

# God's Cosmic Plan: The Lord's Supper

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- As we come to Lord's Supper this week, I'm struck by the connection with the sermon passage assigned for this week.
  - Link: <http://www.cornerstonewestford.com/sermons/gods-cosmic-plan/>
- God's eternal cosmic plan centers on Jesus, our King, our Priest. The ordinance of communion is a way in which we recognize Jesus as our King, as our Priest, as our Substitute.
- When Melchizedek met Abram after the battle, he brought out practical symbols of refreshment to bless Abram and his troops.
  - He brought bread and wine
- Do you think it is any accident that later, the Israelites would prepare for the Passover with bread, and in later tradition, wine?
- Do you think it is any accident that Jesus, at his Last Supper, would institute a way of remembering him using bread and wine?
- In the same way that Melchizedek, who was greater than Abram, blessed Abram by sharing bread and wine, Jesus, who is greater than anyone, blesses us as we take of the Lord's Supper.
  - It is his supper
  - He is serving us, blessing us
- When Jesus shared the Passover with his disciples at that supper, they were looking backwards to the deliverance of the Israelites during the Exodus from Egypt.
- But Jesus instituted a new covenant at this special supper, and was looking forward to a new reality, when his disciples would be eating and drinking at his table in the kingdom of God
- And today, we are going to remember Jesus, looking backward, and looking forward to when we will be dining at his table in his kingdom

## 1. Who May Partake

I'll ask our communion servers to come forward at this time. I've arranged it to be the people who actually prepared the bread and juice for us today, the ones who laid out this table. In their preparation, they were acting as followers of Jesus, preparing to serve us.

Scripture is clear that this remembrance is for believers. If you haven't come to Jesus, if you are holding back in your belief in Him, if you can't in good consciousness call yourself a Christian, we ask that you'd let the elements pass you by as they are served. We don't want you to take in what Scripture calls an unworthy manner, because that leads to judgment. But at Cornerstone, we practice open communion. If you have put

your faith in Jesus Christ, if you actively trust in His perfect righteousness for your salvation, if you are trusting in Jesus as the only one who can make you worthy, then you are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. This is for you. It is for us.

## 2. Passing The Bread

- The Lord Jesus,
- on the night He was betrayed,
- took bread,
- and when He had given thanks,
- He broke it and said,
  - "This is my body,
  - which is for you;
  - do this in remembrance of me."

Let us remember Jesus, our Melchizedek, the guarantor of a new a greater covenant, as we partake forever

## 3. Passing the Cup

- In the same way,
- after supper
- He took the cup, saying,
  - "This cup is the new covenant
  - in my blood;
  - do this, whenever you drink it,
  - in remembrance of me."

Having been served and refreshed by Christ, let us look forward to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, when all who have put their faith in Christ will dine at His table