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As believers we have been called to celebrate the Lord's Supper. We take time to remember the bread which represents the body of Jesus. He is fully God and fully man, and lived a perfectly righteous life. In His body, Jesus walked in a full obedience to God the Father. **By fulfilling the law Jesus completed His perfect righteousness.** We also remember the cup which is the new covenant in His blood. **Jesus took our sin and offered His blood as the perfect sacrifice for sin.** When we come to take the Lord's Supper we are proclaiming His death, but notice that is not the end of the verse. We proclaim His death until He comes. **There is a future element to the Lord's supper that even Jesus is anticipating and eagerly waiting for.**

### Luke 22:14-18 ESV

(14) And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him.

(15) And He said to them, “**I have earnestly desired** to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

(16) For I tell you **I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.**”

(17) And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves.

(18) For I tell you that **from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.**”

Jesus had longed for and had a deep desire to celebrate the Passover with His disciples and point out to them what it really was about. He was ready to give the perfect payment for sin. Yet in the shadow of the cross, notice His promise not to eat of the Passover meal, the Lord's supper again **until... it is fulfilled in the Kingdom.** Jesus declared “It is finished,” on the cross. He perfectly paid for sin, and **yet the effects of what He had done were just starting to be unveiled.** So as we proclaim His death we cannot ignore the fulfillment Jesus is anticipating in the kingdom. It is so important He is waiting to drink grape juice/ wine until He is in the Kingdom. As great as the Lord's supper is now, Jesus says something even better is coming.

### Matthew 26:29 Wuest

(29) And I am saying to you, I will positively not from now on drink of this product of the vine **until that day when I drink it new in quality with you in the kingdom of My Father.**

Jesus calls the feast He is looking forward to in the kingdom **new**, which also carries the idea of being **superior in quality**. He desires to be reunited with His disciples and in larger degree the church. He is waiting to be united to His bride. **The Lord's Supper will be fulfilled at the wedding feast in the Kingdom.**

#### **Revelation 19:6-8 ESV**

- (6) Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For **the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.**
- (7) Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, **for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready;**
- (8) it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

This describes the moment when we as the church are married and united to Jesus our groom. 2 Corinthians 11:2 says we are betrothed to Jesus. In John 14 we studied Jesus' marriage proposal to us. **The wedding is described in verse 7.** The church is raptured out before the tribulation on earth. We are in heaven with our groom. Jesus has purified us as His bride and we are left wearing our righteous deeds, the eternal rewards of the church. **This is not the end though, after the wedding ceremony is a giant reception.**

#### **Revelation 19:9 & 11 ESV**

- (9) And the angel said to me, "Write this: **Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**" And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."
- (11) **Then I saw heaven opened,** and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

#### **Revelation 20:1-2 & 6 ESV**

- (1) Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.
- (2) And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, **and bound him for a thousand years,**
- (6) Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but **they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with Him for a thousand years.**

Then come the reception where Jesus comes back as conquering King to this earth and establishes His perfect Kingdom. Satan is bound for a 1,000 years. We in the church will reign with Him. It is in this kingdom as we are in resurrected bodies reigning with Jesus that we will celebrate our marriage to Him. **It is an amazing wedding reception! This is the fulfillment of the Lord's Supper.** Isaiah even described this feast.

#### **Isaiah 25:6-9 ESV**

- (6) On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples **a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.**
- (7) And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

(8) He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

(9) It will be said on that day, “Behold, **this is our God; we have waited for Him**, that He might save us. **This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.**”

It is hard to imagine how amazing this feast will be. When Jesus said He will celebrate the Lord’s Supper with us His bride, and it would be **new in quality He is not exaggerating**. It is powerful now to remember the bread and the cup, His perfect body and the payment of His blood. Think about this feast, in the Kingdom, with our groom. Jesus reigning on earth sitting at a massive banquet table, reaches for the bread and says “ **this is My body**” then He reaches for the cup and says “**this is My blood of the covenant.**” **We will celebrate and worship Him for what He has done**. And what is truly amazing is that we will be with Him. This is the moment Jesus has been waiting for. **When He is with His people**. The Passover meal itself points to this moment. During a Passover meal, also called a Seder, four cups were to be drunk each one connected to 1 of 4 specific promises.

### Exodus 6:6-7 ESV

(6) Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and **I will bring** you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and **I will deliver you** from slavery to them, and **I will redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.

(7) **I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God**, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

God promised Israel to 1. **Bring them** out of Egypt, 2. **Deliver them** from their slavery, 3. **Redeem them**. The last promise is that God would take Israel to be His people. To be in perfect fellowship with Israel. This is fulfilled in the kingdom. When Israel returns to God and Jesus reigns as their King. We do not know for sure what cup Jesus took to celebrate the Lords’ Supper, but many wonder if it was the third and He is waiting to take the fourth. Waiting until His wedding reception with His bride, when Israel will be united to Him as His people. **It is the fourth promise that is waiting to be completely fulfilled.**

The fourth promise is fulfilled when Israel comes back into fellowship with God, when they are walking as His people. It will be an amazing thing to be a part of.

### Romans 11:11-15 NLT

(11) Did God’s people stumble **and fall beyond recovery?** Of course not! They were disobedient, **so God made salvation available to the Gentiles**. But He wanted His own people to become jealous and claim it for themselves.

(12) Now if the Gentiles were enriched because the people of Israel turned down God’s offer of salvation, **think how much greater a blessing the world will share when they finally accept it.**

(13) I am saying all this especially for you Gentiles. God has appointed me as the apostle to the Gentiles. I stress this,

(14) for I want somehow to make the people of Israel jealous of what you Gentiles have, so I might save some of them.

(15) For since their rejection meant that God offered salvation to the rest of the world,

**their acceptance will be even more wonderful. It will be life for those who were dead!**

Israel has not been replaced. They have not sinned to the point of being abandoned. Their rejection opened the door for us in the gentile church to receive salvation. **When they come back to God and walk in fellowship with Him in the Kingdom it is going to be amazing!** It means life from the dead. The church and Israel walking in resurrected bodies under one king Jesus. Jesus alone can bring this unity.

### **Ephesians 1:9-10 ESV**

(9) making known to us **the mystery of His will, according to His purpose**, which He set forth in Christ

(10) **as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him**, things in heaven and things on earth.

It is God's purpose to elevate Jesus. In His perfect timing and according to His perfect plan all things will be united in Jesus. **This goes well beyond a unity of Israel and the Church but that unity cannot be left out.** Jesus is the perfect sin payment. His body showed His perfect life and verified His blood that was offered. This payment is what enables Jesus to unite all things. We are gathered here to remember what He has done. **We will still be gathered in the Millennium, in His kingdom to continue to celebrate and worship what He has done.** He deserves all praise and worship.

### **Revelation 5:9-10 ESV**

(9) And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and **by Your blood You ransomed people for God** from every tribe and language and people and nation,

(10) and **You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."**

The Lord's Supper proclaims Jesus' death. We are proclaiming the perfect payment for sin that made Jesus worthy to unite all things. He ransomed us, by His blood which could be accepted because of His body. He made us His people and we will reign in His kingdom with Him. So let's proclaim His death that accomplished so much as we wait for the perfect fulfillment **when at our wedding reception we will feast with our husband, Jesus, with Israel in His amazing kingdom.**

**We believe in Open communion-** If you are a believer here today you are welcome to take communion with us. It is Jesus' table not ours.

**If you are not a believer**, meaning you have never trusted in Jesus for your salvation, this is not for you. Please believe in Him.

We are going to have a time of reflection

Take this time to confess any sins God convicts you of. His blood is the ransom payment that gave us new life, but we do not always act like we have new life. **This is why we need to confess our sins and walk fresh with Him.** We also need to be careful **to not let Godly conviction lead to self-condemnation.** No one is worthy of Him we are accepted by the blood of the Lamb.

His body and His blood, secured our redemption. Take time to meditate on what Jesus accomplished and meditate on when it will be fulfilled in the kingdom. **It is not about us, but about what He**

**did.** We do this in **remembrance of Him, proclaiming His death until He returns.**

After the time of reflection, I will lead us as will all partake of the elements together.

(The crackers are gluten free)

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-24 ESV**

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(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.”**

**The Bread Represents the Body-** It speaks of who Jesus Is- Fully God, Fully man

**Pray-**

**Eat the Bread**

### **1 Corinthians 11:25-26 ESV**

(25) In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

**The Cup represents the Blood-** His blood paid the penalty for our sin

**Pray-**

**Drink the Cup**

### **1 Corinthians 11:26 ESV**

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

### **Matthew 26:29 ESV**

(29) I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine **until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”**

## Easter | Order of the Offerings in Leviticus | April 20th 2025

As we gather together on Easter we are here to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that the tomb is empty. We celebrate that He is alive. For any of this to make sense though we must recognize the death that took place. The tomb was once filled. For Jesus to be resurrected He had to die first.

### 1 Corinthians 15:36-37; 42-44 ESV

- (36) You foolish person! **What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.**
- (37) And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.
- (42) **So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.**
- (43) It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.
- (44) It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. **If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.**

**Jesus could not come to life until He died.** The body that went into the tomb was His physical body. When a seed is planted no gardener would be satisfied if another seed came up. The seed needs to give life to the plant. Jesus' physical body went to the tomb and it enabled Him to be raised in a perfect resurrected body. A body of glory, and power. A body of true eternal life. The disciples and His followers did not understand this. When His dead body was put into the tomb they thought that was the end.

### Luke 24:1-7 ESV

- (1) But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, **taking the spices they had prepared.**
- (2) And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
- (3) but when they went in they **did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.**
- (4) While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.
- (5) And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, **"Why do you seek the living among the dead?"**
- (6) **He is not here, but has risen.** Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee,
- (7) **that the Son of Man must be delivered** into the hands of sinful men **and be crucified and on the third day rise."**

The woman approached the tomb with spices to care for a dead body which they could not find. The angels point out their flaw. Jesus is alive, and they were looking for someone living in a place of the dead. He is resurrected. He had taught them this very truth but it did not make sense at the time. After His resurrection Jesus will end up showing His 11 disciples how His death and resurrection fulfilled scripture.

### Luke 24:44-46 ESV

- (44) Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about **Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."**



(45) Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,  
(46) and said to them, “Thus it is written, **that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,**

Jesus’ death and resurrection fulfilled what was written about Him in the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms. Jesus mentions these three because they are **the three groupings of the Old Testament**. He is saying the entire Old Testament pointed to this truth. He then enabled them to understand the Word. They knew the Old Testament well, but they did not understand yet how it all was about Him. The Old Testament speaks to the need for Jesus to die and be raised again.

We hear Jesus say the entire Old Testament points to His death and resurrection and yet at times I don’t know if we fully believe it. We have been in a study of Leviticus and my hope is that this truth is more clear than it ever has been. Throughout Leviticus we have seen how each offering pointed to Jesus and the need for His sacrificial death.

### **Leviticus 17:11 ESV**

(11) For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, **for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.**

The life of an animal or a person is represented by the blood. When the priest would drain the blood of an animal it showed they died. It is through blood that atonement can be made. **Sin can only be dealt with through blood, through a death.**

### **Romans 6:23 ESV**

(23) **For the wages of sin is death,** but **the free gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The free gift of eternal life cannot be given until the wage of sin has been paid.** Until there was a perfect death. **The book of Leviticus has been full of death.** Each offering given is a reminder of the need of blood. Even the order the offerings points to what Jesus needed to accomplish. This order can be seen as the priest were consecrated.

### **Leviticus 9:3-4 ESV**

(3) And say to the people of Israel, ‘Take a male goat **for a sin offering**, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old without blemish, **for a burnt offering**,  
(4) and an ox and a ram **for peace offerings**, to sacrifice before the LORD, **and a grain offering mixed with oil, for today the LORD will appear to you.’”**

The offerings presented in Leviticus in Chapters 1-7 are in an order that enabled the priest to more easily **memorize and teach** them to the fellow priest. They are not presented in the order of worship. Here in chapter 9 as the priests are made ready to serve in the tabernacle we see the specific order of the offerings. It is this order that we will see repeated throughout the rest of Leviticus. **The sin offering comes first, then the whole burnt offering** which would have been accompanied by **the grain offering**, and **lastly the fellowship offering**.

This order is not accidental it reveals how we are to approach God. Without the presented blood of the sin offering we can have no access to God. **The sin offering has to be first.** Once access to God is established through the blood then a person can wholly dedicate themselves to God **through the whole burnt offering**. Once we are dedicated to God **we can praise Him through the fruit of our work** with the grain offering. **Then lastly we can worship Him for the peace** we have with Him with a peace offering. It is with the peace offering that we get to enjoy the

**fellowship meal** and our relationship with God. **We try to reverse the order.** The world wants to enjoy peace first, without the other offerings.

### **John 16:33 ESV**

(33) I have said these things to you, **that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation.** But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Peace is only found in right relationship with Jesus. In the world we have been promised to have tribulation. We live in sin cursed bodies, on a sin cursed planet, with others sinners. The world only offers tribulation but He overcame the world. Peace is in Him.

### **Isaiah 26:3-4 NLT**

(3) You will keep **in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You!**

(4) Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock.

Experiential daily peace is found when our thoughts are on Jesus and viewing life through His truth. He is the eternal rock. He alone offers us peace and satisfaction. **When we are in fellowship with Jesus we can experience His peace daily.**

### **Romans 8:5-6 ESV**

(5) For those who **live according to the flesh** set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

(6) For **to set the mind on the flesh is death**, but **to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**

To live based on our flesh is death. It is walking in the Spirit and in His fellowship where life and peace can be found. It is the last offering because this fellowship is based on all the others. **This fellowship is only possible after the grain and whole burnt offering.**

The whole burnt offering symbolized giving your whole life to God and the grain offering was then worshipping Him with the fruit of your life. Daily Peace is only found when we walk with Him and have given our life to Him.

### **Romans 12:1-2 ESV**

(1) I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, **to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.**

(2) Do not be **conformed to this world**, but **be transformed** by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Verse 2 points out an amazing truth **we are always in a process of change.** The question is what are we letting change us? The world is actively seeking to conform us to its mold. It tries to force believers **from the outside into a mold or pattern and remake us into its shape.** Conversely, **God wants to transform us from the inside out.** As a believer you have a new life in Jesus and He wants that to become visible and show on the outside. He wants to renew our mind through His truth. There is no neutral. **We are either being conformed or transformed every day.**

**If we are being conformed by the world then we will not be walking in His peace.** Each offering builds on the next. Yet none of these so far is what gives us access to God. **It is not your**

**daily peace, your growth or transformation.** We are acceptable to God through one thing, the blood payment. It is through the blood that we can approach God.

### **Leviticus 16:1-3 ESV**

- (1) The LORD spoke to Moses **after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD and died,**
- (2) and the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother **not to come at any time into the Holy Place** inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, **so that he may not die.** For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.
- (3) **But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place:** with a bull from the herd **for a sin offering** and a ram for a burnt offering.

Last week we studied Nadab and Abihu, Aaron’s sons. They approached God with an unauthorized, unacceptable fire and are killed for it. God is very clear with Aaron, **there is one way that He can approach God’s presence in the Holy of Holies, and that is through blood.** He is not allowed in without the blood of a sin offering. The burnt offering comes later and will not be given until after Aaron leaves the Holy of Holies and the blood has been offered. (Lev. 16:24) **We cannot walk in the daily peace Jesus offers and be in fellowship with Him until we have given our life daily to Him. We cannot give ourself to God if our sin has not been paid for.** Without the blood payment none of the other offerings are possible.

Our society is ok to hear about the peace that Jesus can offer, the dedication He desires and even how He can transform our thinking to make us more loving and caring. The idea of our need for a blood sacrifice to have life is offensive and yet it is the only life giving message. We are sinners and deserve death, and God’s wrath. This is why we have so much to celebrate today. Jesus was willing to be the perfect blood payment, the perfect sin offering that enables all the others.

### **Romans 5:8-11 ESV**

- (8) but **God shows His love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- (9) Since, therefore, **we have now been justified by His blood,** much more shall we be **saved by Him from the wrath of God.**
- (10) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, **shall we be saved by His life.**
- (11) More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

Jesus was not just an example of humility, or caring for people. He came to die for sinners. God showed His great love for us by having Jesus die. We are justified, declared righteous because of His perfect sin offering. **We are saved from the wrath God had for our sins.** His death secured our reconciliation. His resurrection enabled us to live for Him. Once we believe in Jesus then we can begin to learn how to give our life to Him, then we can glorify Him through the fruits in our life, then we can walk in fellowship with Him. **Leviticus points to the need for the messiah to die and be the blood payment, but it also points to His resurrection.**

### **Leviticus 23:9-10 ESV**

- (9) And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- (10) “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, **you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest,**

When Israel is living in the promised land they are to have a feast of the firstfruits from the harvest. After all the anticipation of prepping the fields, planting, weeding, and watering, **the first part of the harvest was to be God's**. God wanted the firstfruits because it pointed to the fact that Jesus was going to be the firstfruits of the resurrection.

### 1 Corinthians 15:19-34 ESV

(20) But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, **the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep**. (21) For as by a man came death, **by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead**. (22) For as in Adam all die, **so also in Christ shall all be made alive**.

(23) But each in His own order: **Christ the firstfruits**, then at His coming **those who belong to Christ**.

When Adam sinned, death came into the world and has reigned. It is a reality of life that we are uncomfortable talking about. Each offering of Leviticus reminds us of the death or sin demands. Each funeral and loved one who passes reminds us of how fleeting this life is. Yet we have the tremendous truth that Jesus is risen. **He is the firstfruit from the resurrection**. Through His death and resurrection He conquered death. As believer we will be resurrected because He is. Jesus is our risen savior!

### Revelation 1:17-18 ESV

(17) When I saw Him, I fell at His feet **as though dead**. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,

(18) and **the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore**, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

When John sees the resurrected Jesus he falls down as dead. Yet notice what truth Jesus encourages him with. **Jesus is the living one!** Death is no longer an enemy for believers. Jesus died but is alive forever. He conquered death and holds the keys to death and hades. The perfect payment was given and He defeated death by rising. Just as He had to die and put on His resurrected body, believers have resurrected eternal bodies waiting for us.

### 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 ESV

(54) When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "**Death is swallowed up in victory**."

(55) **"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"**

(56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

(57) But thanks be to God, **who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**.

(58) **Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain**.

**Death has been defeated! Jesus is resurrected and given us the victory.** Jesus is the perfect sin offering. He gave His blood to pay for the wrath that our sins deserved. We have access to God because of what He has done. Then we can walk and enjoy all that He has for us. We can learn to give ourselves to Him and be transformed. We can walk in the fellowship and peace He offers. **If you trust in His blood, if you believe in Jesus, you will be resurrected**. Let us be steadfast, immovable, abounding in all that Jesus has for us, because we are going to see our risen savior face to face in a resurrected body. Let us live for that day, you will never regret it.