

Falling in Love with Jesus Through Communion

Session 1 - Plan A

It's hard to be in love with Jesus when the focus is on your performance.

Commit to this: believe God's word above opinions, man's traditions, and personal preferences.

There is a why that is curious, and there is a why that is rebellious. It's important to search yourself and know the difference. Asking why isn't the problem, it's the heart posture.

Psalms 68:6 God settles the lonely in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Hebrews 4:2 For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Communion - Why the body? Why blood?

1 Corinthians 11:24-26 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way

also he took the cup, *after supper*, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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Genesis 1:26 Let us make man in our image.

The plan was always for God to make us in His image. And this plan was always going to involve Jesus, sacrificed for us.

Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

Romans 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 7:24 Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Romans 8:10-11 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Genesis 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,

but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Hebrews 9:22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

John 14:6-7 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Jesus died to restore us to life and intimacy with the Father

All for One

1 Corinthians 2:8-9 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.”

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and

death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—
If we were all brought into the sin nature through one man, Adam, we were able to be taken out of it through one man, the perfect spotless Lamb, Jesus.

Romans 5:18-19 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

So why did Jesus have to die?

To make us in His image - us in Him and Him in us - Plan A

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Communion is both a proclamation of His death and a reminder of our salvation by His death.

So what is salvation?

It's more than your ticket to Heaven.

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Ephesians 2:4-6 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Isaiah 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion — to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Hebrews 7:24-25 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he

always lives to make intercession for them.

Salvation has never simply been about our address in the afterlife. It has always been about Plan A - let us make man in our image.

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