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The Blood Covenant

22. What the Lord's Table Teaches

This chapter frames God and Jesus as defined by love, and reads the Lord's Table as an act of love. Communion is presented as ratifying a covenant — first loyalty to Jesus, then loyalty to His body, the church.

Key takeaways

- God is a Father God who is love; Jesus came to introduce that love to a broken world.
- Eating the bread and drinking the cup ratifies a love covenant sealed in Jesus's blood.
- The Table confesses two loyalties: love for Jesus, and love for one another in His church.
- Sharing it means identifying with fellow believers — bearing the weak's burdens instead of criticizing them.

Passages worth keeping

“*This cup is the new testament [covenant] in my blood.*”

Grounds the Table as a blood covenant, not just a ritual.

How it connects

Ties the believer's communion to Christ's own self-giving: as He identified with us in the incarnation, we identify with each other at His Table.

Scripture referenced

- **1 Corinthians 11:26** -- Eating and drinking shows the Lord's death till He comes
- **1 Corinthians 11:25** -- The cup as the new covenant in His blood