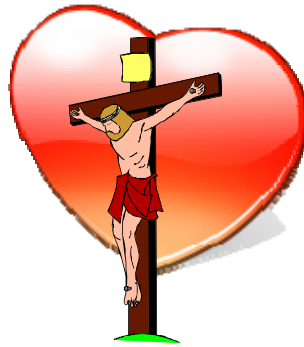


The Lord's Supper

Celebrate with Jesus!

Tell the Lord you Love Him!



He Loves You!

OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Do you know what most people all over the world do when they get together with those they love to celebrate things like birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, holidays, promotions, farewells - really almost anything? When people gather together with those they love to celebrate anything,



**They share a meal
TOGETHER!**

While they enjoy the food together, whether it is just chips & dip & cake or a fancy meal, the people at the celebration also enjoy each other's company! They talk to each other. One of the things that talk about is the **REASON** for the celebration meal. Most of the time the **REASON** for the celebration is to **REMEMBER** some person or some event!

For example, at a birthday party, people gather together to **REMEMBER** the day a certain person was born. At a graduation, people **REMEMBER** or think about all the **HARD WORK** the person graduating did to receive his or her diploma. They are so happy that the graduate has been rewarded for the hard work completed, & they **LOOK FORWARD** to the career they will have now that he or she has graduated! At weddings, people celebrate the marriage of a man & a woman who love each other. The guests, as well as the bride & groom, **REMEMBER** how much the man & woman love each other.

They celebrate their love with toasts & speeches. At the wedding, both the bride & groom LOOK FORWARD to their LIFE TOGETHER. And the guests at the wedding wish them to have a life full of love & happiness together. There are so many other kinds of celebrations, and almost all of them include people EATING together, REMEMBERING certain people or events together, LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE together.

There is also something else that is very important to realize when we think about celebrations; & it is this:



The people who enjoy the celebration the most are the ones who really care for & love the people for whom the celebration is held.



The ones who enjoy the celebration the most also really care for & love all the other people who came to the celebration too! And also, when people attend a celebration for someone, their presence there shows that they care about that person. They show the person that they care about him or her enough to set aside all their other plans in order to be able to attend that celebration in their honor! Going to someone's birthday party shows that we are SO GLAD they were born. We are SO GLAD that we KNOW them & can SPEND TIME with them. It's like saying I LOVE YOU!

We should also realize that many times the special foods that are prepared for certain celebrations are foods that help us to REMEMBER something special about a person or event. An example for those who live in America would be the TURKEY that is served at Thanksgiving which helps us to REMEMBER how the Pilgrims had a feast to CELEBRATE & GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD for providing what they needed through that difficult time when they first landed in the new country.

Why are we talking about CELEBRATIONS today? We are talking about celebrations because today is the day that we CELEBRATE the



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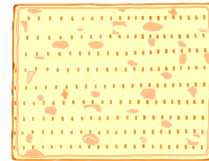
here at Grace Christian Fellowship Church. We gather together to EAT SPECIAL food - a flat bread or cracker & to DRINK a SPECIAL drink - usually grape juice. At this celebration we REMEMBER what Jesus did for us on the cross! He died to pay in full for the sins of the WHOLE WORLD - even for people who will never believe in Him as their Savior!

The BREAD that is broken REMINDS us of His BODY that was nailed to the cross for us. It reminds us that all our sins were put on Him while He was on the cross & then God judged Him for our

sins! The cup of grape juice REMINDS us of His BLOOD that was shed to pay for our sins FOREVER! But did you know that the

BREAD or CRACKER

that we eat together also is meant to help us REMEMBER each other?



Here's what God's Word tells us about that:

1Corinthians 10:16-17KJB

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

For we (everyone who has accepted Jesus as their Savior) *being many are one bread and one body*: for we are all partakers of that one bread (Jesus Christ). "

This tells us that all who have accepted Jesus belong to Christ. We are all part of Christ. Eph 5:30 We are all part of God's family. And when we eat the bread & drink the cup, we are not only to REMEMBER Jesus our Savior, we are also to REMEMBER that we ALL belong to Him! We are ONE family! God does NOT want His family separated by arguments! God wants His family UNITED in TRUTH & LOVE! See John 8:31 & 13:35 & 1Corinthians 12:12-27

We gather together with God's family to CELEBRATE & REMEMBER all that Jesus has done for us AND to CELEBRATE & REMEMBER that we are ALL in the SAME FAMILY - GOD'S FAMILY.

We should LOVE JESUS and EACH OTHER!

The more we LOVE the Lord & each other in the Lord, the more PRECIOUS & SPECIAL this LORD'S SUPPER will be to us! We should NEVER hate or judge other believers - especially when we participate in the Lord's Supper! Jesus died for ALL of us! All those who have believed in Jesus are accepted by Him just as you are - with ALL of our faults & failures! Jesus does NOT want us to hate others or gossip about others! If we do, we are NOT celebrating the Lord's Supper with the RIGHT ATTITUDE! Here is what God's Word says:

"Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded (think the same way about Jesus & each other), having the same love, being of one mind." Philip 2:2-5 KJB

What ONE MIND & LOVE does the Lord want us to have ALL THE TIME - ESPECIALLY WHEN WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER? Let's read what the Lord means when He says "be like-minded, have the same love, be of one mind."



"Let nothing *be done* through strife (arguing) or vainglory (thinking you are better than others, trying to promote yourself), but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ

Jesus:"

The attitude that Jesus has toward people is how God wants us to think about people. And what is Jesus' attitude toward people? What is His MIND or THINKING about people? HE LOVES ALL MANKIND! He loves us so much that He DIED on the cross for each one of us!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16KJB

We should LOVE the LORD & we should LOVE OTHERS! And when we come to CELEBRATE all that Jesus did for us on the cross, we should come with the SAME ATTITUDE OF LOVE for all God's family like Jesus has! Love that puts the needs of others before our own! In fact, God says that if we hate any other believer - or even any unbeliever - how can we love God? WE CAN'T! God says we must love other believers in the Lord! See 1John 4:20-21KJB.

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper with the RIGHT attitude toward Jesus & other believers, we are telling Jesus that WE LOVE HIM! In fact, every time we DO what Jesus tells us to do in all areas of our life, we are telling Him that we LOVE HIM! See John 14:15-26 & John 15:9-17

And the MORE we LOVE HIM, the MORE we will LOVE OTHERS. Then we will truly ENJOY CELEBRATING the LORD'S SUPPER WITH JESUS & ALL HIS PEOPLE!



BIBLE STUDY NOTES

When you read these little booklets, make a habit of looking up all the scriptures given in them. God says that when we look in the Bible & compare scriptures as we read along, his Holy Spirit will help us UNDERSTAND what the scriptures mean. Then we will get to know Jesus really well! In fact, now you can look up 1Corinthians 2:12-13 which tells us this!

Did you know that the Lord LOVES to celebrate with His people? As you read the Lord's Supper scriptures in 1Corinthians 11:23-26 & Matthew 26:26-29 notice the last verses in each scripture. In those verses, the Lord tells us that in the future - in eternity - when He comes again to rule this world, there will be another CELEBRATION. All believers will EAT with Jesus again! So you see, the Lord's Supper that we celebrate each month, not only helps us REMEMBER what Jesus did for us on the cross 2000 years ago, it also helps us LOOK FORWARD to a future celebration! And at that time, we will ALL see Jesus & eat with Him IN PERSON! And in that time, we ALL will truly LOVE JESUS & EACH OTHER! Here are 2 scriptures that tell us a little about that FUTURE CELEBRATION! Revelation 19:7-9
Song of Solomon 2:4.

Until that time, the Lord wants us to enjoy knowing Him & celebrating with Him! Jesus is REAL & He really LOVES you! Why don't you tell Him that you
LOVE HIM TOO!

1John 4:19 KJB

Grace Christian Fellowship

Pastor John A. Ricci

Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

Available for Every Service

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Directions

From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Right*.



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