

1 **The Holy Communion**

Meaning & Benefits

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2 **The Bread & the Wine**

- Represent the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus.
- The Lamb of God that was slain from before the foundations of the earth – (past)
- The spotless Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world – (present)
- The Lamb of God enthroned forever! – (future)

3 **The Past**

- Fall of man & promise of redemption; seed of woman, blood to remit sin (Gen 3:15; Lev 17:11 & Heb 9:22)
- Abraham & Isaac – a 'type' of God & Son; God provided 'Himself' as sacrificial lamb (Gen 22:8 – KJV)
- Passover in Egypt – the lamb, the blood and the flesh (Ex 12:21-23, 8-11)
- Jesus, the Lamb of God, died in our place – Is 53:7; John 1:29; Acts 8:32; 1Pet 1:19; 1Cor 5:7
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4 **The Present**

- New Covenant in the Blood of Jesus – Matt 26:28; 1Cor 11:23-29; Heb 8:6, 9:15, 12:24
- Redemption through the shed blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God – Salvation i.e Forgiveness, Justification, Healing & Deliverance, Peace/Reconciliation – Col 1:13/14, 20; 1Cor 5:18/19; Gal 3:13/14; Eph 1:7; 1Pet 1:19; 1Jn 1:7; Rev 1:5, 5:9

5 **The Future**

- The Blood of the 'Everlasting Covenant' –
- The Lamb, His Bride & the 'Wedding Supper' of the Lamb – Rev 19:9
- The Second coming of Jesus – 1Thes 4:13 – 5:11
- The Thousand Year Reign – Rev 20:1-6
- New Heaven and New Earth – Rev 21:23

6 **The Benefits/Importance**

- Helps us to 'Remember' -
- The Father's love for us (John 3:16)
- Jesus, His great love & sacrifice for us
- Binds us together – One Body!
- Point of contact to release resurrection power in our lives for healing, deliverance etc
- Opportunity to examine ourselves and get rid of any contamination that may hinder us from enjoying our covenant benefits – 1Cor 5:7-8, 11:28