The Token Entitles Us To The True Communion

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<u>Hebrews 10:19-22</u>

- ¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness
- to enter into the holiest by the blood of
- Jesus,
- ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

²¹ And having an high priest over the house of God;

²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

In This Age, True Communion Is Revealed

In This Age, Shadows And Types Are Swallowed Up In The Positive

- 9 - The Laodicean Church Age <u>"He is the True Witness.</u>" Now this word, *true*, is the same word we saw back there in Revelation 3:7. You recall that it does not mean "true" as in contrast with "false." It has a richer, deeper meaning by far.

It expresses perfect realization in

<u>contrast</u>

to partial realization. Now back in the Philadelphian Age, the coming of the Lord was drawing nigh. What great love that age manifested for Him.

It reminds me of those beautiful words of I Peter 1:8, "Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

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With them we rejoice also. We <u>haven't seen Him, but we have felt</u> Him. We know Him now as much as our limiting senses can let <u>us. But one day it will be face to</u> face. That is for this age.

<u>He is coming at the end of this</u> age. Partial realization will be made PERFECT REALIZATION, <u>COMPLETED</u> **REALIZATION. Hallelujah! We have** been looking through a glass darkly, but soon it will be face to face.

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We have been going from glory to glory, but soon it will be right in the glory; and in HIS GLORY WE'LL SHINE. WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, WONDROUSLY LIKE HIM, JESUS OUR SAVIOUR DIVINE! Isn't that wonderful? We are complete in Him.

<u>That is true. He would not lie to us</u> about that. But one day we will be changed in the atoms. We will put on immortality. We will be all swallowed up in life. Then we will **REALIZE REALIZATION.**

65-0220 - God's Chosen Place Of

<u>Worship</u>

35 Now we find, that, these things being a shadow of Christ. Every sacrifice, feast, and everything in the Old Testament, foreshadowed **<u>Christ</u>**; just as the shadow strikes across the floor.

Now here is where we're going to have to find the correct place of worship, is to go back here in the Old Testament where it was given and see what these things were.

36 Now, when a shadow comes across the floor, you can tell whether it's man, woman, or beast, or whatever it might be, because it casts a shadow upon the floor. And as that shadow gets shorter, the shadow being the negative; and there cannot be a negative without a positive.

Therefore, when the positive becomes closer to the negative, the negative is swallowed up in the positive. Th e shadow and the—and the positive comes together, and that's what makes it then the positive.

And if "all the old things," the Bible said, "in the Old Testament, was shadows of the things to come," then therefore Christ was the shadow of things to come.

Communion Was Constantly Shadowed

60-0611B - Fellowship 16 Now, when God made man in the beginning to fellowship with Him, then this man was in perfect fellowship in the garden of Eden. He was in perfect fellowship with God.

And how it must have been on that day when God would come down in the cool of the evening and call Adam. He and Eve would come up, and they would worship God, and they would fellowship and <u>commune, one with the other.</u>

That's the very thing that calls us together like this, setting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, fellowshipping in the Holy Spirit. No difference in us, we are all one in Christ Jesus, in that perfect harmony of fellowshi

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<u>There's nothing like it I've ever</u> found on earth, is to come together in heavenly places and have communion, fellowship with God and with each other. Now that's what God intended in the garden of Eden.

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Then that fellowship from God and man was broken by sin. Now, God made a basis and a ground upon which man could remain or retain his fellowship. And it wasn't through a get-together, or organization, or—or an education.

It was on the basis of the shed blood, and that's the only place of fellowship that we have with God today, and the only meeting place is through the Blood of Jesus Christ. That's exactly right. See?

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The Physical Ordinance Is Just A Туре

62-0204 - Communion

- 57 Now, this means of communion, I'd
- like to explain for a little while. Now, we
- take, what we call communion, is the
- bread and the wine. Now, that has
- <u>been so misrepresented till it's not</u> <u>even good to speak of it.</u>

<u>Oh, how that has been</u> misrepresented down through the years! That is really not communion, that is just keeping a <u>commandment. See?</u>

Now, the reason we call it <u>communion, is because it come</u> from the Catholic association of being the "Holy Eucharist, which is literally the body of the Lord Jesus." But it isn't the Lord Jesus' body! It's only in commemoration of His body.

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58 I don't care how many priests or preachers, or whoever blesses that, it's still bread and wine. There is no priest as we...they tell us, that, "God is obliged to listen to the priest when he turns the communion,"

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what they call communion, "the Eucharist, into the literal body of the Lord Jesus. Then the believer takes that, and that is communion." That is wrong!

59 Commune is "to talk to, commune with, something that you can speak to and it'll speak back to you." That's communing. A wafer cannot speak back. So, really, the real communion is the Holy Spirit speaking back.

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When you ask Him, then He speaks back, that is correct communion. This is a memorial, to take the...of His crucifixion and His resurrection, and not a communion.

We call it that, but it isn't. It come from the Catholic church, of taking this wafer as we went through the other day in the order, and talking about it on Paganism Versing Christianity.

35 61-0903 - Let Your Light So Shine Before Men 14 For I truly think that it's the duty of every Christian to take communion. The Bible said, "If you take this not, you have no part with Me." And I believe that it is <u>a-a showdown time for the</u> Christians.

<u>If we do not take it, we have no</u> part with Him. And if we take it, unworthily, then we're guilty of the Body and death of Christ. So it gets to a place where it keeps the Christian prayed up, when he comes to communion.

We should come reverently, solemnly, sacredly, walking up, confessing all of our wrongs, praying one for the other. Not only that, but we should feel...If there's a brother or sister among us, that we feel is just a little bit out of line somewhere,

our hearts ought to be burdened for that person on communion night, especially, to see them, that they'll be able to walk up and take communion, not be condemned with the world. Because, they are our brothers and sisters.

<u>62-0204 - Communion</u> 16<u>What does the</u> word communion mean? Commune me ans "to talk." To have to...Communion really means "to have fellowship, talk with each other." If you talk on the phone to someone, you

carry a conversation there,

you are communing one with another. And if we should come aside and stand back in the back of the building, any individual and the pastor, or any two people, they are communing one with the other.

47 Now, you do not commune by radio, because you cannot talk back, or television. But when...You can by telephone, because you are communing one to another, just isn't one side. It is...

I cannot commune with you now, because you do not talk back. So, therefore, it would not be coming to hear a minister deliver his message. That would not be, coming together, to communing.

Communion would not be that. If you come just to commune with the minister, you'd call him to one side, or any individual, and commune with him or she.

44 48 But to what we come into, communion, is for each of us as individuals to commune with Christ. That is communing. Then, <u>communing is not</u> altogether one doing the talking. us doing all the talking, but waiting and seeing what He says back to us.

49 Now there's where, many times, that we make our great mistakes, is, we do all the talking and don't wait and give Him a chance to answer back. We go sometimes, say, "Lord, I would that You would do so-and-so and so-and-so, amen," and get up and leave.

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Now, that really isn't communing. That's going and asking a favor. But when you stay long enough until He answers back, that's when you're getting communion, communing with the Lord.

Now, and a great way to commune, is to be agreed, you must agree upon certain things. Now, and it's strange that sometimes when we get those things...

50 Eating is associated with it. No w, you take business people, when they want to make a business deal, they'll invite somebody out to dinner.

And after they are set down and eat, and then talk with one another. A good salesman, usually he cannot talk to a person on an empty stomach. It's best to wait till he is feeling good, and then after he has his breakfast.

Don't get up there and get him out of bed and tell him about something you got to sell him, but wait till he has his breakfast and—and is set all right in condition.

57-0418 - The Communion 17 And communion was held, first, way down in Egypt, the first of the communion, which was the—the passover lamb that was slain, which was the type of Christ. And many of us are familiar with that blessed old story,

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of how that they who took the communion down there, walked through the wilderness for forty years. And when they come out, there wasn't a feeble one among them. And there, even their clothes was not even threadbare, for forty years God had kept them.

18 What a blessed assurance it is to us tonight! If that be the type, then Christ is the antitype. And how that God delivered the children!

19 And, in the taking of the communion, was the difference between life and death. Those who were on the inside, under the shed blood, took the communion. No one could take the communion outside being under the shed blood.

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The blood of the lamb was shed first, and then was put on the lintel and the doorpost. The lintel is the cross timber. And on the doorpost. And then the lamb was roasted, and was—and—and was eaten with bitter herbs.

And they girded themselves. After the blood was shed, and they had passed under the shed blood, they were girded and ready for the march.

Until The Token Is Revealed, Communion Is Not Possible

63-0901M - Token 94 A blood identified, identified the believer, because the life had gone out, could not come back, so he had to have a-a chemistry. He had to have like a paint, a blood, a chemistry that showed that life went from it.

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95 Now the very Spirit Itself is the Token. The Holy Spirit Itself is the Token, not the Blood. The Blood was shed at Calvary, that is true. But the Blood, as far as it is, went back into the elements from which it come, from the food that He lived on.

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But, you see, inside that Blood cell was a Life that started the Blood cell to moving. If it was...The chemistry had no Life in it, itself, and therefore it could not move. But when the Life come into the chemistry of the blood, It formed a cell.

It formed Its Own cell, then cell after cell, then it become a Man. And that Man was God, Emmanuel, in flesh. But when that Life returned back, the chemistry went to it, but the Token is the Holy Ghost upon the Church, that they see Christ.

62 63-0707M - The Indictment 99 God will never meet with man nowhere else but under the Blood. When you turn the Blood down, then your meeting place with God has been taken away. God made His first decision in the garden of Eden,

that man would only worship Him under the shed blood of the sacrifice. And that's the only place that God met with man then, and that's the only place that God ever did meet with man.

100 And that's the only place He meets with man today, is under the shed Blood of the Sacrifice. See? I don't care if you're a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian; if you can forget your differences, Roman Catholic, whatever you might be,

and will come under the shed Blood, God will meet with both of us there. That's where we can all meet and fellowship on the same grounds. But, otherwise, He will not meet just because you're a Methodist;

He'll not meet just because you're Pentecostals. He'll meet with you under one condition, that's, under the shed Blood, when your sins has been confessed and expelled in His Presence, then, by the Blood.

67 And the Blood is always before Him, and therefore He only can see

you through that shed Blood. And you're white as snow, see, when

you've confessed your

sins. Otherwise, you're not there,

you cannot fellowship.

101 That's the reason that you don't see things happening in the churches. They confess that they <u>believe the Blood, but they reject</u> the very plan to get to the Blood; the Word. See? There is only one way God will honor that Word.

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You'll never honor that Word, come and say, "I'm a Roman Catholic. I demand this to be done." You can't do it. Methodist, Baptist, or Pentecostals, you can't do it.

102 The only way you can do it is under the mercies of God, through His grace, is to come through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ, say, "Lord, I claim the promise." See?

<u>And then if you really are under</u> that Blood, God is obligated to that Word. But, first, you've got to be under that Blood. You see it now? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

103 No wonder they can't believe in miracles. No wonder you can't believe in the supernatural. No wonder they condemn it. The same reason they condemned it back there, is the same reason they condemn it today. They are guilty as guilty can be. Cause, only under the shed Blood!

<u>63-0901M - Token</u> 73 <u>The lamb was killed in the</u> <u>evening time, after being kept up</u> <u>for fourteen days.</u>

And then the lamb was killed and the blood was applied in the evening time. You get it? The token never come into existence until the evening time.

74 And this is the evening time of 76 the age that we live in. This is the evening time for the—for the Church. This is the evening time for me. This is the evening time of my Message. I 'm dying. I'm going. I'm moving out, in the evening time of the Gospel.

And we've come up through justification, and so forth, but this is the time that the Token has to be applied. I told you last Sunday I had something I want to talk to you about; this is it. The time that when you—you just can't play with It. It's got to be done.

If it's ever going to be done, it's got to be done now. Because, we can see that the wrath is about ready to pass through the land, and everything from under that Token will perish. The Blood, has identifies you. Notice.

63-0707M - The Indictment 110 Now, and Christ is God's provided Lamb. Notice how appropriate it was now, showing that that Jerusalem was ceasing.

<u>When? It was in effect until that</u> hour. The blood of the lamb was all right until that day, but now at the crucifixion it changes. The old system is done.

There was a new one, and the—the Lamb was at the Sacrifice. The Lamb, the sacrificial Lamb, was on the grounds. They were <u>condemning and doing the very</u> thing there that they had to do. That's right.

111 God be blessed, for seeing this wonderful Heavenly Light in this last day! Because, the churches is doing the same thing today. Until the hour that organization religion is condemned and proved to be sacrificing Christ's Word,

from then on comes the Word, and the Word only. From, the old pashcal lamb passed away and <u>Christ become our Lamb, at the</u> day of the crucifixion.

And the day that the denomination crucified the Word of God and accepted a creed in the stead of the Word, that's the day the Word come into full effect. That's just been recently.

63-0901M - Token 89 And the Church in this day, that's received the Token, of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that the Blood has been shed and that the Holy Ghost is upon the Church; without us, then, they cannot raise.

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But they're depending on us, for <u>God promised He would have It,</u> and somebody is going to be there. I don't know who it's going to be, but somebody is going to receive It. The only one thing I'm responsible, is to preach It.

It's God's business to look out for that predestinated seed. There is going to be there, though. Because, they're going to be there, each one of them, one with the other; the water age, the Blood age, and now the Token age of the Holy Ghost.

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90 And, remember, Israel come through many things, but it was evening time when the token was required; not in the morning, not in the preparation, the fourteen days of the keeping up of the lamb. Israel knowed something was coming.

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- 8 - The Philadelphian Church Age Now works are fine, but they don't save you. They don't make you perfect. It is Christ or perish. And it is not even Christ AND works. It is Christ alone. This age began the years of Arminianism that does not believe in Christ as the REALITY.

It does not sing of "Nothing but the Blood," for it sings of "Nothing but the blood AND my own conduct." Now I believe in good conduct. If you are saved you will do righteously.

We have already gone over that. But let me tell you now, salvation is NOT Jesus PLUS. It is Jesus ALONE. SALVATION IS OF THE LORD. From start to finish it is all GOD. Let His life be in me. Let it be His blood that cleanses me.

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Let it be His Spirit that fills me. Let it be His Word in my heart and mouth. Let it be His stripes that heal me. Let it be Jesus, and Jesus Alone. Not by works of righteousness which I have done. No sir. Christ is my life. Amen.

62-1216 - The Falling Apart Of The World 217 God has to judge the world by something. If He judges by the <u>church, which one of it is He going</u> to judge by?

Why, there's no such a thing as could be judged. Then there's only one Thing that's left, His Word, It's Eternal, It can't be added to or

taken away.

218 I've anchored my soul there, with the simplicity of laying my hands upon my Sacrifice, confessing that I'm no good at all. There's nothing in me, O Lord God.

<u>Send that Messiah upon me and</u> <u>change my being to what I</u> <u>was, and make me in Your Own</u> <u>fashion, the way You'd have me to</u>

be.

<u>63-0707E - Communion</u>

- 3 And now, tonight, we're going to read the order of the Lord's
- table that's found over in Second
- Corinthians, about the 11th
- chapter. And we read this and just let each individual...

How, we do this, if there's newcomers among us, we call the people around the altar in—in succession as they come in, take the communion. And every Christian is worthy.

Now, if you live a life that proves what you are... You want to search vour heart. Well, let me be sure to mention this, that the Scripture reads here if we take it unworthily. Now, we know that we are not worthy in ourselves; none of us are.

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But that we are not trusting in our own worthiness, we're trusting in Him Who has... We're-we're trusting in His worthiness, that we have died to our own thinking, and just think His thoughts,

and live to everything that we believe He commands us to, and look back and see what we're living, and look our life over, and if we're doing things that's not worthy of the Gospel, then we shouldn't take the communion.

4 But if we're doing things that we thinks that it—that our lives could be read of all men, that if anybody could not point a finger and say, "I seen this man in a barroom the other day," "I-I heard this man stand and telling filthy jokes."

"This woman doing wrong." Then, if you know that that's the Holy Spirit pointing to you, then—then don't take the communion.

But if you—if you feel that—that you're living, that you'd look back and see that all your sins are confessed and under the Blood, then you—you're supposed <u>to take it. You—you're—you're part</u> of it.