

COMMUNION: ONE BODY

OUR COMMON UNION IN THE BODY CHRIST

“There is one body, and one Spirit,
even as ye are called in one hope of your calling.”

- Ephesians 4:4

1. Communion Confusion

- a. It is not Passover – required, sacrifices, annual, Jewish, only a shadow
- b. It is not the magic Mass – which is always wrong - John 6:35, 54, 63
- c. We cannot excommunicate – our communion is in Christ's body
- d. It is not “sacramental grace” – Eph 1:7, Titus 2:11
- e. It is a remembrance! – One body, “by the blood” – 1 Cor 10:16-17
- f. The meal shows unity, an act of the spiritual fellowship – Eph 4:3

2. One Body

- a. There is one body - Eph 4:4 (not the two wave loaves of Pentecost)
- b. This is the mystery of Christ – Eph 3:5-6
- c. Of two (Jew and Gentile) one new creature is made - Eph 2:13-16
- d. The common bread we eat is the body of Christ – 1 Cor 10:17
- e. Christ is the head of the body, the church – Col 1:18, Eph 5:23,30,32

3. Faith in His Blood

- a. The common cup we drink is the blood of Christ – 1 Cor 10:16
- b. The blood is the gospel that saves us – Col 1:14, 1:20, Rom 3:25, 5:9
- c. We receive the Spirit when we believe - Eph 1:13-14
- d. We drink of the one Spirit - 1 Cor 12:13

4. Our Baptism into Christ

- a. Baptized by the Spirit into one body – 1 Cor 12:13
- b. Baptized into Christ's death - Romans 6:3-4
- c. It is the operation of God – Col 2:12
- d. There is one baptism - Eph 4:4
 - i. Beg pardon? → 1 Cor 1:17
 - ii. Count them, there are three - Mat 3:11
 - iii. Jesus was baptized twice - #2 = Luke 12:49-51
- e. Water baptism was a requirement – Mar 1:4,16:16, Luke 7:29-30
- f. It was for remission of sins – Acts 2:28, 22:16
- g. Your remission comes from faith in his blood
- h. Your baptism is not into water, it is into the one body of Christ