

Jesus Our Communion
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And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel. **(Exodus 25:22 NKJV)**

Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him. **(Numbers 7:89 NKJV)**

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually. Outside the veil of the Testimony, in the tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall be in charge of it from evening until morning before the Lord continually; it shall be a statute forever in your generations. He shall be in charge of the lamps on the pure gold lampstand before the Lord continually. "And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake. You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold table before the Lord. And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the Lord. Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the Lord continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the Lord made by fire, by a perpetual statute." **(Leviticus 24:1-9 NKJV)**

Lampstand is in the Holy Place. In the Holy Place is the Lampstand, Table of Showbread and Altar of Incense.

Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; **(Luke 22:15 NKJV)**

Greek "Desired with desire", to the finishing of the supper in Heaven.

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. **(Revelation 2:4, 5 NKJV)**

First Love means "Love Feast." Proto Agape means "above all in Supremacy. Love Feast means "Communion."

Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. **(I Corinthians 5:7, 8 NKJV)**

Feast means "Holy Day." Jesus is our Passover. He is our Agape Love Feast.

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. **(Genesis 14:18 NKJV)**

Communion establishes a covenant. Melchizedek was Jesus.

The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." **(Psalms 110:4 NKJV)**

For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." **(Hebrews 7:17 NKJV)**

"Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs of the first year, day by day continually. One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. With the one lamb shall be one-tenth of an ephah of flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering. **(Exodus 29:38-40 NKJV)**

Impossible to function as High Priest without bread and wine with a Lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God.

And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always. **(Exodus 25:30 NKJV)**

Showbread is the Hebrew Word " Bread of His Presence."

Put the bread of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times.
(Exodus 25:30 NIV)

High Priest eating of His Showbread in His presence on the Sabbaths.

Nation of Israel eat once a year, Priest ate once a week, early Church every day.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. **(Acts 2:42 NKJV)**

Lampstand is the Word of God, Prayer is Altar of Incense, Communion is Table of Showbread.

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, **(Acts 2:46 NKJV)**

69 times God mentions Bread and Wine with Offering.

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **(I Corinthians 1:9 NKJV)**

Making Love with Jesus at the Lord's Table.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' **(Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV)**

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had

brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus. **(Matthew 1:24, 25 NKJV)**

Knew or know means social intercourse, intimacy.

Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. **(Luke 24:13-16 NKJV)**

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. **(Luke 24:25-31 NKJV)**

They knew Him after they had communion.

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. **(John 6:35 NKJV)**

I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." **(John 6:48-51 NKJV)**

The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. **(John 6:52-57 NKJV)**

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. **(John 6:63 NKJV)**

From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. **(John 6:66-68 NKJV)**