

## This is My Body

*"The Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:23–24).*

When Jesus spoke of His body, He was not speaking of an ordinary body. In Matthew 1:23 we read, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." He was God incarnate, a human baby born to a virgin specifically for the purpose of sacrificing that body on a cruel cross to atone for the sins of His people.

In John 6:33, 35, after feeding thousands of people with a few pieces of bread and fish, Jesus revealed to the people, *"The bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world . . . I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger."*

Later in the same chapter He said, *"I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world"* (John 6:51). We receive eternal life when we trust in Jesus alone for salvation, when our hope in the sacrifice of His body on the cross is as much a part of us as the food we eat.

As Jesus sacrificed His body on the cross, His blood was also shed in accordance with God's plan noted in Hebrews 9:22, *"Without shedding of blood is no remission,"* and in the next chapter, *"We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all . . . But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God"* (Hebrews 10:10, 12). No longer would animals be sacrificed to atone for sin; no wonder Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me" as He ate the Passover meal with His disciples!

*K.E. Horsley*

*Let him eat of that bread,  
and drink of that cup*

1 CORINTHIANS 11:28

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# Covenant Church

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## Call to Worship

### Invocation

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

### Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 323 At the Cross

### Welcome and Announcements

### Recognition of Guests

### Mission Moment

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Worship in Song

Hymn #343 Amazing Grace

### Offertory Prayer

### Offertory

*Rose Morgan*

### Special Music

### Sermon:

*Scripture:*

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

### Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #513 Thank You, Lord

*Pastor Don Mauldin*  
*352-262-5349*

## *Covenant News*

Our ministry for November is the Southwest Advocacy Group (SWAG). SWAG's goal is to improve the well-being of residents in SW Gainesville. They provide support and resources for a self-reliant, and successful life.

*We will continue to collect toiletries, paper products, detergents and other supplies for Hurricane Relief.*

We will have our annual Covenant Church business meeting immediately after church today to approve our 2025 annual budget and acclaim approval for the Trustees to continue their work in the leadership of Covenant Church.

### **Thanksgiving Dinner November 24<sup>th</sup>**

We provide the turkey and dressing, you bring your favorite sides!

### **Think About It!**

If absence makes the heart grow fonder, how some people must love the church!

**Joy is the by-product of obedience.**

*If men speak ill of you, live so nobody will believe them.*