

What We Believe About Communion

“This is my body, broken for
you...this cup is the new
covenant in my blood; do this in
remembrance of me.”
I Corinthians 11:24-25



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Communion is remembering what Jesus did for us

What is communion?

Communion, along with baptism is one of the central symbols of the church of Jesus Christ. Often referred to as “The Lord’s Supper” or “The Eucharist” in other church traditions, communion is a symbolic remembrance of Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross and the hope it brings for the Believer.

The Bread

When we eat the broken bread we remember that Jesus suffered and died on our behalf.

The Cup

When we drink the cup we remember that Jesus’ blood was spilled that our sins may be forgiven.

Who may take Communion?

Participation in communion is open to anyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Church membership is not a requirement.

Why do we celebrate communion?

The New Testament teaches that Jesus, on the night of the last supper with his disciples, commanded them to share the bread and cup in order to remember him until he returns. Each time we celebrate communion together we are both remembering and obeying the Lord.

Does communion grant salvation?

Like baptism, communion is an external symbol of an internal spiritual commitment and therefore does not automatically make the participant a Believer. Salvation comes only through a decision of faith to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Romans 10:9-10), and communion is an expression of that faith.

What about “First Communion” for children?

At FBCG, unlike some church traditions, we do not practice a formal “First Communion” for children. We believe the Bible teaches that communion is an expression of a personal decision of faith rather than of reaching a certain age.

Our children’s and youth ministries teach young people about Christ, how to have a relationship with him and about the meaning of communion, but it is the responsibility of the family to determine when a child is ready to take communion.

When do we celebrate communion?

Communion is celebrated in our worship service the first Sunday of each month and at special services like our Maundy Thursday service during Easter week. Many parents use the Maundy service as a time to introduce their children to communion.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16