

GRACE AT THE TABLE

How the Lord's Supper Gives Us Joy and Confidence



Family Meals Matter

Everyday Sustenance



The Celebratory Banquet



We do not receive
meritorious grace
from this meal;
we celebrate
memorialized grace.

**Some meals rise above the daily needs
they are intended to meet.**

A Gracious Invitation

The Exclusive Invitation

- Only for those in Christ Jesus
- Foreknown, called, and justified
- Destined to share in His glory

The Inclusive Invitation

- The exact same group is glorified
- No one is lost in the process
- **All** who depend entirely on Jesus are welcomed



Regardless of
Social Status

Regardless of
Ethnic Background

Regardless of
Spiritual Heritage

Regardless of
Present Suffering

If you are in Christ, your seat is reserved.

A Glorious Celebration

**We are celebrating a
finished work, not a
future possibility.**





Foreknowledge

Predestination

Calling

Justification

Glorification

The
Inexplicable
Love of God

The
Sovereign
Purpose of
God

The
Gracious
Summon of
God

The
Saving
Grace of
God

The
Unstoppable
Work of God

An Irrevocable Foundation

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He Did Not
Spare His
Own Son

God's
Indescribable
Love

He Gave
Him Up
For Us All

God's
Unimaginable
Sacrifice

Divine Expectations

Belonging

Truly belong to Christ.

Allegiance

Maintain unrestrained fellowship with Christ.

Posture

Come in a worthy manner with holy awe and joyful gratitude.

Implications

Embrace the holy nature and unity of the shared body.



Spiritual Identification

Past **Center** **Present** **Future**
(The Prefiguration) (The Inauguration) (The Continuation) (The Consummation)

The Old Covenant.
Passover and the
Exodus meal
establishing a
gracious covenant.

Jesus' First Coming.
The Last Supper
announcing the New
Covenant in His
blood.

Apostolic Practice.
Our regular
observance, a
confessional
proclamation
pointing backward
and forward.

The Great Banquet.
A foretaste of the
feast marking the
arrival of the New
Creation.





Personal Ramifications

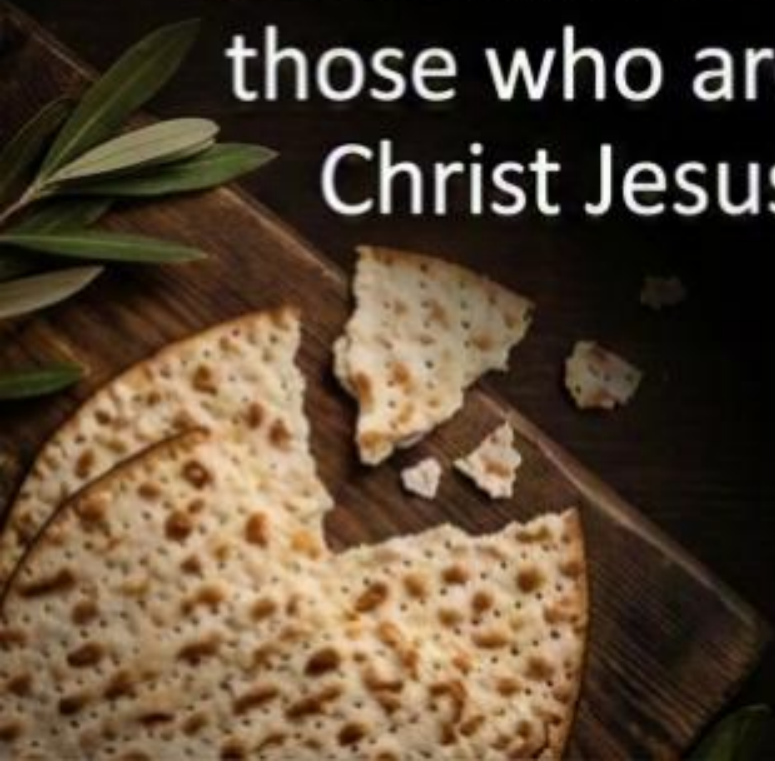
Confident Assurance

There is therefore
now no
condemnation for
those who are in
Christ Jesus.



Triumphant Endurance

There will be no
separation. God is
using all things to
conform us to the
glorious likeness
of His Son.



RESPONDING TO GRACE



**What then shall we say to these things?
If God is for us, who can be against us?**

Partake for renewed strength. Celebrate in future hope. Proclaim until He comes.