

THE BEST PRESENT EVER

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Read Mark 14:22-26 (next page if you don't have a bible)

WOW! It's your birthday! There are things that you do each year at your birthday to celebrate (commemorate) it. You would have a root beer float (drink), a birthday cake (bread) and of course, presents. You look forward to this every year as part of your celebration.

That is the same way Jesus had His celebration with His disciples and followers before His crucifixion. But Jesus used bread and wine (that was what they had when Jesus was alive). The bread was to remember Jesus's body as it was broken. The wine was to remember Jesus's blood that was shed to redeem our sins. This is the way Jesus wants us to commemorate (remember) His sacrifice for us.

And the present! Oh, this is the best present ever! Jesus's present to us was eternal life. This present did not have a bow on it. This present was wrapped in Jesus's blood and His sacrifice for us (yes, YOU!). To open this present, all you have to do is confess to Jesus that you are a sinner and accept Jesus as your personal Savior. You only have to 'open' this present once. The Holy Spirit will then reside within you and guide you to follow Jesus every day. So now, you have the gift of eternal life! And this present will never break, you will never grow out of it, and no one can take it away from you.

So church, when we celebrate the Last Supper (the bread and wine), it is truly a celebration. It is not a cause to be sad because of Jesus's death, but to celebrate His resurrection and the gift He gave us.

It is better than any birthday present you could ever get!

Questions:

- 1) What did Jesus do to redeem our sins?
- 2) Was Jesus, as the son of God, the only one who could redeem our sins?
- 3) Have you ever seen your parents, or a member of your family, participate in the bread and wine at your church? What did you think about it?
- 4) Jesus suffered to redeem us; is this a reason to celebrate or be sad? Why?
- 5) Who did Jesus suffer for?

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And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto the, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. **Verily I say not you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.** And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mouth of Olives.