



WHO IS INVITED TO SHARE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER?

Welcome to Grace Life Church! We are so glad that you are here. All are welcome to join our worship gatherings Sunday mornings, and we are happy to have you with us today. Please note that, along with the worship service, it is our practice to celebrate the Lord's Supper on a weekly basis.

At Grace Life Church, we believe that the Lord's Supper is a sign of our fellowship with Christ and his church. Therefore, it is rightly received by members in good standing of a faithful local church (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:17-20, 33-34).

Through repentance of sin and faith in Christ alone, by the adoption through the Holy Spirit, we receive salvation and become members of Christ's *invisible* body made up of all of God's people in every time and every place.

In the Bible, membership in the *invisible* church finds expression in the *visible* local church. Believers are baptized, identifying them as part of the *visible* people of God in Christ (Mat. 28:18-20). They commit themselves to the local church, submitting to its discipleship in the Lord (Acts 2:41-47). The local church is a body of specific members and recognized leadership (1 Cor. 5:9-13; Heb. 13:17). Together the members share the responsibility under Christ to affirm one another in the Lord and to guard the purity of the church by holding one another accountable (1 Cor. 5; 2 Cor. 2:8).

Christ has established the Lord's Supper as a sign of that membership in the local body. If we take the sign of membership without engaging in the commitments of membership, we partake in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:17-34). Right worship requires right fellowship (Mat. 5:23-24).

Therefore, if you are trusting in Christ but have not yet become a biblically committed member of a local church, we would encourage you to follow his call!

If you are visiting us and are in right fellowship with another local church of like faith, you are welcome to share this meal with us.

For more information, see <https://gracelifeselkirk.ca/the-lords-supper/> or speak to an Elder.