



MESSAGE:

TASTE AND SEE THE LORD IS GOOD

PASSAGE: MATTHEW 26: 26-29 KJV

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

MESSAGE GOAL:

The goal of this message is to deepen the congregation's understanding of the significance of the Lord's Supper, emphasizing that it is not merely a ritualistic practice but a powerful act of spiritual remembrance, fellowship, and proclamation of the gospel. The sermon aims to clarify misconceptions about the symbolic nature of the bread and wine (or grape juice) in the Lord's Supper and encourages believers to

recognize the Lord's Supper as a means of internalizing the sacrifice of Jesus, embracing His words, and living in the power of His resurrection.

SERMON NOTES

There is a seat for you at the Lord's Table. Gathered around that table with Jesus that day was a man who would betray him and hand him over, a man would deny him three times, and collectively 12 men who would abandon him after he was arrested. Friends, there was a seat for them at the table, and there is a seat for you. Irrespective of who you are or who you are not, what you have done or have not done, or what has been done to you or not done to you. No matter what kind of sin, shame, or struggles you bring with you, there is a seat for you at the table. There is a seat for you at the Lord's table, and there is an opportunity for you to partake in the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is the Lord's Body, and the Lord's Blood. There is a seat for you at the Lord's table, and an opportunity for you to partake in eating the Lord's body, and drinking the Lord's blood.

Now it's important for you to understand that when I say there is an opportunity for



you to partake in the Lord's Supper, eating the Lord's body and drinking the Lord's blood, I am not talking in a literal sense, and nor was Jesus. The substance that Jesus gave to them to eat, was not his literal body that was soon to be sacrificed on the cross for the sins of humanity, but it was unleavened bread that represented his body that was soon to be sacrificed on the cross for the sins of humanity. The drink in which Jesus gave to his disciples that was soon to be shed for the remission of many sins was not his literal blood, but it was wine that represented his blood that was soon to be shed for the remission of many sins. When we partake in the Lord's Supper, the liquid that we drink that is close in color to blood is not the Lord's actual blood, nor is it blood at all. It is actually 100% grape juice, and it is symbolic of the Lord's blood of the New Testament/Covenant that has been shed for the forgiveness of many sins. And that golden, brown, white circle shaped substance is not the Lord's actual body, but it is unleavened bread that is symbolic of the Lord's body that he sacrificed for us.

There is a doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church called transubstantiation which reads these verses in Matthew 26 literally instead of symbolically, suggesting that when the bread is blessed and broken, there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood, but when Jesus when Jesus says "take eat,

this is my body, take drink, this is my blood," he was not suggesting that the bread and wine was literally his body and blood, but he was symbolically saying the bread was his body, and the wine was his blood, and to truly partake in the Lord's supper is not to merely eat the bread and drink the grape juice, but to truly partake in the Lord's Supper is to eat his words and respond with faith and obedience, because ultimately he is the bread of life, and he is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! The bread can't save you, but the bread of life can. The wine or grape juice doesn't save you, but the lamb of God who sacrificed his blood for you can.

Now there are others who have taken these verses in which Jesus says take eat this is my body and take drink this is my blood literal, and have made a post on social media that circulates ever so often suggesting that the partaking in the Lord's supper, eating the body of Jesus and drinking the blood of Jesus is a cannibalism ritual and witchcraft. These two claims are not only false, but you have to be careful about this new tik-tok theology that is bold in presentation but weak in study, because to say that partaking in the Lord's supper is witchcraft or cannibalism is not only a misunderstanding of what witchcraft is, but also a misrepresentation of what cannibalism is.

First of all, cannibalism is the literal consumption of another human body's matter, and in a literal sense, we have access



to bread and grape juice that is symbolic of the Lord sacrificed body and shed blood, but not his actual physical body so partaking in the Lord's supper could not possibly be cannibalism ritual. Furthermore, to partake in the Lord's Supper could not possibly be witchcraft because the Word of God condemns all forms of witchcraft, and ultimately witchcraft is satan's counterfeits to holy spirituality, and the lord's supper was not instituted by satan, but it was instituted by Jesus. To engage in witchcraft is to access the limited power that satan has. Partaking in the Lord's supper has nothing to do with accessing or gaining any kind of power. There is no power in the bread itself. There is no power in the grape juice itself. The power is in the actual sacrifice when the lamb was slain on that cross, because it is that sacrifice that disarmed the powers and principalities! Now that's power! The power is in Jesus Christ who died and was buried, but 3 days later was raised from the dead. Now that's power!
The power is in the actual sacrifice of the lamb of God who shed his blood at Calvary!

"What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh precious is the flow, that makes me white
as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus"

There is a seat at the table and an opportunity to partake in the Lord's supper! Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

To taste and see the Lord is good, is not to just eat the bread and drink the grape juice when prompted by the Pastor!

No.

Jesus is not calling for us to merely participate in a ritual!

No.

To eat his body and drink his blood is not merely participating in a ritual, but it is remembering and internalizing that one Friday afternoon, he died on an old rugged cross because God loves you, and sent him to die so that you can be forgiven, so that you will not perish but have everlasting life! John 3:16: says For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life!

Matthew 26:27-28: And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

To eat his body and drink his blood is not merely participating in a ritual, but it is also preaching the gospel and testifying that Jesus died, Jesus was buried, Jesus was raised from the dead, and Jesus is returning. 1 Corinthians 11:26: For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you are retelling the message of the Lord's death until he comes again.



To eat his body and drink his blood is not merely participating in a ritual, but it is also an act of fellowship and unity with other people who share this same belief that you have.

1 Corinthians 10:17: we who are many are one body, because we all partake of one bread.

To eat his body and drink his blood is not merely participating in a ritual, but it is to eat his words because man, woman, boy, and girl shall not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God, Matthew 4:4.

It is the Holy Spirit that gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words that Jesus has spoken are full of the Spirit and full of life, John 6: 63.

So I say to you, taste and see the Lord is good! Blessed is the man that trusts in him! Blessed is the woman that trusts in him! Blessed is the boy that trusts in him! Blessed is the girl that trusts in him!