

# 23 The Communion

Chapter 1 Corinthians 10:16–17, 1 Corinthians 11:23–30

## Today's Lesson:



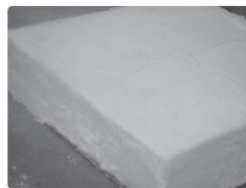
1. To understand the meaning of the Communion.
2. To understand that we must determine ourselves to preach the gospel until the coming of our Lord.

## Open Your Heart

Let's try to make the bread that is used in the communion ourselves.

### 1. How to make the bread that is used by our church

Prepare: 1 cup of non-glutinous rice flour, 2 cup of glutinous rice flour, water, salt



- 1.) Mix the non-glutinous rice flour and the glutinous rice flour finely and add a little salt.
- 2.) Mix the water into the flour bit by bit until the doughy mixture becomes soft.
- 3.) Place a cloth over the steaming pot and sprinkle flour lightly upon cloth.
- 4.) Pour plenty of water under the steaming pot, and when water is hot, place a baking pot with rich dough over it. Steam for 35 to 40 minutes under medium to high heat.

### 2. How to make bread used in foreign countries

Prepare: 1 cup of flour, 4 spoons of water (or milk), salt



- 1.) Mix all the ingredients together and knead with roller to make thin bread (like pizza dough)
- 2.) Use a toothpick to make a small hole in the surface of the dough.
- 3.) Put in the oven and bake well at 175–180 degrees for 10 minutes. Or use a frying pan to bake the bread until crispy.

Use the bread you made with grape juice to hold your own communion during small groups.



## Understanding Today's Lesson

There are two ceremonies that Christ gave the church to keep: Baptism and the Communion. Of these, the Communion was first kept the night before Jesus was arrested, when He and the disciples commemorated the flesh and blood of Christ by breaking bread together and drinking wine. The breaking of the bread signifies the flesh of Jesus Christ that was torn in order to give me eternal life, and the drinking of the red wine signifies the precious blood of Christ that was shed upon the cross to forgive all my sins. Therefore, the first purpose of the Communion is to commemorate Jesus Christ and to determine to live a Christ-centered life. The second purpose that we partake in the communion is that with the breaking of bread, we come to realize that all born again saints of this world are bound together in the truth of our shared fate in heaven, and that we must love one another in fellowship. In the same way that grain needs to be broken down to become flour for bread, born again Christians must labor and sacrifice to have fellowship together in one body. The third purpose that we partake in the communion is that through the breaking of bread and drinking wine, we are able to remember that we must determine ourselves to preach the gospel until Jesus returns.

The Communion contains these important purposes for Christians. Therefore, we must never treat the Communion as a mere formality. The Bible says that we must first examine ourselves before we partake of the bread and the wine. Before we partake of the Communion, we must first examine ourselves if we have any hidden sins or wrongdoings before God and repent and determine through the Communion to live a proper life in this world as a child of God.

Notes:



## Memorizing Bible Verses

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

(1 Corinthians 11:26)



## Meditate

# On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Matthew 26:26–28)

(Psalm 22:14–19)

(Isaiah 53:5–6)



## Changing

# Directions

1. In 1 Corinthians 11:28–32, it tells us that many members of the church of Corinth were chastised for acting improperly when partaking in the Communion. What is the heart and attitude I must have when I partake in the Communion?

2. During the Communion, we eat bread that represents the body of Christ. Read 1 Corinthians 10:16–17 and examine what meaning this has for us.

3. One of the most important purposes of the Communion is to determine our hearts to preach the gospel. Write down the names of the people you want to evangelize to for the summer retreat this year

4. There are many things that people tend to forget while they are living in this world. However, the Bible tells us that there are some things that we must never forget. The grace that Jesus Christ showed to us upon the cross is one of those things we must never forget. The Communion is a means through which we can remember that grace and likewise the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Write down the ways/methods you use to continually call upon and remember the grace of Christ.



Applying

## The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.  
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

1.)

2.)

3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

## To Live According to the Word

Let us pray so that we may always live a life of remembrance before our Lord, a life that always puts Christ first. Let us likewise pray so that we can love our fellow brothers and sisters and pledge to continually preach the gospel to the lost souls around us.



# Our Story

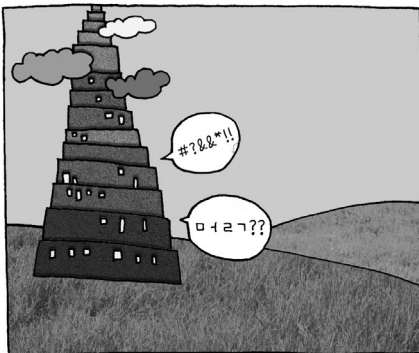
## Returning to God



Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden. Although they sinned, God still clothed them with tunics of skin.



During the time of Noah, God judged the world with a great flood—but He still instructed Noah to build a great ark of salvation.



However, there was no forgiveness to be found when the people built the Tower of Babel. God simply scattered the people.



Why was this? Let us think about this.

How would a parent feel if they put out an advertisement begging for their runaway child to return because everything was forgiven but that son refused to return? How would those parents feel?

If we tell God that we can live without His help, then this is unforgivable.

We can do wrong as we live our lives. It is because we live apart from God.

However, when we return to Him, we can be forgiven.

**I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you. (Isaiah 44:22)**

## Gaichi Soda, The Man Who Repaid the Grace He Received

Gaichi Soda is the only Japanese man buried in Yanghwajin, Korea. He was also the first Japanese person to receive the Order of Cultural Merit from the Korean government. There is a special reason that he received this special treatment, even before the diplomatic relations between Korea and Japan were normalized. This is because Soda and his wife gave their lives for Korean orphans.

Soda's youth was a tumultuous series of chaos as he wandered from Hong Kong through Taiwan. He also joined Sun Yuan's revolutionary movement in Taiwan, travelled through the mountains, and even came near death several times. One day, Soda fell upon the street, too drunk to even move and almost lost his life. However, an unknown Korean man saw his plight, took Soda to an inn, treated him, and paid for the meal. Soda's life was saved by this unknown good Samaritan. Six years later, in 1905, Soda decided to repay his grace to Korea, the country of his unknown benefactor, and got a job as a Japanese teacher at the YMCA in Seoul.

Around this time, Soda was converted to Christianity through the influence of Mr. Sangjae Lee, who had come to believe in Christ during his incarceration. When Soda was 41, he married 30-year-old Ueno Taki, a fellow devout believer. When the 105-Man Incident occurred and many Korean Christians were arrested, Soda went to Governor Masatake Terauchi, who had manipulated the case, Watanabe, the Chief of the Supreme Court, and an elder of the Japanese Gyeongsong Christian Church, and demanded the release of the innocent Korean Christians. Soda was labeled a traitor to Japanese society and accused of being a spy of the Koreans. However, Soda continued to pour his love upon the Koreans and the church. A Japanese Methodist Church was established in Hoehyeon-dong, Jung-gu, where he worked as an unpaid evangelist.

In 1921, Soda was appointed the head of an orphanage in Gyeongsong by the headquarters in Kamakura, Japan. Soda lived with the Korean orphans in the Kamakura Nursery School and took great care of them. From 1921 to 1945, the Soda couple took care of over a thousand Korean orphans. The hardships they suffered during this ministry were beyond measure. Soda faced so many different types of persecution. He was persecuted while looking for a nanny to take care of an abandoned baby. He was interrogated by the military and police because a young man raised in his orphanage partook in anti-Japanese movements. Soda was even called a hypocrite by many.

When the orphanage was on the verge of shutting down due to lack of funds, Soda received an anonymous letter and an envelope containing 1000 won (about 10 million won in current currency—which amounts to \$10,000) in the yard. The letter stated, "What Soda sensei and others are doing is God's own holy work. Thank you on behalf of our compatriots."

In 1943, when Soda was 77 years old, he heard there were no ministers in the Japanese church in Wonsan and decided to go to Wonsan to serve as an unpaid evangelist, leaving behind his wife to run the orphanage in Seoul. When Joseon was liberated, Soda returned to Japan and prayed as soon as he arrived. "Oh God, please forgive the sins committed by Japan." When he heard that his wife, who had remained behind to take care of the orphans in Seoul, had died at the age of 74 in January 1950, Soda said that "she was buried in Korean instead of me." Even after his wife's funeral, Soda went back to Japan and carried the slogan "World Peace" in one hand and a Bible in the other, continuing the movement of repentance in Japan. At the age of 94, Soda returned to Korea in 1961, and died after living with his orphans for a year at Youngnak Borinwon (child welfare institute).

As such, it was the compassion of an unknown Korean man who compelled Gaichi Soda to become a teacher at the Seoul YMCA, a preacher at Wonsan Church, a director of the Kamakura Nursery School, and became the father of thousands of orphans. Just as the Lord showed us favor, we too must become "good Samaritans" and exert a good influence on every single person we meet. As those who have received grace, we must know how to repay grace.







# Wednesday

Sermon

Date.

|

|

Title:

Speaker:

Main Passage:



# Sunday

Sermon

Date.

|

|

Title:

Speaker:

Main Passage: