THE QUESTION

What does “the communion of saints” in the Apostles' Creed mean?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

It most likely means the shared life of all who are made holy in Christ. These passages never quote the creed's phrase, so this is our reading. They call believers saints, joined in one Church and one faith, sharing the Holy Spirit and Christ's body and blood, so that many become one body.

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An early creed confesses one holy Church

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Gregory Thaumaturgus gives a creed close in shape to the Apostles' Creed. It confesses one holy Church beside forgiveness, resurrection and eternal life, but this wording does not include the phrase communion of saints.

1 “and in one holy Church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the flesh, and eternal life.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 31, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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Saints means all who are made holy

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Clement of Rome greets a whole church as people called and sanctified by God. Polycarp prays that his readers will share a portion among the saints and asks them to pray for all the saints, showing a bond between believers.

2 “To the Church of God which resides at Rome, to the Church of God residing at Corinth, to those who are called and sanctified by the will of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace, from Almighty God through Jesus Christ, be multiplied.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 43, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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3 “But may the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ Himself, who is the Son of God, and our everlasting High Priest, build you up in faith and truth, and in all meekness, gentleness, patience, long-suffering, forbearance, and purity; and may He bestow on you a lot and portion among His saints, and on us with you, and on all that are under heaven, who shall believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, and in His Father, who “raised Him from the dead.””

later in the same passage

“Pray for all the saints.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Polycarp,** *Epistle to the Philippians* (c. 100–155 AD) **Source 10, page 7** Read it in the library ›

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One Church shares one faith

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Ignatius reasons from one God, one Lord, one Spirit and one baptism to one chosen Church. Because the Church is one, its members should hold one faith in Christ.

4 “For if there is one God of the universe, the Father of Christ, "of whom are all things;" and one Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord, "by whom are all things;" and also one Holy Spirit, who worked in Moses, and in the prophets and apostles; and also one baptism, which is administered so that we should share in the death of the Lord; and also one chosen Church; there should likewise be but one faith in respect to Christ.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 5, page 7** Read it in the library ›

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Believers share the communion of the Spirit

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Gregory quotes Paul's blessing about the communion of the Holy Spirit. The liturgy of St. James also prays for unity of faith and the communion of the Spirit, so this sharing is in God, not only with each other.

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5 "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."""

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD)
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Source 30, page 8 Read it in the library ›

6 "Having prayed for the unity of the faith and the communion of His all-holy and adorable Spirit"

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (c. 200–400 AD)
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Communion in the Lord's body and blood

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Chrysostom says Christians do not share with an altar but with Christ Himself. Irenaeus also calls the cup and bread a communion of Christ's blood and body.

7 "It is a communion in the Lord's Body. For we do not have communion with the altar, but with Christ Himself."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on First Corinthians* 24 (c. 386–407 AD)
THF's updated English

Source 40, page 9 Read it in the library ›

8 "If the flesh does not attain salvation, then the Lord did not redeem us with His blood, nor is the cup of the Eucharist a communion of His blood, nor the bread we break a communion of His body."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD)
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Source 17, page 7 Read it in the library ›

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Many grains become one bread

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian compares the church to many grains made into one loaf. Ignatius speaks of believers gathered in one faith, breaking one and the same bread. The shared meal shows and builds their union.

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9 “In this very sacrament our people are shown to be made one, so that, in the same way many grains gathered together, ground, and mixed into one mass make one bread, so in Christ, who is the heavenly bread, we may know that there is one body, with which our number is joined and united.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 32, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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10 “I will especially do this if the Lord makes known to me that you come together, individually, in common through grace, in one faith, and in Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David according to the flesh, being both the Son of man and the Son of God, so that you obey the bishop and the presbytery with an undivided mind, breaking one and the same bread, which is the medicine of immortality, and the antidote to prevent us from dying, but causes us to live forever in Jesus Christ.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 7, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Gentiles and Israel joined in one body

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Chrysostom explains Paul's words about the Gentiles being fellow-heirs and fellow-members. The greatest part, he says, is that they become one body, a very close bond with Christ.

11 “This last point is the great thing: that they should be one body. This shows an extremely close relationship to Him.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Ephesians* 6 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 41, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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Being cut off from communion is serious

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian treats being kept from communion as being separated from Christ's body. This shows how closely they tied sharing the Eucharist to belonging with Christ and His people.

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12 “So, on the other hand, we must fear and pray lest anyone who is kept from communion, and is separated from Christ’s body, should remain far from salvation, as He Himself threatens and says, “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you shall have no life in you.””

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD)
THF's updated English

Source 33, page 8 **Read it in the library ›**

THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- None of these passages quotes the phrase communion of saints or explains that creed line directly.
- They do not settle whether the phrase includes the departed saints or how it relates to prayer to saints.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 43 early Christian passages and 260 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–43, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 44–146, in Bible order), then 157 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *43 passages from 14 writers*

Didache, *c. 50–120 AD · source 1*

1 *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 9 (on point 5) “or Eucharist, give thanks in this way. First, about the cup: "We thank You, our Father, for the holy vine of David Your Servant, which You made known to us… [continues online] **read ›**

Mathetes, *c. 80–200 AD · source 2*

2 *Epistle to Diognetus* “whom the Church is enriched, and grace, widely spread, increases in the saints, furnishing understanding, revealing mysteries, announcing times, rejoicing over the faithful, giving… [continues online] **read ›**

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Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · source 3*

3 *Shepherd* (1885 English) at peace one with another, and visit each other, and bear each other's burdens, and do not partake of God's creatures alone, but give abundantly of them to… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 4–9*

4 *Epistle to the Philadelphians* (1885 English; on point 6) "loaf also is broken to all [the communicants], and one cup is distributed among them all: there is but one altar for the whole Church, and one bishop, with the… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Epistles of Ignatius* **Quote 4, page 3** Mindful of your love and zeal in Christ, which you have shown towards us, we thought it appropriate to write to you, who display such a godly and spiritual love… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Epistle to the Trallians* (on point 2) "from these, there is no elect Church, no congregation of holy ones, no assembly of saints… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* **Quote 10, page 5** If Jesus Christ graciously permits me through your prayers, and if it is His will, I will, in a second little work which I will write to you, further reveal… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Epistles of Ignatius* (on point 2) "not neglect the sacred meetings of the saints… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English; on point 2) "a care to preserve concord with the saints… [continues online] **read ›**

Polycarp, *c. 100–155 AD · source 10*

10 *Epistle to the Philippians* **Quote 3, page 3** "may He bestow on you a lot and portion among His saints, and on us with you, and on all that are under heaven, who shall believe in our Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 11–13*

11 *First Apology* (1885 English) on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *First Apology* (on point 5) "food is called among us [the Eucharist], and only those who believe that our teachings are true, have been washed with the washing for the remission of sins and renewal… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *First Apology* (1885 English; on point 5) "when the president has given thanks, and all the people have expressed their assent, those who are called by us deacons give to each of those present to partake of… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 14–21*

14 *Against Heresies: Book V* (on point 5) therefore, the mixed cup and the made bread receive the Word of God, and the Eucharist of the blood and body of Christ is formed, from which the substance of… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (on point 5) and a pure sacrifice;" as John also states in Revelation: "The incense is the prayers of the saints." Furthermore, Paul urges us "to present our bodies as a living sacrifice… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Against Heresies: Book I* (1885 English; on point 3) "the Catholic Church possesses one and the same faith throughout the whole world, as we have already said… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Against Heresies: Book V* **Quote 8, page 4** "salvation, then the Lord did not redeem us with His blood, nor is the cup of the Eucharist a communion of His blood, nor the bread we break a communion… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (on point 5) change their opinion or stop offering the things just mentioned. But our opinion agrees with the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn supports our opinion. For we offer to Him… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English) "fellowship with God is to know God, and to enjoy His goodness… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Against Heresies: Book V* "Communion with God is life and light and the enjoyment of all the benefits… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English) "we do stand in need of fellowship with Him… [continues online] **read ›**

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Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 22–25*

22 *Instructor* 2.2 (1885 English; on point 5) "they who by faith partake of it are sanctified both in body and soul… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Stromata* 7.3 (1885 English) "especially having uninterrupted converse and fellowship with the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *Instructor* 2.6 (1885 English; on point 2) "to the good. Romans 12:9 For he who associates with the saints shall be sanctified… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Stromata* 6.14 (1885 English; on point 2) "is he reckoned among the sons of God, and his inheritance among the saints? Wisdom 5:3-5… [continues online] **read ›**

Early Liturgies, *c. 200–400 AD · sources 26–29*

26 *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 **Quote 6, page 4** "prayed for the unity of the faith and the communion of His all-holy and adorable Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (on point 5) "union of the all-holy body and precious blood of our Lord and… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *Divine Liturgy of St. Mark* 1 (1885 English; on point 4) "communion and gift of the All-holy Spirit, be with us all, now, henceforth, and for evermore… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 "for Your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church throughout the world. Even now, O Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 30–31*

30 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 4** "that the holy Trinity is to be worshipped without either separation or alienation, is taught us by Paul, who says in his Second Epistle to the Corinthians: The grace of… [continues online] **read ›**

31 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 **Quote 1, page 2** "in one holy Church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 32–35*

32 *Epistles* (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 5** "which very sacrament our people are shown to be made one, so that in like manner as many grains, collected, and ground, and mixed together into one mass, make one… [continues online] **read ›**

33 *Treatises* **Quote 12, page 6** "forever, it is clear that those who partake of His body and receive the Eucharist by the right of communion are living. So, on the other hand, we must fear… [continues online] **read ›**

34 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 8) "is communion to be granted by us to the dying, but to the living, that we may not leave those whom we stir up and exhort to the battle unarmed… [continues online] **read ›**

35 *Epistles* (on point 1) truth. For when we say, "Do you believe in eternal life and the forgiveness of sins through the holy Church?" we mean that the forgiveness of sins is not given… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 36–38*

36 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 5) carry out His constitution. For on the same night in which He was betrayed, He took bread in His holy and undefiled hands, and looking up to You, His God… [continues online] **read ›**

37 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 5) Always be thankful, as faithful and honest servants. And concerning the Eucharistic thanksgiving, say this: "We thank You, our Father, for the life that You have made known to us… [continues online] **read ›**

38 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 8) "All those of the faithful that enter into the holy church of God, and hear the sacred Scriptures, but do not stay during prayer and the holy communion, must be… [continues online] **read ›**

John Chrysostom, *c. 386–407 AD · sources 39–41*

39 *Homilies on Acts* the Apostles' doctrine," he says, for they again taught them, "and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer." All was in common. All was done with perseverance. "And… [continues online] **read ›**

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40 *Homilies on First Corinthians* 24 (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** "not with the altar, but with Christ Himself, do we have communion… [continues online] **read ›**

41 *Homilies on Ephesians* 6 (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 5** "is this; fellow-heirs, and fellow-partakers of the promise, and fellow-members of the body… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *sources 42–43*

42 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* do we divide and tear to pieces the members of Christ, and raise up strife against our own… [continues online] **read ›**

43 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Quote 2, page 2** To the Church of God which resides at Rome, to the Church of God residing at Corinth, to those who are called and sanctified by the will of God, through… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *103 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

44 **Exodus 29:33** They shall eat those things by which they were sanctified, to consecrate their hands and to sanctify them; but no stranger shall eat of them, for they are holy. **read ›**

45 **Exodus 29:34** If any of the flesh of the sacrifice of consecration or of the loaves is left until morning, you shall burn what remains with fire. It shall not be eaten, for it is a holy thing. **read ›**

46 **Leviticus 6:19** Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, (Septuagint Leviticus 6:12 (Leviticus 6:19 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

47 **Leviticus 6:20** "This is the gift of Aaron and his sons, which they shall offer to the Lord on the day when you anoint him: the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sacrifice continually, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening. (Septuagint Leviticus 6:13 (Leviticus 6:20 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

48 **Leviticus 6:22** The anointed priest who is in his place from among his sons shall make it. It is a perpetual law; it shall be wholly offered up. (Septuagint Leviticus 6:15 (Leviticus 6:22 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

49 **Leviticus 7:6** Every male among the priests shall eat them; in a holy place they shall eat them. They are most holy. **read ›**

50 **Leviticus 20:7** You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. **read ›**

51 **Leviticus 21:8** You shall sanctify him; he offers the gifts of the Lord your God. He shall be holy, for I, the Lord who sanctifies them, am holy. **read ›**

52 **Leviticus 21:22** He may eat the gifts of God, the most holy things, and of the holy things; **read ›**

53 **Leviticus 22:11** But if a priest acquires a person bought with money, he shall eat of his bread; and his servants born in his house, they also shall eat of his bread. **read ›**

54 **Leviticus 22:14** And a man who eats holy things unknowingly shall add its fifth part to it and give the holy thing to the priest. **read ›**

55 **Numbers 18:10** In the most holy place you shall eat them; every male shall eat them, you and your sons; they shall be holy to you. **read ›**

56 **Proverbs 12:10** The righteous has compassion on the lives of his cattle, but the inward parts of the ungodly are unmerciful. **read ›**

57 **Proverbs 12:11** He who works his own land will be filled with bread, but those who pursue vain things lack understanding. He who takes pleasure in lingering over wine will leave dishonor in his own strongholds. **read ›**

58 **Isaiah 14:3** And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord will give you rest from your anguish and your anger, and from your hard slavery, in which you served them. **read ›**

59 **Isaiah 14:6** Having struck a nation in wrath with an incurable blow, striking a nation with a blow of wrath which did not spare, he rested in confidence. **read ›**

60 **Isaiah 14:7** All the earth cries out with gladness, **read ›**

61 **Jeremiah 33:10** Thus said the Lord: There shall yet be heard in this place, of which you say, 'It is desolate, without man and cattle,' in the cities of Judah and outside Jerusalem, which have been laid waste because there is no man and no cattle, (Septuagint Jeremiah 40:10 (Jeremiah 33:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

62 **Jeremiah 49:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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63 **Daniel 9:5** we have done wrong, we have acted lawlessly, and we have departed and turned aside from your commandments and from your judgments, **read ›**

64 **Amos 3:9** Proclaim it to the regions among the Assyrians, and to the regions of Egypt, and say, "Gather yourselves on the mountain of Samaria, and see the many marvels in her midst, and the oppression that is in her." **read ›**

65 **Amos 5:5** But do not seek Bethel, and do not go into Gilgal, and do not cross over to the Well of the Oath; for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall be as though it were not. **read ›**

66 **1 Esdras 9:38** And the whole multitude gathered together in the open square before the gate of the temple toward the east, **read ›**

67 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:9** Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will stay with him in love, for grace and mercy are for his chosen ones. **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:5** How has he been counted among the sons of God, and how is his lot among the holy ones? **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:1** But for your holy ones there was very great light; and the others, hearing their voice but not seeing their form, counted them blessed because they too had suffered, **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:9** For the holy children of good men offered sacrifice in secret, and in full agreement they established the divine law, that the holy ones would share alike in the same good things and dangers, the fathers already leading the songs of praise. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Sirach 10:20** Among brothers their leader is honored, and those who fear the Lord in his eyes. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:17** What fellowship will a wolf have with a lamb? So it is with a sinner and the godly. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:1** In three things I was made beautiful, and I stood up in beauty before the Lord and men: harmony among brothers, and friendship among neighbors, and a wife and husband who suit each other. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 50:15** he stretched out his hand to the cup and poured a drink offering of the blood of the grape; he poured it out at the foundations of the altar, a pleasing aroma to the Most High, the King of all. **read ›**

75 **1 Maccabees 12:10** have tried to send word to renew our brotherhood and friendship with you, so that we may not become strangers to you; for much time has passed since you sent word to us. **read ›**

76 **1 Maccabees 12:11** We therefore remember you at all times without ceasing, at the feasts and on the other appointed days, at the sacrifices that we offer and in our prayers, as it is right and fitting to remember brothers. **read ›**

77 **2 Maccabees 7:36** For our brothers, after enduring a brief pain, have now fallen under God's covenant of everlasting life; but you, by the judgment of God, will receive just penalties for your arrogance. **read ›**

78 **2 Maccabees 8:29** When they had done this, they made a common plea and begged the merciful Lord to be fully reconciled with his slaves. **read ›**

79 **2 Maccabees 12:45** And then, looking to the most splendid reward laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness—a holy and godly thought—he therefore made atonement for the dead, that they might be released from their sin. **read ›**

80 **2 Maccabees 14:36** So now, O holy Lord of all holiness, keep undefiled forever this house that has so recently been purified." **read ›**

81 **3 Maccabees 6:31** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

82 **4 Maccabees 9:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

83 **4 Maccabees 12:17** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

84 **4 Maccabees 14:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

85 **4 Maccabees 14:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

86 **4 Maccabees 14:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

87 **4 Maccabees 17:18** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

88 **4 Maccabees 17:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

89 **4 Maccabees 18:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

90 **Matthew 26:26** As they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks for it, and broke it. He gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." **read ›**

91 **Mark 2:12** He rose immediately, took up the mat, and went out in front of them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" **read ›**

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92 **Mark 14:22** As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat. This is my body." **read ›**

93 **Luke 22:19** He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **read ›**

94 **John 6:51** I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever. And the bread that I shall give is my flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." **read ›**

95 **John 6:53** Jesus therefore said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. **read ›**

96 **John 6:54** He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. **read ›**

97 **John 6:55** For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. **read ›**

98 **Acts 2:42** They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. **read ›**

99 **Acts 2:44** All who believed were together, and had all things in common. **read ›**

100 **Acts 4:32** The multitude of those who believed were of one heart and soul. No one said that any of his possessions was his own, but they had all things in common. **read ›**

101 **Acts 20:32** Now, brothers, I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. **read ›**

102 **Romans 12:5** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. **read ›**

103 **Romans 15:7** Therefore accept one another, even as Christ also accepted you, to the glory of God. **read ›**

104 **Romans 16:16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you. **read ›**

105 **1 Corinthians 1:2** to the church of God at Corinth, those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both theirs and ours: **read ›**

106 **1 Corinthians 1:9** God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **read ›**

107 **1 Corinthians 10:16** The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? **read ›**

108 **1 Corinthians 10:17** Because there is one loaf of bread, we, who are many, are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf of bread. **read ›**

109 **1 Corinthians 11:23** For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, **read ›**

110 **1 Corinthians 11:26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **read ›**

111 **1 Corinthians 11:27** Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks the Lord's cup in a way unworthy of the Lord will be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. **read ›**

112 **1 Corinthians 11:29** For the one who eats and drinks unworthily eats and drinks judgment on himself, not discerning the Lord's body. **read ›**

113 **1 Corinthians 12:26** When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. When one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. **read ›**

114 **1 Corinthians 12:27** Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. **read ›**

115 **1 Corinthians 15:29** Or else what will they do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for the dead? **read ›**

116 **1 Corinthians 16:20** All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. **read ›**

117 **2 Corinthians 8:4** earnestly begging us for the favor of sharing in the service to the saints. **read ›**

118 **2 Corinthians 9:12** For this service of giving that you perform not only makes up for lack among the saints, but abounds also through much giving of thanks to God, **read ›**

119 **2 Corinthians 13:12** Greet one another with a holy kiss. **read ›**

120 **2 Corinthians 13:13** All the saints greet you. **read ›**

121 **2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's love, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. **read ›**

122 **Galatians 6:18** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen. **read ›**

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123 **Ephesians 1:18** with the eyes of your hearts enlightened, so that you may know the hope of his calling and the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, **read ›**

124 **Ephesians 2:19** So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, **read ›**

125 **Ephesians 3:6** that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and fellow partakers of his promise in Christ through the gospel, **read ›**

126 **Ephesians 3:18** that, rooted and grounded in love, you may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height, **read ›**

127 **Ephesians 4:5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **read ›**

128 **Ephesians 4:12** to equip the saints for the work of service, for the building up of the body of Christ, **read ›**

129 **Ephesians 4:13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **read ›**

130 **Philippians 1:5** for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **read ›**

131 **Philippians 4:21** Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. **read ›**

132 **Philippians 4:22** All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar’s household. **read ›**

133 **Colossians 1:2** to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **read ›**

134 **Colossians 1:12** giving thanks to the Father, who has made us fit to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. **read ›**

135 **1 Thessalonians 3:13** so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. **read ›**

136 **1 Thessalonians 5:26** Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. **read ›**

137 **1 Timothy 4:5** For it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer. **read ›**

138 **Philemon 1:5** hearing of your love and of the faithfulness which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, **read ›**

139 **Hebrews 2:11** For both he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brothers, **read ›**

140 **Hebrews 10:10** By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **read ›**

141 **Hebrews 12:14** Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man will see the Lord, **read ›**

142 **Hebrews 12:22** But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to tens of thousands of angels, **read ›**

143 **Hebrews 12:23** to a festal gathering and church of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous people made perfect, **read ›**

144 **1 Peter 5:9** Resist him, firm in faithfulness, knowing that your brotherhood in the world is undergoing the same sufferings. **read ›**

145 **1 John 1:3** that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **read ›**

146 **Jude 1:3** Beloved, while making every effort to write to you about the common salvation, I found it necessary to write and urge you to contend earnestly for the faith delivered once for all to the saints. **read ›**

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