

“Eternal Life Insurance”

Based on Mark 14:22-24 (NIV)

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† **Jesus makes me an offer through Communion: Trust in me and have eternal life.**

† **Jesus took two traditional parts of the Jewish Passover meal, the passing of the bread and the drinking of the wine, and gave them a new meaning.**

Mark 14:22 - While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

† **Jesus' words “this is my body” more clearly translates “This is my self.”**

Mark 14:23-24

23 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.

24 "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

† **The phrase “This is my blood” can also mean “This drink represents my blood which will be shed for you.”**

Holy Communion:

† **Humbles all of us before God.**

† **Reminds me that I am forgiven.**

† **Expresses my oneness in Christ.**

† **Recalls to me that I do God's work because I love Christ.**

† **Communion is an eternal life insurance policy, offered to me by Jesus.**

† **I make the payments to this policy by living my faith in following the commands of Christ.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† What insurance policies do I have? Why?

† When has my life been out of my control?

† How did God “cover” me?

† What will I think about as I eat the bread of communion today?

† What will I think about as I drink the juice of communion today?

† What is one way this week I can be more open to God “covering me” in a situation I run into?