



"Holy Communion Service" by Rev Samuel Mametsa, Sunday Service, the 3rd February 2013.

1 John 5:10 "10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son." 1 John 5:10, NKJV.

Christians must be different from the people of the world. Many people only want to hear testimonies on TV and many despise what happens in a small church. This is a small church and we are despised but if you listen to these wonderful testimonies, you will be encouraged. God is not a respecter of persons.

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-22 "16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 17 For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread. 18 Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? 19 What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? 20 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of





the Lord's table and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?"" 1 Cor 10:16-22, NKJV.

I want to talk about 2 types of communions which do not lead us to the same place: The Holy Communion of God and the communion of the world.

<u>Verse 16</u> "16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Paul wanted to demonstrate something to the church in Corinth; there were people who wanted to undermine the Holy Communion. They would partake the Holy Communion but mix it with the sacrifice of the idols. This is like a bomb in the face of God.

When the time for sacrifice of the gods came, they would do it as if they were partaking of the Holy Communion. Just like Christians today, who commune together in fellowship partake of the Holy Communion.

Just like the communion of God is called Holy Communion, the communion of the devil is a cursed communion.

Paul told them not do partake of the Holy Communion as the world did it as they were cursing themselves

<u>Luke 22</u> says the blood of Jesus is a new covenant with Christ. How





then can we make a covenant with idols and then again with Jesus Christ? What are we doing?

<u>Verse 20</u> reads "20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you." <u>Luke 22:20, NKJV</u>.

If you find yourself worshipping idols then you are serving the devil even if you are coming to church. If you are a Christian and you find yourself doing the things of the devil, you nullify your Christianity.

<u>Verse 21</u> "21 But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table." <u>Luke 22:21</u>, <u>NKJV</u>. This is what Christians are doing. Christians are invited "We will be doing the rituals for ancestral worship" and they go and partake. You are exposing yourself. You can't partake of the Lord's table and of the table of the devil.

<u>Verse 22</u> "22 And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"" <u>Luke 22:22, NKJV.</u> You will provoke the jealousy of God. You are a Christian and called to come and sacrifice to the idols and you go and partake. The bible says you are provoking God. When you partake of the Holy Communion, you are sealing your body from the attacks of the devil. Just like the testimony we heard that the child was stung by a scorpion but the poison did nothing to his body.

Holy Communion is one of the witnesses who will testify about the completion of your salvation. <u>1 John 5:8</u> "8 And there are three that





bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one." 1 John 5:8 NKJV.

Yesterday at the baptism pool we spoke about the other 2 witnesses: the water which you were baptized in, the Holy Spirit who came upon you when you came out of the water.

When you die you must die a Christian death, unlike the Gentiles who fight in the hospital, scared to die. The bible says Christians don't die they sleep.

Jesus Christ never dies, Jesus Christ proved to death, "You death, where is your power? You couldn't even hold me to the grave for 5 days." Death tried but it felt that it couldn't hold Him anymore.

Yesterday, before we baptised you we read from Romans 6:3-4. You have been resurrected with Christ. You are waiting for the trumpets to be blown. This bible text reads as follows: "3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom 6:3-4, NKJV.

Let me tell you of this one danger: people think they can continue to go to wrong churches, and that when they will still die, they will go to heaven. The truth is that when the die they will go to hell. These churches (who are false churches) must tell the people that they are





taking them to hell.

This Holy Communion takes your name to the throne of Jesus Christ. Before His death he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." That is why we do this every month. It is not because we like to eat wine and eat the bread.

Mathew 26:26 "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."" Matt 26:26-30, NKJV.

If Jesus Christ did this teaching His disciples about the Holy Communion why then do you go to a church where they don't recognise the Holy Communion? I told you that even Jesus Christ was baptised, but because He wanted to start the church properly, He also completed His salvation properly.

I don't care what type of sicknesses and diseases you have. I don't care that the doctor said it would kill you or not, what I know is that this Holy Communion will heal you, will fight with all the evil soldiers in your body. If you take it by faith, there is power in the blood. There is power in the blood!

Leviticus 17:11 "11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul." Lev 17:11, NKJV.





The bible says there is life in the blood. At the same breath, there is power in the blood. If you lose too much of your blood, you die.

Do you think that that sickness in your body is stronger than Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ never failed anybody through His blood. Remember we are saved by His blood. If Calvary was not there, we would not be saved.

The bible says "...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." Matt 26:26-28, NKJV.

I said to the people who were being baptized yesterday, by eating the blood you are entering into a new covenant with Jesus Christ. Don't mix the old things with the new. Be the new creature and forsake the old things.

Paul says when you come to the table; wait for one another, Holy Communion is partaken of simultaneously. We are not partaking of the Holy Communion for hunger. Paul said if you are hungry go and eat at home. Holy Communion and Christianity are about sharing.

Paul says; don't partake of the Holy Communion if your heart is not clean. If there is anybody who has offended you, and you cannot find it in your heart to forgive that person, I urge you, forgive that person. It





is not good for you to partake of the Holy Communion in unforgiveness. "That person" in your heart is cursing you, reconcile your heart. Forgive even the people who hurt you a long time ago, release those people, when you release them you are releasing yourself. Because locking people in your heart is the same as cursing yourself.

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