



## The Way of Celebration

**Communion:** An \_\_\_\_\_ celebration.

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*Before you eat the bread and drink the cup, you should examine your own attitude.*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26, 28 (ERV)

**The celebration of Communion invites me to:**

- Look \_\_\_\_\_.
- Look \_\_\_\_\_.
- Look \_\_\_\_\_.

**Baptism:** A \_\_\_\_\_ celebration.

*Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.”*

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

**The celebration of Baptism invites me to:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.

*Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.*

Romans 6:3-5 (NLT)

- \_\_\_\_\_ with all Believers.

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV)

### **Discussion Questions**

1. One of the names of communion is "Eucharist" which means "to give thanks." What are you thankful for this week?
2. How does communion display the unity of the Body of Christ? What part of receiving Communion demonstrates our unity the most?
3. If baptism identifies us with Christ, what is the significance of us identifying with His death and resurrection?
4. If you have been baptized, in what ways have you come alive in Christ? If you have not yet been baptized, what is keeping you from doing so?

### **Recommended Resources**

- *TheWaysofJesus.com*
- *The Meal Jesus Gave Us*, by N. T. Wright
- *Living Under Water: Baptism as a Way of Life*, by Kevin J. Adams
- *The Deeply Formed Life*, by Rich Villodas
- *The Jesus Way*, by Eugene H. Peterson

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**The celebration of Communion invites me to:**

- Look BACK.
- Look AHEAD.
- Look WITHIN.

**Baptism:** A ONE-TIME celebration

*Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you."*

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**The celebration of Baptism invites me to:**

- UNITE with Christ.

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Romans 6:3-5 (NLT)

- UNIFY with all Believers.

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