

## The Continuum of Kingdom Love Vows

The Holy Communion of the Apostles represents two very powerful teaching principles:

1. The covenant dependency for us to experience the continuum of the intimate love of Jesus through His Word and Spirit in order to survive daily.
2. The communion vows empower us to willingly die to the self-centered sin nature daily in order for love to love and thrive relationally.

All real life with joy and peace comes from this Kingdom principle Jesus gives us through His communion death and resurrection.

He says in the amplified version of *John 6:53*, ***“I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, you cannot have any life in you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man”.***

- This is the continuum of extracting love from His Word and Spirit in order to be in intimate relationships with each other.
- Communion represents the continuum and dependency of coming back again for the renewing of a superior love from this act of death by Jesus.
- Jesus goes on to say, and you must drink His blood unless you appropriate His life and the saving merit of His blood.
- This is declaring the vows you made to His death you will keep through the humility of crying out daily for His power to work through you. So we cloth ourselves in humility at all times.
- Religion and your flesh says I know this already. Theoretically this is true but experientially we don't know it. Because this comes at different levels.
- Something Satan didn't figure when he rebelled in heaven. He became proud with the powerful revelations he received in the raw presence of Elohim.
- He heard truth with an attitude of pride and self-justification. It lead to his rebellion. Satan processed revelation and truth through pride. He thought he knew all there was to God.
- This can happen to any of us who do not go back to the eating of His flesh and the drinking of His blood as a continuum and not a credo sacramentalism mentality.
- Only dying out to our selfishness by this continuum of Christ like grave can we avoid the pride of claiming religious knowledge we cannot walk in.
- Jesus goes on to say in vs. ***54] He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has (possesses now) eternal life, and I will raise him up from the dead on the last day.***

This shows daily dependency and a need to ask God to help us walk more in the humility of faith. Especially when we are asked to sacrifice for each other. Or when we at off need with each other.

***Vs 55] for My flesh is true and genuine food, and My blood is true and genuine drink. [56] He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood dwells continually in Me, and I in like manner dwell continually in him.***

Do you see this continuum? Both lively love and dying to self both work together to produce mature love. Holy Communion is asking us tonight to renew vows in to giving up our ways and opinions that do not line up with the covenant grave of Jesus Christ.

Holy Communion is walking in the continuum of a crucified life so others around us may live.

***Vs 57] Just as the living Father sent Me and I live by (through, because of) the Father, even so whoever continues to feed on Me whoever takes Me for his food and is nourished by Me shall in his turn live through and because of Me.***

A crucified love mentality is receptive soil for new revelation and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

This means bringing into submission and yielding our perspectives and opinions to the knowledge of God's Word or bread and wine of love.

We cannot keep saying well I don't agree to this or that. I don't see it this way.

Holy Communion is going back to the vow you made in water baptism to give up all rights to the grave of a crucified life. Why! So the power of love can live through you. Because our flesh is always seeking ways to analyze dying right out of our vocabulary.

This is why Jesus says in ***John 6:58, "This is the Bread that came down from heaven. It is not like the manna which our forefathers ate, and yet died; he who takes this Bread for his food shall live forever"***.

This bread or knowledge supersedes your intellect, your emotional self-preservation because it comes from heaven. Its love and knowledge from another world.

Look what Paul says in ***Galatians 2:20-21*** concerning these love vows of Holy Communion.

***[20] I have been crucified with Christ in Him I have shared His crucifixion; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me;***

Elohim is living in me. Life is living in me. Peace and healthy self-esteem is living in me. And the life I now live in the body, I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God.

All God ideas and all real love for each other comes from the crucified life. Paul goes on to say, "Who loved me and gave Himself up for me".

***[21] Therefore, I do not treat God's gracious gift as something of minor importance and defeat its very purpose.***

God's grace empowers me to do this. Love bought it and grace brought it and faith caught it.

Paul says, "I do not set aside and invalidate and frustrate and nullify the grace (unmerited favor) of God. For if justification (righteousness, acquittal from guilt) comes through observing the ritual of the Law, then Christ (the Messiah) died groundlessly and to no purpose and in vain. His death was then wholly superfluous".

We struggle in faith and self-esteem because we have our carnal reasoning and flesh always trying to justify our actions. Holy Communion reminds us of the power of His grace is the only way we can walk in love for each other as a continuum of love vows.

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