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What is the ordinance of the Lord's Table?

While they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins (NASB; Matthew 26:26-28).

Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ (NASB; I Cor. 10:16)?

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (NASB; I Cor. 11:26).

The ordinance of the Lord's Table is our eating and drinking of bread and the fruit of the vine in fellowship together, in order to proclaim the Lord's death, and to testify to our own individual partaking of all its saving benefits.



Who may partake of the Lord's Table?

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life (NASB; Romans 6:3-4).

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. ³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged (NASB; I Corinthians 11:27-31).

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us (NASB; I John 1:9-10).

Those who may partake of the Lord's Table are those baptized believers who have examined themselves to ensure that they have confessed to their Lord all known sin and have purposed anew to walk in all loving obedience to Him.



What is meant by the words, *until He comes*, which are used by the Apostle Paul when observing the Lord's Table?

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. . . looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus (NASB; Tit. 2:13).

The words, *until He comes*, teach us indisputably that our Lord Jesus Christ will come a second time. This is the joy and blessed hope of all believers.

(Adapted from C. H. Spurgeon's, *A Catechism with Proofs*, Q. 82.)





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*I will heare what God the Lord will speake : for He will
speake peace unto His people, and to his Saints : but let
them not turne againe to folly.*

The Coherence of the words.



His PSALME was penned, in
the name and for the comfort of
the whole Church of the Jews,
both as a Prophecy of, and a
Prayer for their returne out of
the Babylonish Captivity, and
the flowing in againe of that
ancient glory, peace, administra-
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lost by many years continuance.



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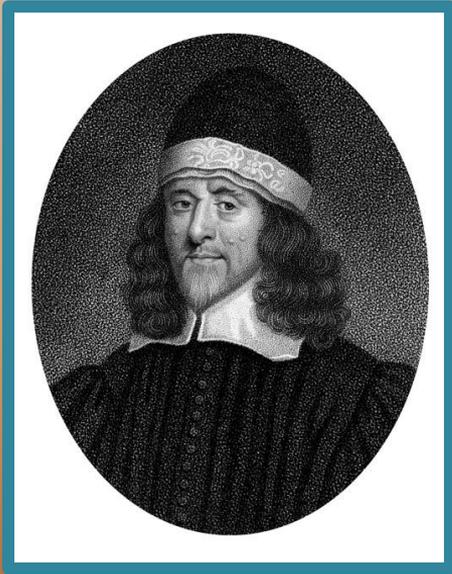


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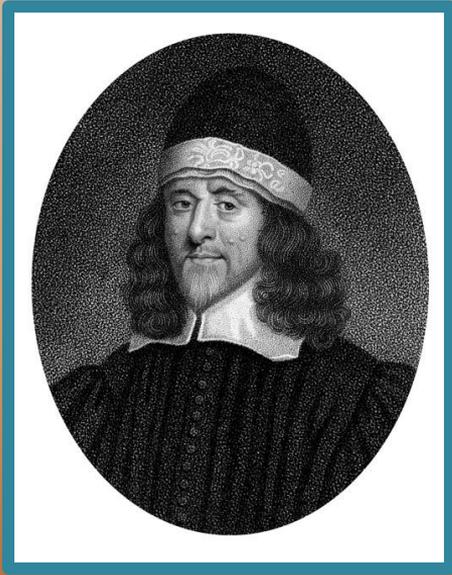


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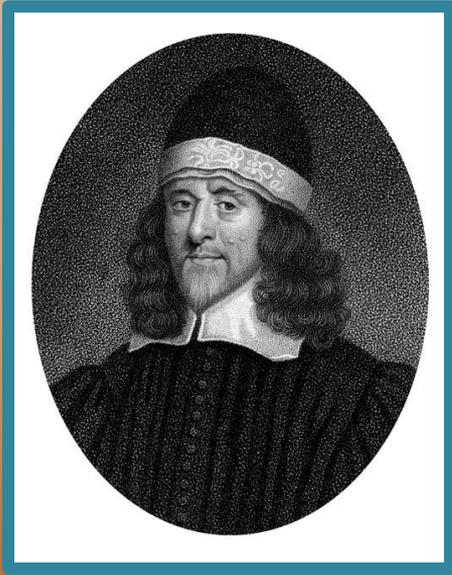


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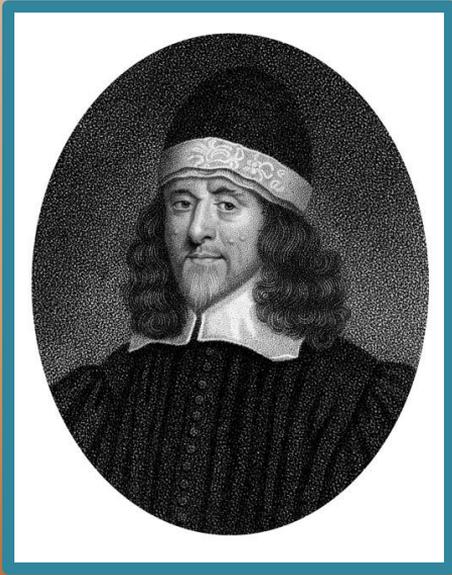
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and didst refer it to his will and wisdom; then thy prayer may be most fully answered and heard, and yet the thing denied, and thou art to interpret and take God's meaning and mind revealed in the event in the best sense, which way soever it falls.

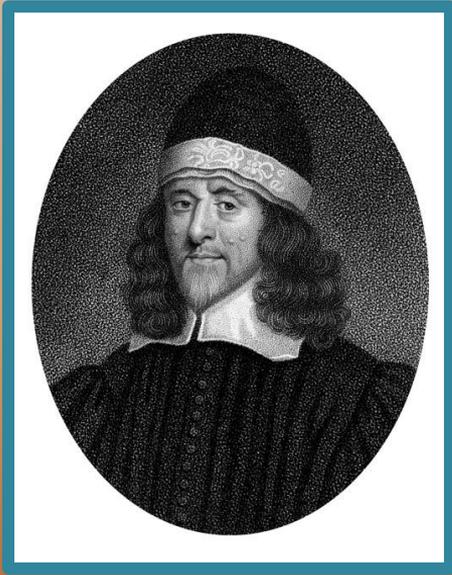


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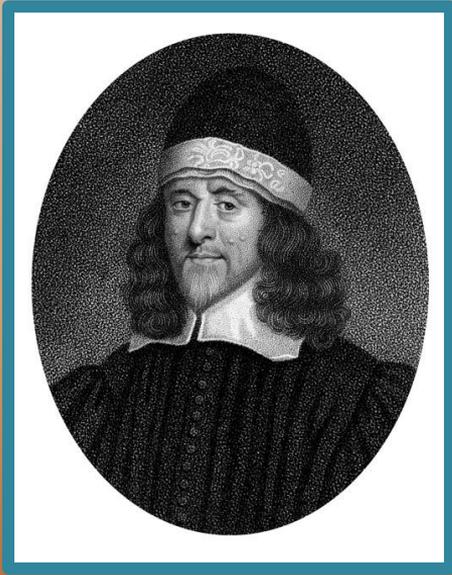
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**Did you actually receive
some greater blessing of
the same kind?**





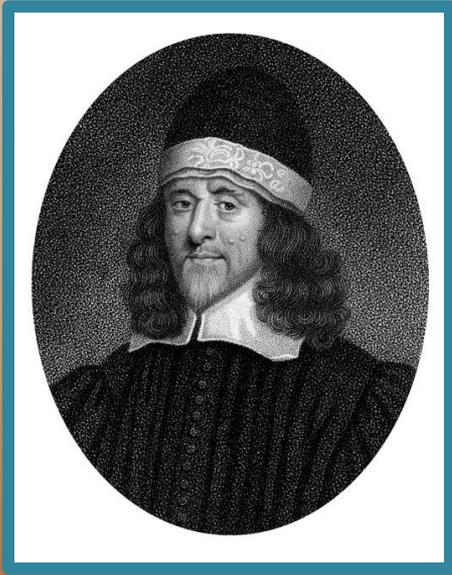
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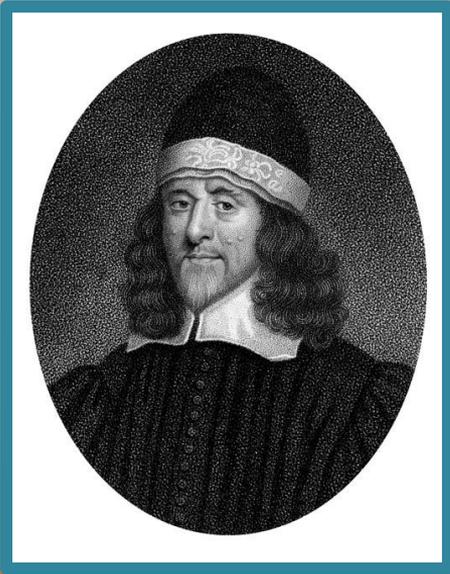
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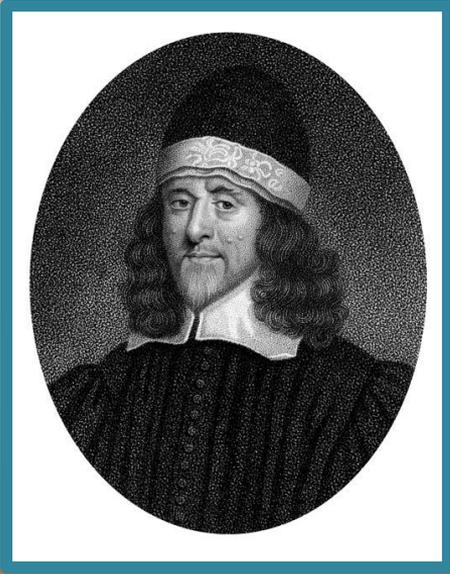
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Deut. 3:23-27



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**David's prayers for the child
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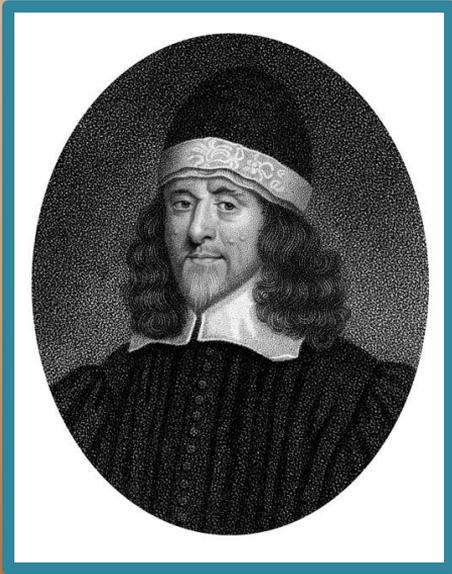
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Be thankful to God that He has ordered all for the best.





