

## General guidelines to present your Communion Messages @Beulah

Communion expresses our common faith in Jesus Christ and is all about Jesus as we remember Him. Keeping our focus on Jesus helps us to avoid being distracted by side issues. Jesus instituted Communion as a way for His disciples [and all believers] to remember His death and sacrifice.

At its core - Communion is a celebration and remembrance proclaiming Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

## A brief overview from OLD to NEW ... from PASSOVER to COMMUNION

OLD COVENANT	NEW COVENANT
Moses was the mediator of the Old conditional Covenant between God and Israel	Jesus is the Mediator of a New and better unconditional Covenant between the God and Jesus.
The Old Covenant was based on an agreement between God and Israel – Israel were incapable of attaining the perfect requirements of God's perfect Law.	The New Covenant was based on an agreement between the Father and the Son alone [not God and a people group], and requires no participation on behalf of man.
The Old Covenant was the continuous sacrifice of animals to atone for their sins each year and never stopped as this did not take away their sins, but showed them just how easy it was to break one law and therefore all the Law.	The New Covenant was ratified with Jesus' own precious blood, as the sacrificial Lamb of God, that took away the sin of the world, and that was completed and finished at Calvary.
	All we are required to do is to believe and have faith in Jesus, trusting in His redeeming work at Calvary when He confirmed the New Covenant in His own blood.

We can read about the way Jesus described communion and the meaning He gave to it in 3 of the gospels and 1 of Paul's epistles. We believe that Corinthians were written before the Gospels, giving value to Paul's words as Holy Spirit inspired, therefore true and tested.

## So what do we require from you?

We want to **hear your remembrance on this Biblical event** surrounding Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, and not solely rely upon a video or a song. Yes, I do admit there are great video's and songs that reflects everything I just spoke of, but it is not yours, but someone else's reflection.

For that reason, we have decided to <u>refrain from videos and /or video songs</u> to offers as the main part of your Communion message. If you want to give a short 5min message and sing a song for 5min, you are welcome to do so. We do want you to practise at home to stay in your time limit of 10min. Preferably, you can use the whole 10min to speak a Biblical message.

God has created each one of us fearfully and wonderfully, creative and unique.

You are not just another number for God, but someone special - someone that is made in the image and likeness of God - someone He loved so much, He sent His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life [John 3:16].

GOSPELS	PAUL'S EPISTLE
Matthew 26:26-28	2 Corinthians 11
Mark 14:22-24	
Luke22:14-23	

All words paint a picture, and so will your words. Let your reflection and your remembrance paint a picture for us [the hearer] that communicates God's eternal truth. This will have a powerful impact in your life, and also in our lives as we remember Jesus' sacrifice together.

This is not just another event at church, but an act of worship that arise as a sweet smelling aroma to our Lord and Saviour.

## Some points to consider;

- Prayerfully consider what you want to say.
- Search the scriptures.
- Put your message together.
- Use your talents to bring a message from your heart and in your own words
- What you say should always align with the Word of God.
- Always let your message bring honour to Jesus.
- Let your message flow from a willing and grateful heart a heart that revere God.

Grace to you, Ps Corrie & Louise Delport

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