

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE GREAT CHURCH

1. The Great Confession (*Matthew 16:13–20*)
2. The Great Communion (*Matthew 26:26–29*)
3. The Great Commandment (*Matthew 22:34–40*)
4. The Great Commission (*Matthew 28:18–20*)
5. The Great Celebration (*Revelation 19:1–10*)

THE GREAT COMMUNION

(Matthew 26:26–29)

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

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

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

29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

THE GREAT COMMUNION

(Matthew 26:26–29)

*Passover Celebration ...
to Proclamation of His “Crucifixion”*

One of Two Ordinances

THE GREAT COMMUNION

(Matthew 26:26–29)

1

*Remember
Our Redeemer*

THE GREAT COMMUNION

(Matthew 26:26–29)

1. Remember Our Redeemer

*“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this **in remembrance of Me.**’ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, **in remembrance of Me.**’”*

(1 Corinthians 11:23–25)

THE GREAT COMMUNION

(Matthew 26:26–29)

2

*Ready
for His Return*

*“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death **till He comes.**”*

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT COMMUNION

(Matthew 26:26–29)

3

*Reinforce
Our Unity*

*“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is **one loaf**, we, who are many, are **one body**, for we all share the **one loaf**.” (1 Corinthians 10:16,17)*

THE GREAT COMMUNION

(Matthew 26:26–29)

4

*Refrain
from Evil*

THE GREAT COMMUNION

(Matthew 26:26–29)

4. Refrain from Evil

*“Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an **unworthy manner** will be **guilty of the body and blood of the Lord**. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.” **(1 Corinthians 11:27–32)***

THE GREAT COMMUNION

(Matthew 26:26–29)

- 1. Remember Our Redeemer**
- 2. Ready for His Return**
- 3. Reinforce Our Unity**
- 4. Refrain from Evil**

THE GREAT COMMUNION

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“The Bible does not specify how often communion should be observed. Communion is a time for reflection, not only on an individual’s sin and need of forgiveness, but on the grace and love that Christ exhibited on the cross. As Christians take communion together, they demonstrate their union with each other and with Christ.”

“Christians are reminded of Christ’s sacrifice, and remind each other that He is coming again. Communion is a common sharing in the Spirit and an answer to Jesus’ prayer ‘that they may be one as We are one – I in them and You in Me – that they may be perfectly united.’”

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