

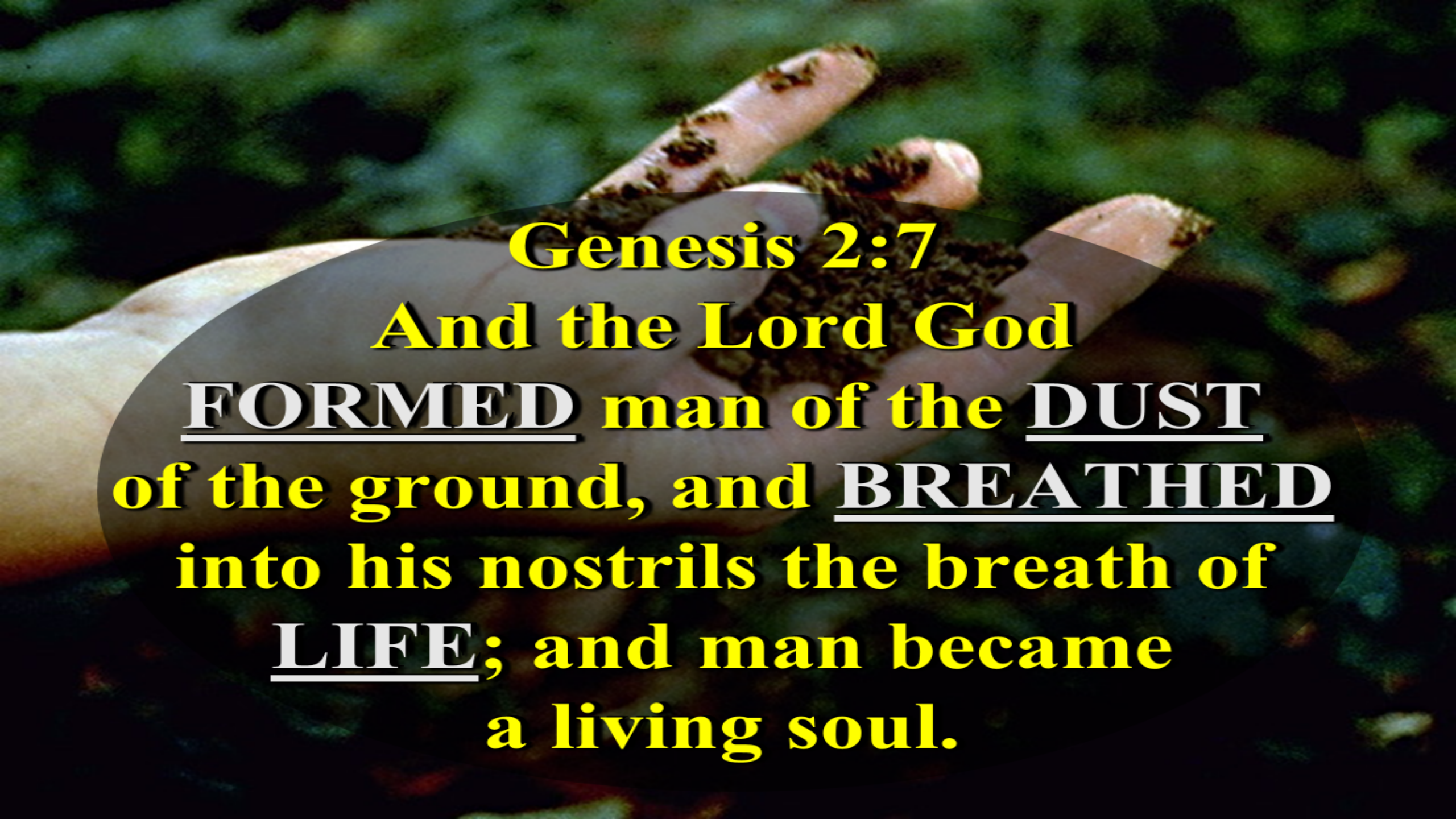
**WHY WE
TAKE
COMMUNION**

In order to create a life —sustaining universe, certain concrete **PRINCIPLES** were built into that life structure. The law of God, which is the love of God expressed in practical terms, is absolutely indispensable to a universe designed to support everlasting life.

It defines the very nature of life
and the CONDITIONS under
which life will continue. God
engineered creation to function
in harmony with His love. THE
LIFE WE HAVE IS THE
PRODUCT OF HIS LOVE
“GOD IS LOVE.

**God made man perfectly
holy and happy; and the
fair earth, as it came from
the Creator's hand, bore
no blight of decay or
shadow of the curse.**

God's law = Love = life

A close-up photograph of a human hand held palm-up, with dark brown soil falling from the fingers. The background is a blurred forest floor with green moss and tree trunks.

Genesis 2:7

And the Lord God

**FORMED man of the DUST
of the ground, and BREATHED
into his nostrils the breath of
LIFE; and man became
a living soul.**



Holy Communion



**Dust + Breath =
A Living Soul**

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**2. What is the
first lie in the
Bible?**

GENESIS 3:4

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“... Ye shall
not surely
die.”



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**Dust - Breath =
A Dead Soul**

A photograph of a family at a funeral. A man in a dark suit stands behind a woman in a plaid jacket, who is holding a young girl in a white shirt. They are all looking down with somber expressions. A large bouquet of white flowers is visible on the left. The background is a wall with a floral pattern and some light streaks.

**Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then
shall the DUST return
to the earth as it was...**



**...and the SPIRIT shall
return unto God who gave it.**

**It is transgression
of God's law—the
law of love—that
has brought woe
and death.**

**Sin is the Complete
antithesis of God's
Love. As love is
other-centeredness,
sin is self-
centeredness.**

Sin=selfishness=death

As love is life, sin is death.

“Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

(James 1:15)

“The soul that sinneth, it shall die”

(Ezekiel 18:4)

“The wages of sin is death’ (Romans 6:23)

“The sting of death is sin”
(I Corinthians 15:56)

“He that sinneth Me wrongeth his own
soul: all that hate Me love death”
(Proverbs 8:36)

Why was it impossible for death to
hold Him?

Precisely because sin, which is
the power of death, had never
taken hold of Him. The Father
did not resurrect Christ by
arbitrary stealth, but by rightful
conquest.

It was impossible for death to hold Him because He did not selfishly grasp onto His life in resistance to death.

Prompted by the power of selfless love, He laid down His life for the

SALVATION OF THE WORLD.

Jesus died and rose
again; therefore,
those who died
believing in him will
be raised to life by
God just as Jesus did.



Revelation 1:18
I am HE that LIVETH, and
was DEAD; and, behold, I am alive
for evermore ...; and have the keys
of hell and of death.



**Repent
And be
Baptized**

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I. JESUS IS THE BREAD THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN

John 6:32:

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses
gave you not that bread from
heaven; but my Father giveth you
the true bread from heaven.”

II. JESUS KNOWS THAT WE ARE HUNGRY

John 6:35 says:

“He that cometh to me
shall never hunger.”

III. JESUS IS NOT JUST BREAD—HE IS DAILY BREAD

When Jesus taught His
disciples to pray, He said:
“Give us this day our daily
bread” — Matthew 6:11

IV. JESUS SATISFIES WHAT THE WORLD CANNOT

Jesus said:

“He that cometh to me shall never hunger.”

Jesus does not mean that Christians will
never experience physical hunger or
emotional pain.

He means that **He satisfies the deepest
spiritual need of the human heart.**

V. JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE BECAUSE HE GIVES ETERNAL LIFE

John 6:40 says:

“And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life.”

V. YOU MUST COME TO THE BREAD

Jesus says:

“He that cometh to me...”

There is an invitation here.

Come to the Table

Imagine a hungry person sitting in front of a table filled with food.

The food is available.

The table is prepared.

The invitation has been given.

But the person refuses to eat.

The problem isn't the availability of food.

The problem is the refusal to receive it.

Today, Jesus has prepared a table.

And He says:

“I am the bread of life.”

Are you hungry?

Come to Jesus.

Are you searching for purpose?

Come to Jesus.

Are you carrying guilt?

Come to Jesus.

Are you tired?

Come to Jesus.

Are you discouraged?

Come to Jesus.

Are you afraid of tomorrow?

Come to Jesus.

Are you longing for peace?

Come to Jesus.

Are you looking for something that will satisfy
your soul?

Come to Jesus.

The world has many substitutes.

But there is only one Bread of Life.

**Jesus is the Bread that came down from
heaven.**

Jesus is the Bread that satisfies the soul.

Jesus is the Bread we need every day.

Jesus is the Bread that gives eternal life.

And Jesus gives us this invitation:

“I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

So today, don't just admire the Bread.

Eat.

Don't just hear about Jesus.

Receive Him.

Don't just know about Him.

Know Him.

Don't just come to church.

Come to Christ.

Because when everything else is gone—

Jesus is still enough.

Matthew 26:26

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.



I. THE BLOOD REPRESENTS LIFE

Leviticus 17:11 says:

“For the life of the flesh is in the
blood...”

Blood is essential to life.
Your blood carries oxygen
throughout your body.

II. THE BLOOD PROVIDES PROTECTION

Exodus 12:13 says:

“And when I see the blood, I will pass
over you...”

Think about that.

The blood was not merely
decoration.

The blood was a sign of

III. THE BLOOD PROVIDES FORGIVENESS

1 John 1:7 says:

**“...the blood of Jesus Christ
his Son cleanseth us from**

“...the blood of Jesus Christ

IV. THE BLOOD BREAKS THE POWER OF SIN

The blood doesn't merely forgive us; it
begins transforming us.

Jesus did not die so that we could remain
slaves to the same things that destroyed
us.

The blood breaks chains.
The blood breaks addictions.

V. THE BLOOD GIVES US ACCESS TO GOD

Sin created separation between
humanity and God.

But Jesus opened the way.

Hebrews 10:19 says:

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to
enter into the holiest by the blood of
Jesus...”

VI. THE BLOOD GIVES US VICTORY

Revelation 12:11 says:

“And they overcame him by
the blood of the Lamb...”

VII. THE BLOOD GIVES US A TESTIMONY

Revelation 12:11 connects the blood
with testimony:

“...and by the word of their
testimony...”

There is something powerful about
being able to look back and say:

“I know what God has done for me ”

VIII. THE BLOOD STILL WORKS

This is the good news of the Gospel:

The blood has not lost its power.

The blood that saved yesterday can save today.

The blood that delivered Peter can deliver you.

The blood that transformed Paul can transform you.

The blood that forgave Mary can forgive you.

The blood that gave hope to the thief on the cross
can give you hope.

The blood still works!

Matthew 26:27-28

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.

