)
11. Fellowship with believers (Wheat strands working smoothly together)
12. Decision to deepen our fellowship with Jesus and each other.

Scripture references for this mini teaching within the video.

- ☐ 1 Corinthians 11:23-25
- ☐ John 17:20-23
- ☐ Matthew 13:24-30
- ☐ Matthew 13:33
- ☐ Colossians 2:11-13
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
- ☐ Proverbs 12:18
- ☐ Proverbs 16:24

Other resources were used in the teaching.



Prescriptive #2

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Let's take a moment to dive into some hidden treasures in the Lord's Supper and uncover the deeper meanings behind this beautiful act of remembrance.

This teaching ties together the symbolism of bread, wine, and fellowship in a way that's both **meaningful and thought-provoking**.

The Jewish Roots of the Lord's Supper

First, let's remember that Jesus was a Jew, and the Bible itself is a Jewish document. The Passover tradition, outlined in the **Haggadah**, plays a huge role here.

The Haggadah is the text read during the Passover Seder, fulfilling the command in **Exodus 13:8** to tell future generations about God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt. It's fascinating how the Lord's Supper draws directly from this tradition.

During Passover, there are specific elements: four cups of wine, three loaves of unleavened bread stacked together, and the breaking and hiding of the middle loaf.

That middle loaf—broken, hidden, and later brought back—is what Jesus used to institute the Lord's Supper. **It symbolizes Him** as the Son (in the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), **broken for us**.

Connected to Jesus: One Loaf, One Body

Jesus prayed in **John 17:20-23** that we would be one with **Him and with each other**, just as He is one with the Father.

This oneness is beautifully illustrated through bread. The Bible often refers to believers as wheat (**Matthew 13:24-30**), and since we are one with Jesus, who is also symbolized as wheat, **we are part of that same loaf**. Pretty cool, right?

Bread-making itself offers powerful symbolism. When baking bread, gluten strands hold everything together and allow the bread to rise. In the same way, as believers, **we are like those strands—meant to work smoothly together in unity**.

When we don't (hello, divisions and strife), it's like cutting those strands, and the bread (or body) doesn't rise properly.

The Role of Yeast: Good or Bad Influence

Yeast can symbolize both **good** and **bad** influence in Scripture. In **Matthew 13:33**, Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to leaven (yeast) that spreads through dough, showing how a small influence can have a big impact.

For us as believers, this reminds us to be **mindful of our influence**—are we **building others up** **or** **tearing them down**?

Rising with Christ

Colossians 2:11-13 reminds us that through baptism, we were buried and raised with Christ. Just like bread rises during baking, we rise with Him into new life. **But** this rising only happens when we're working together smoothly as one body. If there are divisions among us (like Paul addressed in **1 Corinthians 11:17-22**), it hinders our victory.

Fellowship: The Heart of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper **isn't just** about **remembering** Jesus' sacrifice—it's **also about fellowship**. The Greek word "koinonia" (**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**) means fellowship, joint participation, or sharing.

When we partake in the bread and cup, we're **not only connecting with Jesus** **but also with each other as one body**.

This brings us back to those gluten strands in bread. **For bread to rise properly, the strands need to be close and work smoothly together.**

Likewise, as believers, we need to bond and harmonize with each other. **Harsh words or actions** can "**cut**" **those strands**, leading to division and preventing victory (**Proverbs 12:18**; **Proverbs 16:24**).

Two Key Takeaways

1. Fellowship with Jesus: Spend time with Him who was broken so we could be made whole. Reflect on His sacrifice and deepen your relationship with Him.

2. Fellowship with Others: Work on unity within the body of Christ. Strengthen your connections with fellow believers so we can rise together as one.

As we prepare for the Lord's Supper, let's make a **conscious decision** to grow in fellowship—with Jesus and with each other. After all, **we're all strands in the same loaf, called to rise together for His glory.**

Bible verses for this teaching.

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

23 For this is what the Lord himself has said about his Table, and I have passed it on to you before: That on the night when Judas betrayed him, the Lord Jesus took bread,

24 and when he had given thanks to God for it, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

25 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new agreement between God and you that has been established and set in motion by my blood. Do this in remembrance of me whenever you drink it." TLB

John 17:20-23

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. NKJV

Matthew 13:24-30

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man sowed good seed in his field.

25 One night, when everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

26 When the plants grew and the heads of grain began to form, then the weeds showed up.

27 The man's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, it was good seed you sowed in your field; where did the weeds come from?'

28 'It was some enemy who did this,' he answered. 'Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?' they asked him.

29 'No,' he answered, 'because as you gather the weeds you might pull up some of the wheat along with them.

30 Let the wheat and the weeds both grow together until harvest. Then I will tell the harvest workers to pull up the weeds first, tie them in bundles and burn them, and then to gather in the wheat and put it in my barn.'" TEV

Matthew 13:33 (The Parable of the Leaven)

Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened." NKJV

Luke 13:20-21 (The Parable of the Leaven)

20 And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened." NKJV

Leviticus 23:15-20

15 'And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed.

16 Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord.

17 You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the Lord.

18 And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs of the first year, without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be as a burnt offering to the Lord, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the Lord.

19 Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a peace offering.

20 The priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the Lord, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the Lord for the priest. NKJV

Colossians 2:11-13

11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him (Wheat) through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, (Wheat) having forgiven you all trespasses, NKJV

Ephesians 2:4-6

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, NKJV

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion#2842 of the blood of Christ?

The bread which we break, is it not the communion#2842 of the body of Christ?

17 For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread. NKJV

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

17 Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse.

18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

19 For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

20 Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you. NKJV

Proverbs 12:18

There are those who speak rashly, like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. AMP (Swords cut)

Proverbs 16:24

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. RSV

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