"The Blood"

The Bread

Represents - The physical Body of Jesus

- The Word / Scripture

Matthew 26:26-29 (NIV)

[26] While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." [27] Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. [28] This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. [29] I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from mow on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my tather's kingdom."

The blood represents the Covenant that he was making.

What is Covenant?

Covenant is the Great Exchange and the Agreement under which God relates with man.

Genesis 9:4 (NKJV)

[4] "But you shall not eat <u>flesh</u> with its life, that is, its blood.

Leviticus 17:10-14 (NIV)

[10] "Any Israelite or any alien living among them who eats any blood—I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from his people. [11] For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. [12] Therefore I say to the sraelites, "None of you may eat blood, nor may an alien living among you eat blood."

Leviticus 17:10-14 (NIV)

[13] "Any Israelite or any alien living among you who hunts any animal or bird that may be eaten must drain out the blood and cover it with earth, [14] because the life of every creature is its blood. That is why I have said to the Israelites, "You must not eat the blood of any reature, because the life of every creature is its ood; anyone who eats it must be cut off."

John 6:27 (NIV)

[27] Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

John 6:33 (NIV)

[33] For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

John 6:35 (NIV)

[35] Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:40 (NIV)

[40] For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:53-54 (NIV)

[53] Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. [54] Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at he last day.

John 6:57 (NIV)

[57] Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

The Core Essence of Life is in the Blood, and the heart of Covenant is Jesus giving his Life (Blood) for us.

(Exchange)

So what does it mean to drink his blood?

- It means: to receive the Covenant Exchange.

When we take communion:

- A. The Bread is reminding us to:
 - 1. Read the Bible and let it's words become real / life / part of us.

When we take communion:

- B. The Grape Juice is reminding us to:
 - 1. Receive and live in the Covenant Exchange.

What is the Covenant Exchange?

- 1. Exchange our Sin for his Righteousness.
- 2. Exchange our Death for his Life.
- 3. Exchange our Sickness for his Health.

What is the Covenant Exchange?

- 4. Exchange our Poverty for his Prosperity.
- 5. Exchange our Lack for his Abundance.
- 6. Exchange Hell / Lake of Fire for Heaven.

What is the Covenant Exchange?

- 7. Exchange our Guilt for his Forgiveness.
- 8. Exchange our Effort to Earn for his Grace.
- 9. Exchange Hate for Love, Judgment for Mercy, Etc.
- 10. Etc. Etc.