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Matthew 26:17-19

The Meal

Luke 22:15 I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer...

- This is the Meal that celebrates and anticipates the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose for the creation of humanity when in Christ, God and His people would be eternally united in intimate fellowship.

Matt 1:23 ...Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call His Name Immanuel, which means God with us...

- This is the Meal that foreshadows the Marriage Supper of the Lamb when God and His people will enjoy familial fellowship in the New Heaven and the New Earth.

Rev 19:9 Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb...

The Covenant

- In **Luke 22:20**, Jesus refers to the Meal as "the New Covenant in My blood."

- What is a covenant?
 - A covenant is an agreement between two or more parties that is entered into with the swearing of an oath and is ratified or sealed in blood.

Gen. 26:28 ...make [cut] a covenant...
 - Each party to the covenant swore by an oath to keep the stipulations of the covenant for the reward of blessings [Deut. 28:1-14] or the curses [Deut. 28:15-45] if disobeyed.
- The origin of covenant is in God Himself and is called the **Covenant of Redemption**.
- In this eternal Covenant, the Son agrees with the Father's will to create a people whom He will then need to redeem by His atoning Sacrifice [propitiation-Romans 3:25] for their sin.

John 14:13 ...that the Father may be glorified in the Son...
- By agreeing to be sent by the Father's will to be the Sacrificial Lamb for His people, the Son, by the power of the Spirit, reveals to all creation the glory of God's Trinitarian nature and character.

2 Peter 1:4[God] has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the Divine Nature...
- As a result, the Father's eternal purpose of having a people in His Beloved Son with whom He can enjoy eternal fellowship [...Immanuel...] is achieved.

Jude 24-25 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

- The Father's glory was Jesus continual motive throughout His life and ministry.

John 17:1-5 Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed...

- This means that the purpose of the Covenant of Redemption is the glory of God the Father through the glory of the Son's love for the Father [John 14:31] in the Incarnation by the empowering presence and work of the Holy Spirit [Luke 4:1].
- In view of this eternal Covenant, we need to always keep before us in every situation that Jesus did not come into the world for us; we came into the world for him.
- This glorious Covenant is finally brought to fruition in the Lord Jesus Who will gather all of God's elect into His eternal Kingdom for His eternal Glory.

1 Cor 15:24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father...

- This is the significance of this Meal.