

Communion Devotion – October 2020

Mark 14:12, 16-17, 22-26

One of the purposes of Communion is to remember what Jesus did for us—He said, “**Do this in remembrance of Me.**” The broken piece of matzo and the red juice remind us of Jesus’ broken body and shed blood that were given so that if we make Jesus our Lord and Savior we are saved from an eternity in hell. For that reason, if Jesus is your Lord and Savior, we invite you to join us in this celebration. If Jesus isn’t your Lord and Savior, these things mean nothing—there is nothing to remember.

The second and equally important purpose of this celebration is to look at ourselves. Is Jesus truly your Lord and Savior? What does your fruit say about you? As well as listing the fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5 also lists the fruit of the sinful nature. Let me read from **Galatians 5:19-21** (NLT), “**When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.**”

No one is perfect, we all sin. Sometimes our “*fruit*” isn’t something to be proud of—before God or those around us. BUT if you have made Jesus your Lord and Savior, you covenanted that with His strength you would do your best to bring honor to His Name by bearing “*good fruit.*” Communion, the Lord’s Table, the Eucharist—regardless of the name used, is a time to take inventory. Are you truly a child of God? What kind of fruit are you bearing? What needs to be pruned and removed from your life? Confess your sins to God, and **1 John 1:9** says He will forgive.

During the quiet time while the elements are being passed, thank the Lord for what He has done for you—here on earth and on into eternity. But, also, take time to look at your heart, your actions and thoughts. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you get rid of those things that shouldn’t be there. And then come celebrate God’s love with a clean heart.