

1 Corinthians 11: 26-29 (Msg) What you must solemnly realize is that every time you eat this bread and every time you drink this cup, you reenact in your words and actions the death of the Master. You will be drawn back to this meal again and again until the Master returns. You must never let familiarity breed contempt. Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Master irreverently is like part of the crowd that jeered and spit on him at his death. Is that the kind of "remembrance" that you want to be part of? Examine your motives, test your heart, come to this meal in holy awe. If you give no thought (or worse, don't care) about the broken body of the Master when you eat and drink, you're running the risk of serious consequences.

"I Come Because"

I come not because I am worthy, but because I have sinned and fallen short of what, by God's help, I might have been.

I come not because I am strong but because I am weak and need to acknowledge my complete dependency upon Christ who has saved me.

I come, not that there is any magic in partaking for the symbols of Christ's body and blood, but because of the Lords' command, "Do this in remembrance of me."

I come, because Christ bids me come. It is His table, and He invites me to rejoice and share the fellowship of His love with the brethren.

I come, because I find myself drawn closer to God, the Christ of Calvary, and to those who kneel with me in communion. Yes, I am made to feel my kinship to all men everywhere who claim my Christ as Lord and Savior.

I come, because here is portrayed the sacrifices of my Lord who gave Himself for me.

I come, because here I realize God's love and find comfort and peace and help in my hour of need.

I come, because I rise from the Lord's Table with a new strength, courage, and power, to live for Him who died for me.

1. God's Substitute Lamb that takes away the sins of the world.

Luke 22:19 (NASB) "And when He had taken some bread and 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."

John 1:29 (NASB) "The next day he (John) saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

In the Garden
On Mount Mariah
At the Passover
On Yom Kippur
On Calvary



The Feast of Thanksgiving

2. The Precious Blood of the New Covenant.

Luke 22:20 (NASB) "And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

Hebrews 9:22 (NASB) "And according to the law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin (forgiveness)."

I Lay My Sins On Jesus

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all, and frees us from that accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains.
White in His blood most precious, till not a stain remains.
I lay my want on Jesus; all fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases, He doth my soul redeem:
I lay my grief's on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases, He all my sorrows shares.
I long to be like Jesus, strong, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy child;
I long to be with Jesus, amid the heavenly throng,
To sing with saint His praises, to learn the angels' song.



3. The Divine imperative of the feast of thanksgiving.

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NASB) "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He come."

We proclaim – We witness!!!!!!

John 1:34 (NASB) "I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Romans 1:14-16 (NASB) "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The righteous man shall live by faith."

Colossians 1:28-29 (NASB) "And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ. And for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me."

Proclaiming Christ to men, through the power that works mightily in us, that we might present men complete (mature) in Christ.