## Communion #2

The Apostle Peter writes, "For you know that God <u>paid</u> a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he <u>paid</u> was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days.

For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ <u>suffered</u> for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he <u>suffered</u>. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his <u>wounds</u> you are healed. Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls." (1 Peter 1:18–20; 2:21–25 NLT)

<u>Song Leader:</u> Communion Song, while the <u>ushers</u> pass out the elements, mentioning for everyone to hold their elements, so we can all partake together.

## The Body (Bread)

- 1 Corinthians 11:29,30, says that "...many are weak and sickly" because of "...not discerning the Lord's body."
- Jesus "...took our infirmities, and bore our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:17). "By whose stripes you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was <u>betrayed</u> took bread;

And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,

Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

(Pause & Eat)

## The Blood (Juice)

- God remembers our sins no more, Jere. 31:34.
- He cast all our sins into the depths of the sea, Mic. 7:19.
- He cast all our sins behind His back, Isa. 38:17.
- He removed our sins as far as the East is from the West, Psa. 103:12.

"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26, NKJV).

(Pause & Drink)

(Communion Song continues...)