

SERMON NOTES

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SHADOW & REALITY OF COMMUNION

Key Scripture: *And when He had taken bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”* – **Luke 22:19**

1. Natural to Spiritual

- **John 1:14** – The Word (Christ) became flesh, and lived among us.
- **1 Corinthians 15:45** – Christ is the life-giving Spirit (restoring the dead to life).
- **1 Corinthians 15:46** – The natural (physical-mortal life) comes before the spiritual (immortal life).
- **John 6:31–35, 53** – Jesus points from physical bread to Himself as the Bread of Life.
 - Jesus is the true manna, the living bread that we must eat to satisfy our souls.

2. Shadow to Reality

- **Exodus 12:13** – The Passover lamb provided deliverance.
- **John 1:29** – Jesus is the Lamb of God.
- **Hebrews 10:9–10** – Christ came to do God’s will and establish the better covenant. *We [who believe in the message of salvation] have been sanctified [that is, set apart as holy for God and His purposes] through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed) once for all.*
- **1 Corinthians 5:7** – Christ is our Passover.
- **Luke 22:19** – Jesus identifies the bread with His body.
- Old Testament patterns were shadows pointing forward to the reality found in Christ.

3. Discern the Reality

- **1 Corinthians 11:23–27** – Communion must be received with understanding and reverence.
- **Hebrews 8:5** – The Old Covenant things are a shadow of heavenly realities (sanctuary).
- **Hebrews 10:1–2, 7** – The Law was only a shadow [just a pale representation] of the good things to come, fulfilled in Christ.
- **Luke 24:30–31** – Jesus took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. *Then their eyes were [suddenly] opened [by God] and they [clearly] recognized Him.*
- Communion calls us to discern and remember what Christ accomplished, not merely participate in an outward ritual.

4. Bread & Wine

- **1 Corinthians 10:16** – The bread and cup speak of participation in Christ.
- **Hebrews 10:11–12** – Christ offered one sacrifice *[the all-sufficient sacrifice of Himself] for sins for all time, sat down [signifying the completion of atonement for sin] at the right hand of God [the position of honor].*
- **1 Peter 1:19** – We were redeemed by the priceless blood of Christ.
- **Isaiah 53:5** – Through His sufferings was brought healing and peace for us believers.