

Next Step Class – Session 4

The bible we use is the New Believer's Bible – First steps for new Christians by Greg Laurie



Let's watch the video for session 4 – "Communion."

Video notes:

- Ordinance, element, or sacrament of the church
- Often called, Holy communion, Eucharist, the Lord's supper, or just called communion.
- Why is communion important? Jesus set communion in place.
- Communion has been setup by Jesus to help us remember what Jesus did for us on the cross.
- A powerful unifying event reminding us about Jesus's sacrifice for us – It's about Jesus, not us.
- Do communion as an act of worship. Let the Holy Spirit talk to your heart.
- We are healed from sin because of what Jesus did on the cross – Is: 53: 1-5

Is. 53:1 ¶ *Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

Is. 53:2 *He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*

Is. 53:3 *He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

Is. 53:4 *Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.*

Is. 53:5 *But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

Communion and the Blessed Hope

Let's have a deeper look at communion and its connection with the blessed hope.

Please read: *"Participating in Communion"* on page 210. Prepping your heart to take communion

This scripture is usually read as an explanation of communion: *"1 Corinthians 11: 23-26."* Page 210

During the communion Jesus stated that he would not take communion again with us until he returns. During communion we acknowledge what he said about his return. We call this "The Blessed Hope!"

Present Hope:

Jesus is our present hope, and when saved, we are assured of belonging to God's family and experiencing hope through salvation.

Future Hope:

The belief that Jesus is coming back for His own, that believers will see Him face-to-face, and forever be with Him.

Glorious Appearing:

This refers to Jesus' second coming, a significant event in Christian eschatology.

Impact on Christian Life:

This hope motivates Christians to live godly lives, watch for Christ's return, and anticipate their future redemption.

Our communion refers to the blessed hope, which is the return of Jesus. When Jesus returns, we will have communion with him! Amen! Titus 2:13, Page 281.

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