

ECUMENICAL CONSENSUS ON THE MEANINGS OF EUCHARIST/LORD'S SUPPER/COMMUNION

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- ❖ Gift from God through Christ in power of Holy Spirit
- ❖ Remembrance (anamnesis) of God's grace, Christ's sacrifice, work of Spirit
- ❖ Christ's table fellowship, miracle meals
- ❖ Sign of the Kingdom/sovereign rule of God in world now as foretaste of eschatological feast
- ❖ Eucharist as thanksgiving to God for all God's acts
- ❖ Eucharist is our great sacrifice of praise to God
- ❖ Remembrance/Memorial of Christ crucified, raised, coming to rule in full glory
- ❖ Intercession that God grant all of creation grace
- ❖ Offering of self as living sacrifice
- ❖ Communion with Trinitarian God and all the saints of past, present, future
- ❖ Preached Word enacted
- ❖ Invocation of Spirit for faith to perceive God's presence and to empower church for ministry in its sacrificial offering of service/praise
- ❖ Communion of faithful people who need nourishment of Christ
- ❖ Embraces all aspects of Christian life, demanding reconciliation of brothers and sisters, sharing in all dimensions of life (personal, ecclesial, social, political, etc.)
- ❖ Forgiveness through Christ's sacrifice for us
- ❖ Eucharist as Meal of Kingdom as vision of God's rule for all, including outcast Jesus ate and drank with
- ❖ Thanksgiving/praise that God rules!