



COME TO THE TABLE
Part 1 - The History of the Lord's Supper
(April 24, 2022)

A.B. Simpson – “most s_____ d_____ of every Christian”

Hudson Ballard – “great e_____ of the communion service is the p_____ of Christ” (*Alliance Weekly*, 1913)

FOUR VIEWS:

1) T_____ = Bread & Cup b_____ Body & Blood (CATHOLIC)

2) C_____ = Bread & Cup c_____ Body & Blood (LUTHERAN)

3) S_____ P_____ (CALVINIST/REFORMED)

4) Bread & Cup R_____ Body & Blood (ZWINGLIAN)

ALLIANCE VIEW:

1891 – “No...it is Christ's life that feeds; not Christ's l_____ body.”

1892 – “the blessed Savior making Himself m_____ to us all”

A.B. Simpson (1898) – “r_____ presence and the p_____ presence of Christ is in the Lord's Supper.”

George Pardington (1901) – “s_____ we eat His flesh and drink His blood”

George Pardington (1906) – “There is no ‘real presence’, but there is most certainly a

s_____ presence of Christ in the Supper.”

W.H. Newberry (1921) – “That there is a p_____ of the Lord in the service not found apart from it cannot be denied if we allow the Bible to teach us”

HISTORY OF COMMUNION

JESUS-CONSTANTINE/EDICT OF MILAN (30 AD – 380 AD)

- Jesus institutes (30-33)
- Didache* – “on the Day of the Lord come together, break bread and hold Eucharist”
- considered highest act of worship & celebrated w _____
- Justo Gonzalez – “rumor that Christians concealed n _____ in loaf of bread”
- Ignatius of Antioch** (35-110)
- “try to gather together more f _____ to celebrate God’s Eucharist”
- Marcion** (85-160)
- Justin Martyr** (100-165)
- Ireneus** (130-202)
- Eusebius** (260-340)
- Athanasius** (297-373)
- Ambrose of Milan** (339-397)
- John Chrysostom** (347-407)
- Augustine of Hippo** (354-430)
- Cyril of Alexandria** (376-444)

CONSTANTINE-REFORMATION (380-1517)

- T _____ official position of the church
- Pseudo-Dionysis** (475?-520?)
- Maximus the Confessor** (580-662)
- John of Damascus** (675-749)
- Pascasius Radbertus** (785-865)
- John the Scot** (800-877)
- Berengar of Tours** (999-1088)
- Francis of Assisi** (1181-1226)
- John Wycliffe** (1320-1384)

REFORMATION-PURITANISM (1517-1700)

- Key Reformers (regarding Communion): Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli
- Martin Luther** (1483-1546)
- Ulrich Zwingli** (1484-1531)
- John Calvin** (1509-1564)
- “we ought always to provide that no m _____ of the Church is held without the word, prayer, the dispensation of the Supper, and alms.”
- Council of Trent** (1545-1563)
- Puritans generally de-e _____
- Arthur Hildersham** (1563-1632) – “principle means that God has o _____ for reviving, strengthening and increasing our faith”
- Solomon Stoddard** (1643-1729)
- Samuel Wesley** (1662-1735)

GREAT AWAKENINGS-MODERN DAY (1700-Present)

- Revivalism focused on generating r _____
- J. Todd Billings – revivalism – “Celebrating the Lord’s Supper was no longer the

pinnacle of Christian worship and Christian identity”

-FIRST GREAT AWAKENING (1730’s-1740’s)

-**Jonathan Edwards** (1703-1758)

-**John Wesley** (1703-1791) – “No man can have any pretense to Christian piety who does not receive it as o_____ as he c_____”

-SECOND GREAT AWAKENING (1790-1840’s)

-**Charles Finney** (1792-1875)

-**A.B. Simpson** (1843-1919)

-FUNDAMENTALISM (1910)

-TRENDS:

-**Dietrich Bonhoeffer** (1906-1945) – *The Cost of Discipleship* - “the congregation is in a true sense a baptismal and eucharistic congregation, and only s_____ a preaching congregation.”

-**N.T. Wright** (1948-Present) – “sacraments are at the h_____ of the Church”

-June 2020 Religious News Services = young Christians h_____ for sacramental rituals

-**Winfield Bevins**, 2019 *Ever Ancient, Ever New* – “Young adults want a faith that not only e_____ the mind but involves the senses of touch, taste, and smell.”

-**Rachel Held Evans** (1981-2019)

-**Francis Chan** (1967-Present) – January 2020 sermon “The Body of Christ and Communion”

Justo Gonzalez – “throughout most of its history, the Christian church has seen in communion its h_____ a _____ of worship”

COMMUNION IN THE GOSPELS

MATTHEW 26:26-29

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

MARK 14:22-25

²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

LUKE 22:14-23

¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹ But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²² For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³ Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

-Passover Feast:

- 1st Cup = Cup of Kiddush
- 1st Hand Washing
- Parsley/Lettuce dipped in salt water and eaten
- Breaking of Bread – 3 circles of unleavened bread
- Retell deliverance story
- Sing Hallel = Psalms 113-114
- 2nd Cup = Cup of Haggadah
- 2nd Hand Washing
- Grace is said
- Meal proper
- 3rd Hand Washing
- Remainder of Bread eaten (second loaf that was broken and set aside)
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- 3rd Cup = Cup of Redemption = "I will . . . redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments."
 - Sing Hallel = Psalm 115-118)
- 4th Cup = Cup of Praise & Sing Great Hallel (Psalm 136)