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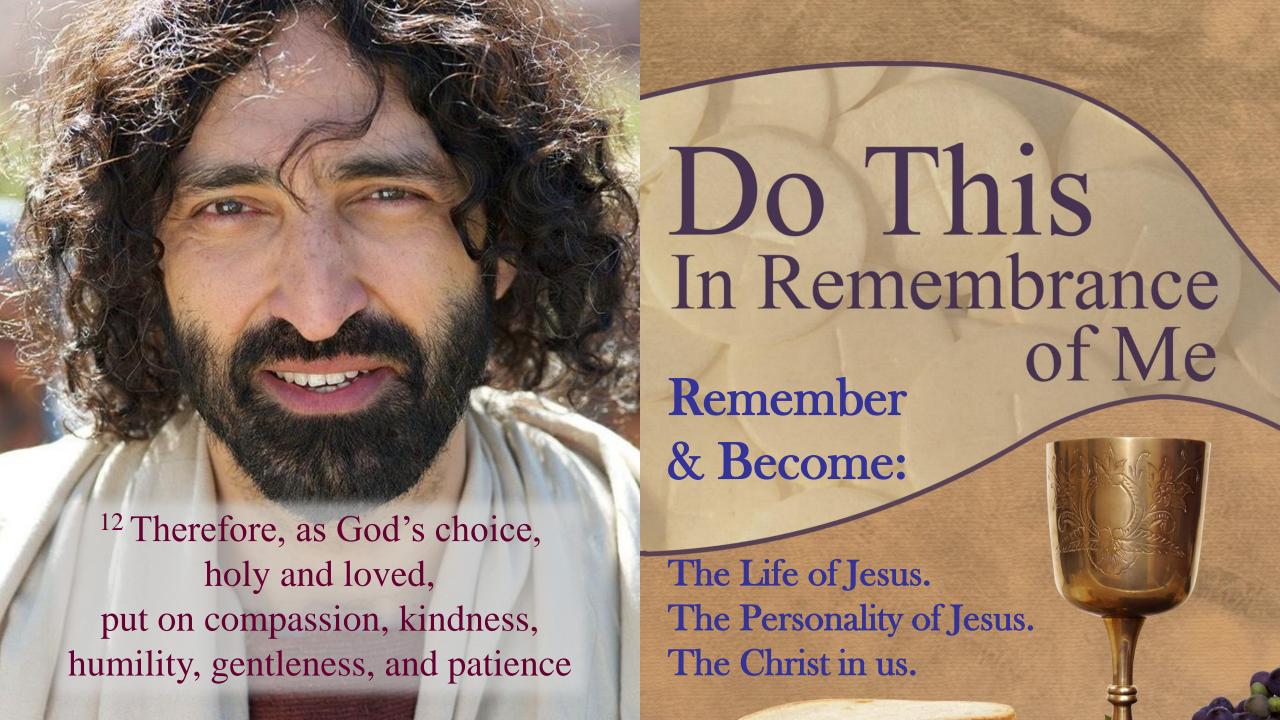
Colossians 3:12-17

"A Living Communion"

Return to the Table as betrayer & betrayed.

Both are in us.







¹³ Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other.

At the Table of
Communion God in Christ
was enjoying eating,
celebrating, and creating
with those who God know
would personally fail God.

Understand that others will fail you.

Understand that you will fail others.

Understand
God's patients with you.

Forgive! Let it go! Set it free!

Anger: but you don't understand what they did.

Bitter: so much hurt.

Worry: but what if...

God was betrayed by those with whom God chose to eat.

God is saying don't break the "Holy Communion" because we won't let go.





We can stop talking about it.

We Focus on Grace given to us.

We sense our own personal need for forgiveness.

We realize our own blessings.

We are bound by God's Grace.

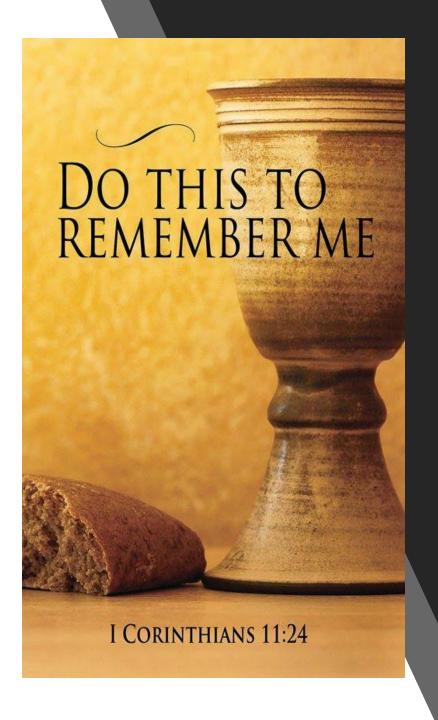
We are invited to God's Table with those who have hurt us.

We all come as the betrayed & the betrayer, at the same time.

It's what I do.
I have forgiving so many of so much.
Who am I to judge.

Why am I still mad?





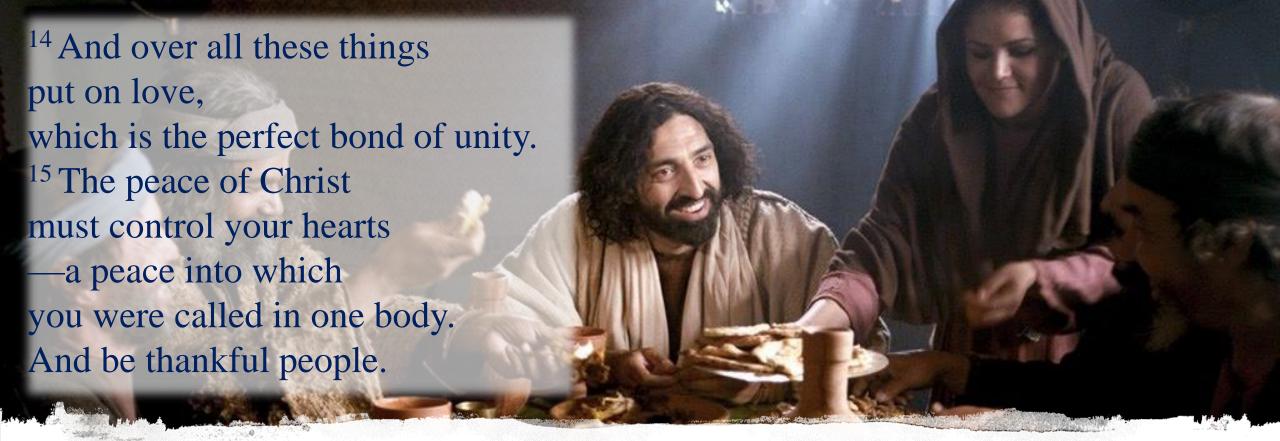
Come to the Table: Get over yourself.

"the Eucharistic bread and wine are not a prize for the perfect or a reward for good behavior.

Rather they are food for the human journey and medicine for the sick.

We come forward not because we are worthy but because we are all wounded and somehow "unworthy."

— Richard Rohr, The Universal Christ:



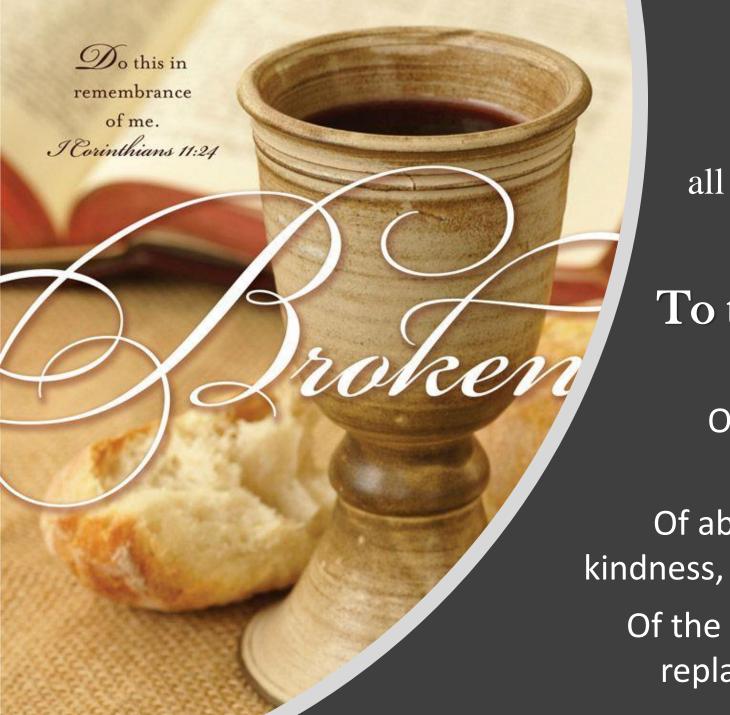
Love, Unity, & Peace:

We sit at the table with those who fail us.

We sit at the table with those we have failed.

Our invitation is based on our personal need for Grace.

Peace is the realization that we are together as betrayer & betrayed.



The word of Christ must live in you richly.

Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

To teach and warn:

Of the dangers of unforgiveness.

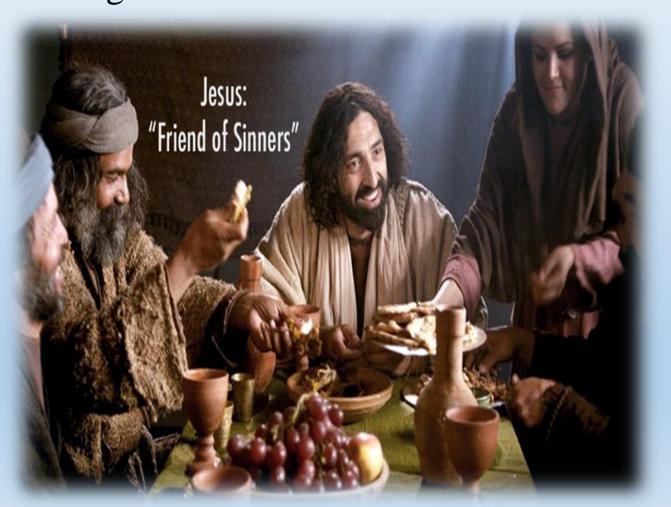
Of holding on too tightly to the past, both hurts and joys.

Of absolute need to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Of the healing power of letting go of...and replacing "it" with hope and happiness.

Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

¹⁷ Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God.



The more things that others do that really annoy you, the more likely you are to become a Dark Soul.

The Dark Soul develops not by what has been do to us, rather by our not letting go.

Forgiveness sets us free, Holy Communion joins us with in the freedom of other forgiven souls. God grant me the serenity, the peace To accept the things I cannot change; The courage to change the things that I can; And the wisdom to know the difference.