

COMMUNION

Pastor se seuntjie!!

FIRST PART OF MESSAGE:

Every time we celebrate communion, we celebrate all that Jesus Christ has done for us. We always think of it corporately, but I want to ask you to apply it personally today. He has done it all for you individually as His child. He has done so much that we can never out-praise Him! We can never overdo it with honouring Him and praising Him. We are going to have communion today and I want to mention some of the things He has done for us:

- He has given us the right to become children of God! Not anybody can just become a child of God. You need to be given the right to become a child of God through your faith in JC and in what He has done for you / John 1: 12: 'Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His Name, he gave the right to become children of God'
- He has placed His Name on us. No other people on the face of the earth carry the Name of God - except we the redeemed *Shadow in OT: Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, Samuel; Emmanuel, Nathanial - 'belonging to God'*
- He has made us heirs of God the Father and co-heirs with the Son Christ Jesus. We are heirs and we have an inheritance
- He has seated us in heavenly places in CJ and our spiritual condition is one of victory and authority
- He has clothed us with lovingkindness (love, grace, mercy, goodness) – it is His very nature extended to us
- We are sealed by His Holy Spirit and that can also only be done as a result of His work of righteousness in our lives
- He has given us a wonderful assurance of salvation. 1 John 5: 7-8: 'So there are three witnesses in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one; and there are three witnesses on the earth: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and these three agree (are in unison; their testimonies coincide) The HS is the link between heaven and earth / the HS is our witness in heaven and on earth
- He has redeemed our lives from destruction. Our lives were headed towards destruction, but He intervened and He redeemed us (ex-aggoratio: bought us from the slave market) – He bought us back from destruction
- He has clothed us with robes of righteousness.
- He has given us all things that we need for life and godliness
- He has removed guilt and condemnation from our lives. The work of the blood of Jesus in your life removes that condemnation. In your own mind don't try to get it back out under

the blood – which is a theological inability – but sometimes in our own thinking we bring all these things back and we live under that guilt and condemnation. Paul murdered many Christians but God removed that guilt and condemnation

- He has made us more than conquerors in and thru Christ
- He has removed our sin from us
- He has given us access to the very presence of God and we can come boldly to the throne of grace. When you sit down to have your quiet time, you don't have to start with "Oh God, I messed up here and there .. You simply start by saying: thank you Lord, because of the blood of Jesus and the grace of God I come before Your throne boldly knowing that I will find mercy. I will not allow any condemnation of the devil to hold me away. Sometimes the enemy wants to bring guilt and condemnation the moment we want to pray .. because he is scared of you spending time with God
- He has purchased us with His own precious blood (Acts 20: 28). The church has come under constant persecution & spiritual attacks of the enemy thru humanism & continuous pursuit of man's rights over the righteousness of God. But I tell you the church will always overcome because this world does not have a means / currency more precious than the blood of Jesus with which to purchase the church
- The blood of Jesus brings those who feel far away from God close to Him (Eph 2: 13: 'But now in CJ, you who once have been far off have been brought near by the blood of JC')
- He has died in our place
- He has given us eternal life. There will come a day when you will breath your last breath, but because of your faith in Him you will continue to live somewhere else

winning Jacob

He owns us - under ownership

I will build My church..!

What was God's motivation for sending His Son to the Cross?

John 3: 16 (Amp): 'For God so greatly loved and dearly priced the world that He even gave up His only begotten, unique Son so that whosoever believes in and trust in and cling to and relies on Him, shall not perish (come to destruction) nor be lost, but have eternal life'

- According to this verse, there is only one criteria – we have to believe in Him
- Are you a believer? Yes, you are!

SECOND PART OF MESSAGE:

Spiritual significance of the matzah bread and its design

- Matzos – plural / matzah - singular
- I want to share with you something of the beauty & deeper meaning of it
- Matzah: Hebr word in OT means: 'unleavened bread usually eaten by the Jewish people during Passover

Exod 12

- Now we must remember in terms of the Passover, that is where the Israelites were supernaturally delivered from 400 years of slavery in Egypt under Faro
- After 400 years God supernaturally and miraculously set them free – even up to this day it is remembered as a massive deliverance of God

Two scriptures where unleavened bread are referred to:

- Exod 12: 7-8: 'They shall take of the blood and put it on the side posts and on the lintel above the door space of the houses in which they shall eat the Passover lamb. They shall eat the flesh that night roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it'
- The very next day they will be delivered & left Egypt & begin the journey to the promised land
- They even had to eat with their sandals and their belts on
- The spiritual significance here is that, once you have experienced the blood of the Lamb and the deliverance that comes with it, immediately you are free! *finished work!*
- Another verse that refers to 'matzah' is Deut 16: 3: 'You shall eat no leavened bread with it. 7 days you shall eat unleavened bread with it – that you may remember the day you came out of Egypt all the days of your life'
- Difference between leavened bread and unleavened bread is simple: UB is bread made without yeast – it does not contain yeast / it is not a bread that rises *for puff up*
- Therefore bread made with yeast is called leavened bread
- Def of leaven: a substance added to dough to make it ^{gk} ferment and rise *brei*
- The words yeast and leaven can be used interchangeably *g. st. ing) never lets*
- Leaven symbolises sin / corruption or fermentation where something decays from its original form and becomes corrupted or fermented
- Leaven also speaks of pride because leaven puffs up
- Leaven speaks of sin, corruption and pride .. *it does it puff up!*
- whereas eating the matzah (unleavened bread) speaks of humility and sinlessness
- the matzah speaks of the life of Jesus – He didn't come to be served, but to serve
- he didn't come as somebody puffed up, but as Somebody clothed in humility
- even to the point of washing the disciples' feet

3 things

Some practical things

- matzah is made from flower and water
- flower may be made from 5 types of grain: barley, wheat, spelt, rye or oats
yeas / (Koring) soest / rog / haver

we will come to the spiritual significance just now

- very interesting: matzah dough, when it is laid out, it is always pricked or pierced with a fork
- why? To keep it from puffing up
- the flat piece of dough which is prepared and laid out, is ~~cooked~~ ^{baked} at a very high temperature
- it develops dark spots on it that looks like little burn marks
- then it is set aside to become cool and crisp when it is broken it breaks very easily

What is the spiritual significance of all of this?

- The matzah is pierced, bruised and striped – an amazing picture of Jesus’ body and what He went thru – how He was pierced, bruised and striped ^{dark spots} little holes forming rows / stripes
- 1) - Just as the matzah was pierced, Jesus was pierced for our transgressions. How?
 - They put a crown of thorns on His head
 - They drove iron nails thru his hands and feet
 - Roman soldiers pierced his side with a spear
 - Just as the matzah is pierced with little rows of holes forming stripes, so also Jesus received stripes upon his back as they whipped Him
 - Isa 53: 5: ‘And by His stripes we are healed’
 - Not a coincidence that the matzah bread looks like that
- 2) - Just as the matzah bread is slightly burned – depicting bruising – so too, Jesus was bruised for our iniquities ^{pointing towards}
- 3) - Just as there is no leaven / yeast in the matzah, in Jesus, there was no sin to be found
 - He was our perfect, sinless sacrifice

Isa 53

- But He was wounded for our transgressions / He was bruised for our iniquities / The chastisement for our peace was upon Him / And by His stripes we are healed

Paul wrote that some people were sick and went to an early grave because they did not discern the Lord’s body

- Now some people think that means discerning the corporate body of Christ
- No, no! it was because people were not realizing that in this bread and what it spoke of, was actually their healing
- Because of Jesus being wounded / striped, we can be healed
- So today, let us discern the Lord’ body

Today, when you hold the unleavened bread and the cup - let us partake of the table with a new & fresh appreciation of what is elements symbolizes

To Do vir Mervis Naweek :

Wie	Wat	@DATUM	Done
Bern	Kry finale "getal" en tye by Mervis	asap	✓
Leonie	Vliegtuigkaartjie en Huurmotor	19 FEB	✓
Leonie	Blyplek en Etes	19 FEB	✓
Leonie	Betaling na die sondag -	14 Mrt	✓
Bern	Book KERK	12FEB	✓
Bern	AD in kerk vir Naweek	14 FEB	✓
Bern	Maak team vas, getalle (meeting)	2 Mrt	○
Bern	Tegniese reelings	2 MRT	○
Bern	Social span	2 Mrt	○

Program: 11 - 13 Mrt

Vrydag: Soaking-aand vir Gemeente - 18:30 - 20:30

Saterdag: Workshop met WorshipTEAM - 14:00-17:00

Sondag: Bedien tydens Oggenddiens. - 9:15 - 11:15 →

(M)
Nommer:

Vlug → Johan

Vrydag aend. → →

- offerhonde
- Sandcheck
- sms