

(Clip) Communion and Loving Each Other Deeply in the Church

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Scripture: John 13:34, 1 Corinthians 11:27, Ephesians 5:25, 1 Corinthians 10:16, Luke 22:19

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Transcript

When Jesus instituted that first Lord's Supper, what a tender moment with his disciples. He's explaining, look, this is my body broken for you, you know? I mean, it's this idea, but then, but remember what he said during that time in John 13, he explains, like, this is my command. I want you to love each other just as I have loved you.

Right after he washed the disciples' feet, he's saying, so if it's, it's the reverence, the reverence for this act has to be, okay, then do I love you as this, in all purity, as Christ loves the church. When we take of this in communion, you know, and this, this, it's a sacred, it's a sacred thing that we do, but it's not just between me and God. It's the body, and that's why we have to recognize the body.

Where is the body of the Lord now? That we are the body, and there was something so powerful, the Lord just revealed this to me a few months ago as I was taking the Lord's Supper in my home, you know, with, with some brothers and sisters. It was like, am I really this devoted to you? I mean, I like you, and we get along, but what did Christ ask for? I'm supposed to look at this bread, and this cup, and be reminded of what he did for me, and ask myself, am I loving you like that? Would I go to the cross for you? These are

heavy, heavy, sacred things that we don't just take flippantly. What does it mean to take it sacred? It's like, let me think through this command he gave along with it, and so that's, these are some of the things that I've been wrestling with that I don't think is peculiar to one church or another.

It's like, we're not pursuing the love to the extent that he commanded us to as he was instituting the Lord's Supper.

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