The Supper Of The Lord: The New Testament, Ecumenical Dialogues, And Faith And Order On Eucharist

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During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we? 1 Corinthians 11:20-34. The Lord's Supper is prefigured in Hebrew Scripture, our Old Testament of the Bible. For example, Melchizedek, the King of Salem and priest of God Most High, brought out bread and wine to Abram (Genesis 14:18). Abraham was going to offer his beloved son Isaac on Mount Moriah until an angel stopped him, so he found a ram to sacrifice to the Lord (Genesis 22:1-19). At the Last Supper, Jesus observed and fulfilled the Old Covenant and transformed the ritual into the New Covenant through the Institution of the Eucharist. Christ then offered himself in sacrifice once on the Cross (Hebrews 7:27). John 19:32-36 notes that the soldiers refrained from breaking the legs of Jesus following his crucifixion and so fulfilled Exodus 12:46 requiring that no bone of the Passover lamb be broken. Celebrating communion is very important because of the depth of meaning behind the elements of communion. It was during the age-old celebration of Passover and on the eve before the crucifixion of the Lord, that Jesus put into place the ordinance of Communion. Communion must be a key component of worship within the church as it causes us to remember the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you Betty for your comment. You are right that Holy Communion is to be done on the Lord’s day and done every Sunday. This is not in the Bible and I would ask that family member where they get the authority to have Holy Communion every day. Many churches do it only once a month or quarterly (ever 4 months which is what we do).