

# New Testament Church of God – Harvest Temple

*The church where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord*



## **Holy Communion & Washing of the Saints Feet**

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## The Sacraments of the Church

- Holy Communion
- Christian Baptism
- Washing the Saints Feet

**Jesus is the central focus  
of these sacraments**

## The Sacraments of the Church

### What are sacraments?

*From the Latin word sacramentum:*

- 1. Implies a mystery**
- 2. Refers to an oath of loyalty**

## **In New Testament the Lord's Supper is called:**

- 1. Communion** – 1 Corinthians 11:20
- 2. Breaking of Bread** – Acts 2:42
- 3. Holy Communion** – 1 Corinthians 10:16
- 4. Eucharist** (in the Greek language)  
Rendered “*thanksgiving*” in English  
“**The Cup of Blessing**” – 1 Corinthians 10:16

## **3 Reasons why we celebrate The Lord's Supper**

- 1. Focuses the believer's faith on the person of Jesus Christ – John 3:16; Isaiah 53:5**
- 2. Fosters fellowship amongst the people of God – Matthew 5:23, 24**
- 3. To receive forgiveness and focus on the forgiveness of God – Matthew 6:12**

## **Theological questions about The Lord's Supper**

### **1. In what sense is Christ present in the Eucharist? – Luke 22:19**

*Jesus did not say, 'This bread is my physical body.'*

*Neither did He say, 'This bread represents my body.'*

**That is why it is a sacrament.**

**It is more than a symbol or ritual. It is participating spiritually, by faith with the living presence of Christ.**

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**2. In what manner is the Eucharist a means of grace? – Ephesians 2:8**

**It is not partaking of the sacrament that imparts grace to the believer's heart. Only when believers partake of the sacrament by personal faith in Jesus will God's grace be experienced.**

## **Theological questions about The Lord's Supper**


### **3. Who may participate in the Eucharist?**

The Eucharist is a sacrament of the church and for the church. **Therefore, it is only for believers.**

**We practice *'open Communion'*.**

Confessing Christians are welcome to share at the Lord's Table.



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**Physical, mental,  
and spiritual  
healing**

**Deliverance from  
habits that bind or  
situations that  
imprison**

**Freedom from  
fear or oppression**

**Forgiveness of sins**

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Wash **one another's feet**

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## **Washing the Saints Feet**

An ancient custom of hospitality – *common practice*

**When visiting someone's home, visitors were given a basin of water to wash their own feet.**

**Genesis 18:4 – Angels came to Abraham**

**Genesis 19:2 – Angels came to warn Lot**

Examples also in Genesis 24:32 & 43:24

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**Household servants would wash the feet of visitors**

1 Samuel 25:41 – When Abigail presents herself to become King David's wife, she states that she will wash the feet of his servants.

***It is a way of expressing love and servanthood***

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### **Jesus at the home of a Pharisee named Simon**

John 7:36-50 – A sinful woman came & washed the feet of Jesus with her tears & dried them with her hair. *No one had washed Jesus' feet.*

***Simon the Pharisee & others objected to this.***

***The woman loved Jesus and needed forgiveness.***

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### **Jesus in the home of Lazarus, Martha & Mary**

Luke 10:38-42 – Mary washes Jesus' feet with an expensive perfume and wiped his feet with her hair.

***Judas objected to this.***

***Jesus said the act was done for my burial.***

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**Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper at Passover**

**Luke 22:24** – Just after the Last Supper Meal the disciples disputed who was the greatest.

**Jesus overheard & stated that the greatest must be the least/slave/servant of all.**

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**John 13:4-5** – Jesus arose from the meal, removed His outer garment, wrapped a towel around His waist, poured water in a basin, then washed the feet of His disciples.

**Jesus did this to model what it means to be a leader in the Kingdom of God.**



## **John 13:14-17**

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

## **Washing the Saints Feet**

This sacrament can be practised in 2 ways:

### **1. Foot Washing Service**

- **Give thanks that Jesus came as the Servant of all;**
- **Declare that it is our joy to serve one another.**

## **Washing the Saints Feet**

### **2. Practice Hospitality - Romans 12:13**

*Foot washing is an act of hospitality*

*Any act that expresses hospitality,  
benevolence, & kindness to each other,  
fulfils the command of Christ to serve one  
another.*

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