

# Communion in the Kingdom

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Communion is the feast of the Kingdom.

Matthew 26:29 (NIV) “I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.”

The Kingdom of God exists wherever individuals live with every area of their lives under the lordship of Jesus.

Qualifications for communion:

## 1. Repentance

Repentance is the key which unlocks the door of the Kingdom of God.

Mark 1:15 (NIV) “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

To repent is to turn, and we must make a radical turn from self-rule to God.

## 2. Loving Relationships

We must allow living in the Kingdom to penetrate the relationships of our lives.

Matthew 5:23,24 (NLT) “So if you are standing before the altar in the Temple, offering a sacrifice to God, and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there beside the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.”

## 3. Lead a New Life

Advertisers say new is the most potent word in our language.

Isaiah 43:18,19 (NLT) “But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness for my people to come home. I will create rivers

for them in the desert!”

Psalm 51:10 (NLT) Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.

Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV) “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”

Conclusion:

The Kingdom of God has come and we have been invited to live in it.