

### What does Commune mean?

Commune is found 8 times, only in Old Testament scripture, and has 4 different definitions:

**1st:** Commune means; Strong's 01696 *rbd dabar*, (pronounced: *daw-bar*) a primitive root; to speak; answer, declare, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, talk, teach, tell, think, use (entreaties), utter.

In the context of each scripture;

- **Ge 34:6** *And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.*
- **Ex 25:22** *And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.*
- **1Sa 18:22** *And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.*
- **1Sa 19:3** *And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.*
- **Job 4:2** *If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?*

Commune carries the definition of; to talk to, or communicate with.

**2nd:** Commune means; Strong's 0559 *rma 'amar*, (pronounced: *aw-mar*) a primitive root; to say, call, certify, challenge, charge, consider, determine

In the context of the scripture in:

- **Ps 4:4** *Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.*

Commune carries the definition of; to talk to or communicate with your own heart, search your own heart.

**3rd:** Commune means; Strong's 05608 *rpo caphar*, (pronounced: *saw-far*) a primitive root; properly, to score with a mark as a tally or record, to recount, celebrate, shew forth, speak

In the context of the scripture in:

- **Ps 64:5** *They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?*

Commune carries the definition of; to communicate with others in plotting evil against God's chosen people.

**4th:** Commune means; Strong's 07878 *xys siyach*, (pronounced: *see'-akh*) a primitive root; to ponder, converse with oneself, complain, declare, meditate, muse, pray, speak, talk (with).

In the context of the scripture in:

- **Ps 77:6** *I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.*

Commune carries the definition of; to talk to or communicate with your own heart, search your own heart, especially in remembrance of God's mercies and blessings in your life.

### What does Communion mean?

What does communion mean as used in the bible? The word Communion is used 4 times, only in New Testament scripture, and has the same definition each time.

Communion means; Strong's 2842 *koinonia*, (pronounced; *koy-nohn-ee'-ah*) from 2844; partnership, (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, (to) communicate(-ation), communion, (contri-)distribution, fellowship.

Strong's 2844 koinonos, (pronounced: koy-no-nos') a sharer, an associate, companion, fellowship, partaker, partner. (There are several more definitions, from root words, but they all carry the same contextual definitions as already given)

**1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?**

In this scripture we find that it is speaking of the Lord's Supper, and the communication, which this memorial feast has upon the hearts, of the individuals partaking thereof. This is more so on an individual basis; although there is also the application of a group basis.

**2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?**

In this scripture, we see the charge of God communicating to us; that we as individuals, or as groups, have no fellowship with ungodliness. It is speaking to us of the separation that God has brought to light through the new birth of he saved sinners.

**2Co 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.**

We see the meaning of communion, as used in this scripture, carries the expressive meaning of communication between God and the saved man, through the Holy Spirit. This reminds me of a scripture we just preached on: **1Jo 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:** We come to the Lord's Supper because we have Christ in us, by possession of the Holy Spirit.

As we consider all this information that God has provided for us from scripture; I ask you this question: As we come today to the Lord's Supper, what is God, through the Holy Ghost, communicating to you? Some of the things it says to me are:

My mind first goes back to: **Ex 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.** Here I see; Christ emblemed as the Mercy Seat that covers the ark in which are the Ten Commandments. Christ is between the law commandments, by which the penalty for sin is death, and offended God above who communicates to us through the Holy Spirit and causes us to understand that we are shielded from the judicial wrath of God the Father through God the Son.

The bread and wine remind me; Christ Jesus paid a very costly price for my redemption and for eternal salvation from death for sin.

It reminds me of the love that God the Father and God the Son have for me and demonstrates how I should live my life in sacrificial service to them.

Washing the saints feet reminds me of the washing of regeneration by Christ on my behalf.

That we wash feet regularly reminds me that I need that constant cleaning from my daily failures to devote myself fully and wholly to God.

Praise the Lord for salvation by grace and the church which Christ established. Thank the Lord for these memorial reminders to me that help me stay focused on the finished work of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

May God continue to bless and keep us all in communion with one another and especially in communion with God the Father and God the Son.

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