



already & not yet

living in the in-between

The Table of the Already & Not Yet

Ephesians 1:18-21

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.

The Language of the Kingdom

- **Galatians 5:22-23** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*
- In the already and the not yet kingdom, we are learning the _____ of life and we can show that life to the world

and prepare ourselves for when that language will be the only thing we speak. (N.T. Wright)

The Table of the Now & Not Yet

- Sacrament
 - “The _____ of a sacred thing in so far as it sanctifies people.” – Thomas Aquinas
 - A “_____ of Grace.”
 - Something seen and _____ that connects us to the unseen reality of the Lord’s Presence in our midst. (e.g. “physical hyperlink” metaphor)

Matthew 26:26-27 *“Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.’”*

- **John 6:22-59**
- The _____ is a physical hyperlink to the spiritual reality that Jesus’ spirit is our sustenance for eternal life, and that reality was made possible through His sacrifice.
- The _____ (or wine/juice) is a physical hyperlink to remind us that His death is the sacrifice needed to be made right before God, and to enter into His Presence.