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Communion

Every Sunday!

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**In Matthew 26:26-29, Jesus “instituted” the Lord’s
Supper. It was to be a memorial of His death on our
behalf, so we might never forget what was done at Calvary.
But there is much confusion among the various churches
over the question of “how often” (i.e., the frequency of
partaking). Is there a Bible answer to this question? Let’s
search the Scriptures for information about the frequency
of communion.**

**Hopefully after studying, you can see that we are on safe
and Biblical ground in terms of our practice with regard to
the Lord’s Supper. Let’s just do what God said, and be
content with that. It’s the infallibly safe way to go!**

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**Communion: Tripping Over Words
How a Local Church Arranges for Saints to Eat the Lord's Supper
The Nature of the Communion
Worship? Don't Bother!**



The example of the Corinthians

- The only time we KNOW they gathered was “the first day of every week” (1 Corinthians 16:2 in NASV)
- We also know that they gathered together to eat the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 11:18, 20, 23-26, 33)
- With no other available info, it is safe to conclude: they communed on “the first day of every week”
- *In other words, we KNOW that this frequency (i.e., every Sunday) of partaking is “authorized”*

Let’s paint a composite picture

- The early church broke bread “steadfastly” (Acts 2:42)
In this text, breaking bread is joined to *spiritual* activities (teaching, fellowship, prayer)
Hence, the phrase “break bread” refers to the Lord’s Supper here (compare 1 Corinthians 10:16)
In addition, the word, “*steadfastly*,” suggests “regularly, frequently, or devotedly”
- How steadfastly? “On the first day of the week” (Acts 20:7)
The phrase “break bread” refers to the Lord’s Supper here, too
If not, then we must conclude that they only ate “common meals” on Sunday!
Further, *every* week has a first day (compare Ex.20:8 – which Sabbath? EVERY Sabbath!)
- Finally, they (and we!) are to eat the Supper “till He comes” (1 Corinthians 11:26)
This suggests a *permanent* observance
It also conforms to the example at Corinth!
Hence, the composite picture shows communion every Sunday!

Additional things to consider

- All other “memorials” had a “fixed” time of observance (Sabbath, Passover, Pentecost, etc.)
Therefore, it is reasonable to infer a “fixed” time for this; for otherwise, it could be forgotten!
- Further, *any* argument for a “Sunday meeting” is *also* an argument for “Sunday communion”
Why? Because churches which meet on Sunday can only do so based on Acts 20:7 and 1Cor.16:2!
- Finally, if you wish to research it, secular history will also “back up” this Scriptural evidence!

Finally, what if we are wrong?

- If our “interpretation” is wrong, then that just means there is no “fixed” day to partake
- And if there is not “fixed” day, then ANY day would be acceptable! (If not why not?)
- *This, in turn, means that our PRACTICE of weekly communion is STILL right! (If not, why not?)*
- Finally, since there is no way our practice can be wrong, **why argue about weekly communion?**



-Lanny Smith

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