

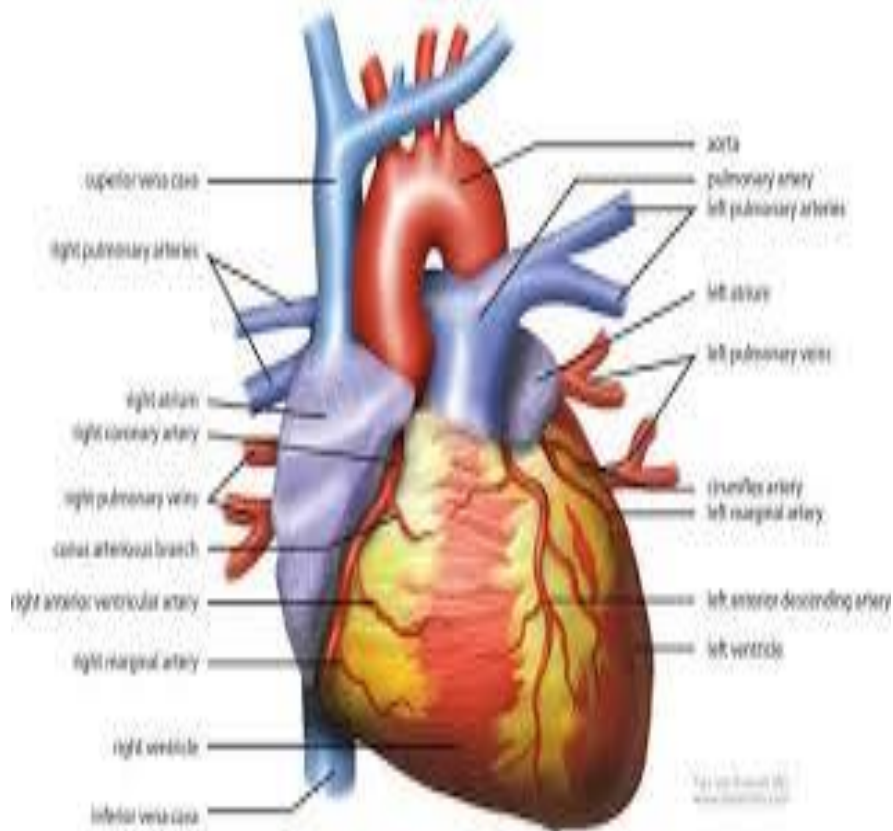
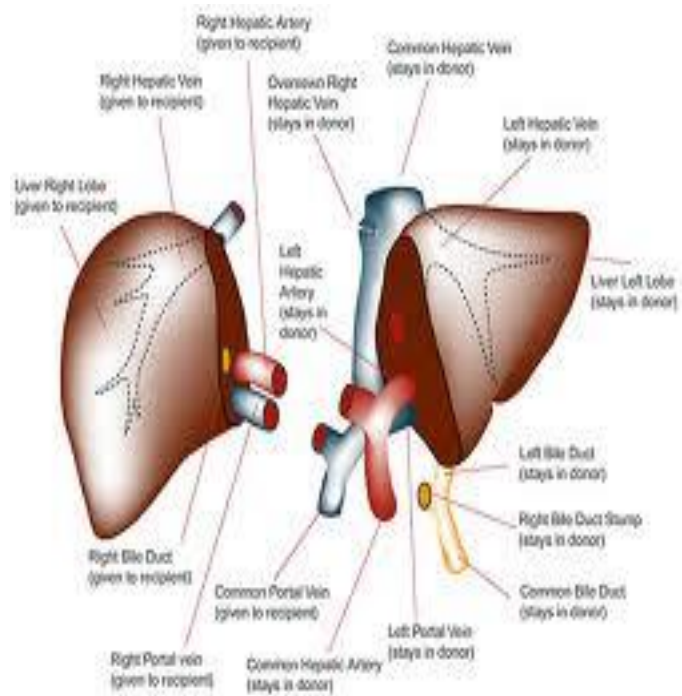
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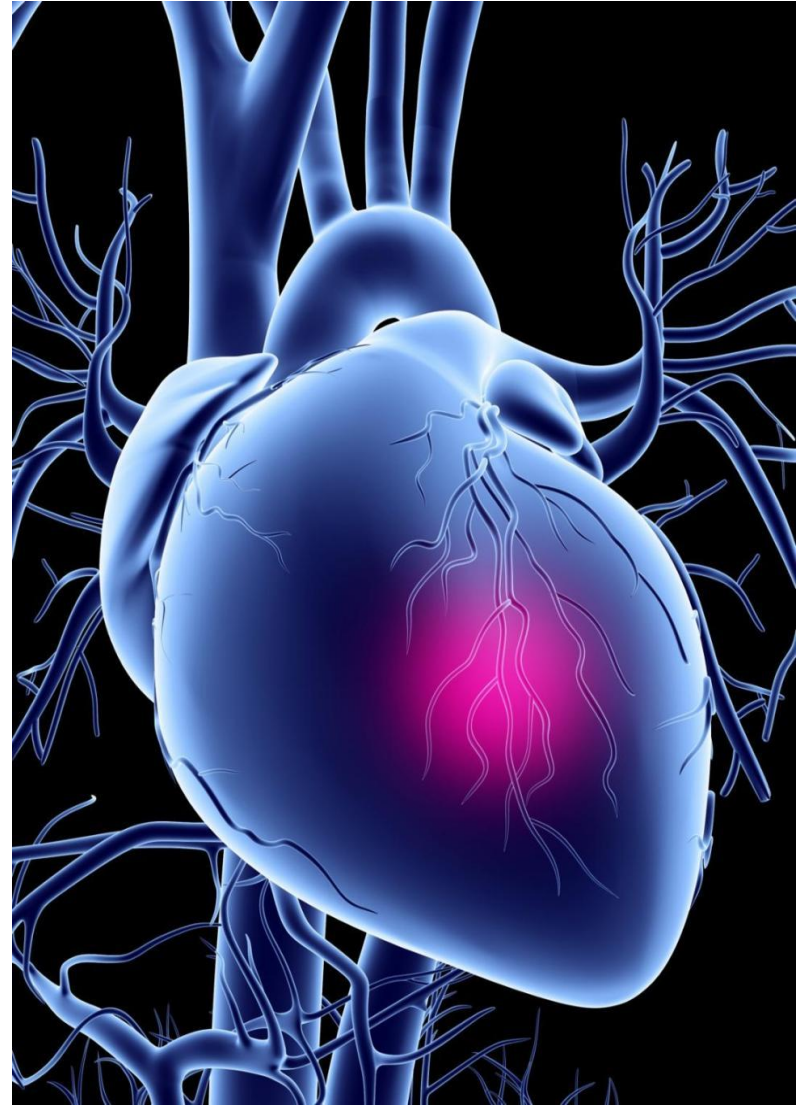
**He is the Light of the World.
He is the Life of the World.
He is my Savior, Lord, and Friend.**

STATUS IN INDIA

- ❖ In INDIA around 6000 people die every day waiting for organ transplant.
- ❖ Every 17 minutes someone dies waiting for transplant.
- ❖ Every 13 minutes someone is added to a waiting list.

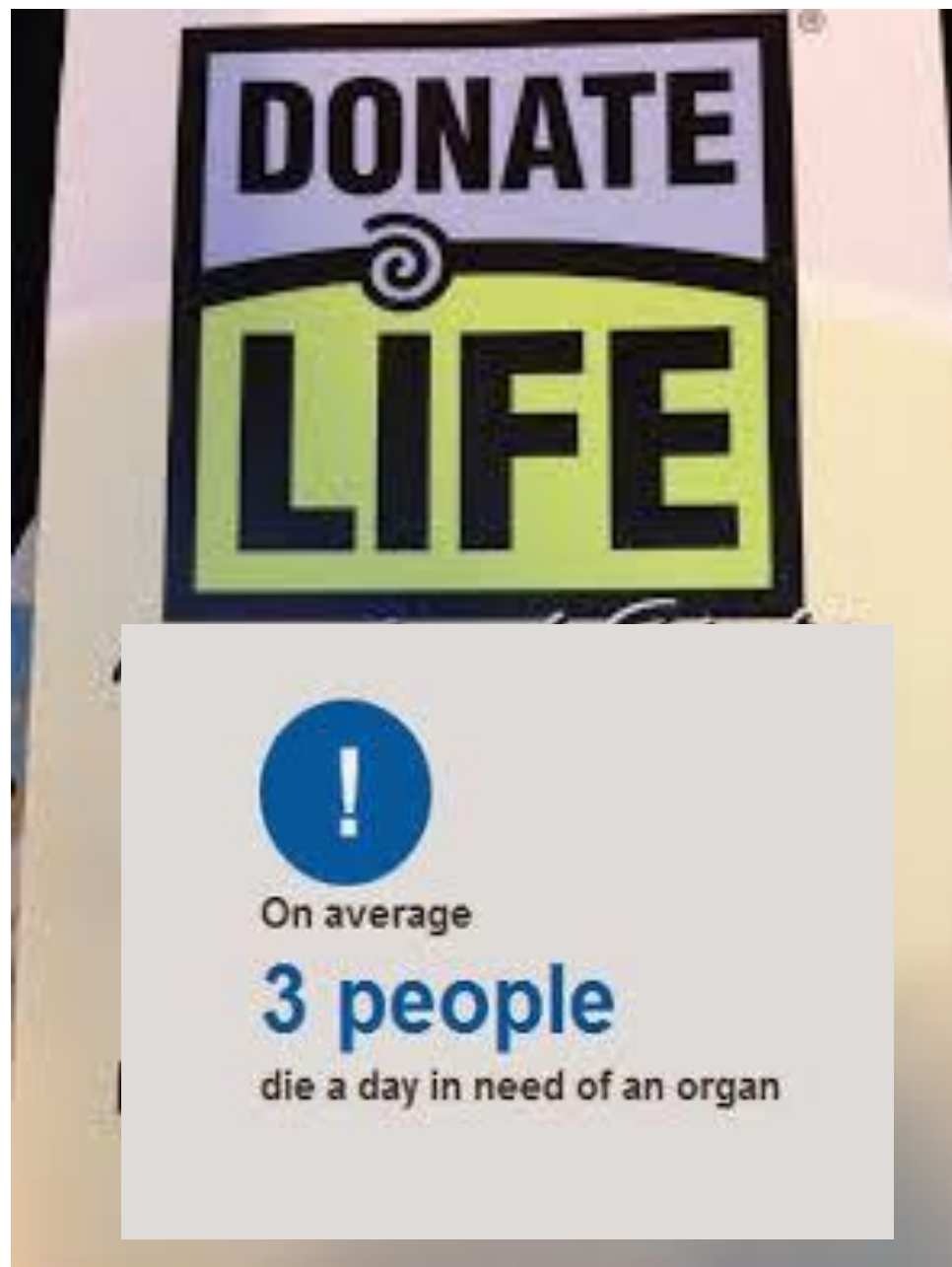












SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

- Known as :
- Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Sacrament of Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Supper
- The Mysterious Supper
- Sacrament of Community
- **The Meaning of the Eucharist**
- The Sacrament of Communion is a Holy Sacrament by which the believer eats the Holy Body and Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, presented by the Bread and Wine. This Sacrament has the greatest importance among the Seven Church Sacraments. It is sometimes called the 'Mystery of Mysteries' or the 'Crown of Sacraments'; for all the Sacraments are crowned by the Eucharist :

Crown of Sacraments

- ❖ The person baptized must receive Communion directly after Baptism. And holy anointment
- ❖ The repentant person must receive Communion after having confessed.
- ❖ The person who marries must receive Communion after the wedding,
(which must take place between the Matins and Holy Mass), according to the original Rite of Matrimony.
- ❖ Also, whoever is ordained with any priestly rank must receive Communion following the Holy Mass of his ordination.

Its Institution

The Lord Jesus instituted the holy Eucharist on Covenant Thursday, in the Upper Room of Zion, shortly before His arrest and trial. After He celebrated the Rite of Passover of the Jews, He rose and washed the feet of His disciples, as a sign of repentance and preparation, then sat down and instituted the Passover of the New Covenant, which is the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

“He took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, ‘Take, eat, this is My Body’, then He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to His disciples saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins’” (Matthew 26:26-28), and our teacher St Paul repeats the same words in I Corinthians (II:23-25).

Matthew 26

26:17 Now on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?

26:18 And He said, Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples. '

26:19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

26:20 When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve.

26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is My body.

26:27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink from it, all of you.

26:28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

1 Corinthians 11

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.

25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

The Benefits of Holy Communion

1-Abiding in Christ according to His precious promise: *“He who eats My Flesh, and drinks My Blood abides in Me, and I in him”* (John 6:56). By receiving this Sacrament we become members of His Body, of His Flesh and of His Bones (Ephesians 5:30), and we also become partakers of the Divine Nature, (2 Peter 1:4).

2-It gives us the promise of eternal life : *“Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day. He who eats this Bread will live forever”* (John 6:54,58).

3-It provides growth in the Spirit and spiritual perfection and life in Jesus Christ, for He said: *“For My Flesh is food indeed and My Blood is drink indeed As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me”* (John 6:55,57).

4-Communion gives a person immunity against sin.

Communion results in our salvation and remission of sins; as mentioned in the final ‘Confession’ in the liturgy : *“Given for our salvation, remission of sins and eternal life to those who partake of Him”*.

5-It gives purification for our souls, our bodies and our spirits. St Paul advises us, “Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Corinthians 7:1).

6-It provides the **unity** of the body and spirit, as St. Paul our teacher says : *“For we being many, are one bread and one body, for we all partake of that one body”* (1 Corinthians 10:17).

7-It gives us an eternal inheritance with all the saints who have pleased the Lord by their good deeds, and this is our greatest longing and aim of our struggle; to please the Lord and granted an inheritance amongst His saints. Communion helps us achieve this goal

Some grafting tools.

The knife and chisels are essential.



- *“The ones who come out of the great tribulation and washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb”* (Revelation 7:14).
- Communion gives a person immunity against sin. *“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies”* (Psalm 23:5). This verse was a prophecy about the table of Communion and its benefits for victory against our enemies.
- *“We ask You O our Master, to partake of Your holies for the purification of our souls, our bodies and our spirits. That we may become one body and one spirit, and may have a share and an inheritance with all the saints who have pleased You since the beginning...”*
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- **Here a question arises: What is the meaning of worthiness of Communion from the Holy Body and Blood of the Lord, and when is a person worthy of this great grace and receive it without falling into condemnation?**
- **1-True Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ**
- **2-Repentance**
- **3-Reconciliation with others**
- **4He must not deal with Communion as if ordinary food, or partake of it for blessing only, but he must know the greatness of the Holy Body and Blood of the Lord**
- **5-Worthiness is feeling unworthy and sinful, and knowing that the holies are for the holy person**
- **6-Necessary Physical Purity For Communion**

- It is advisable that the remainder of the day be spent relaxing, rather than mingling with others. Reading spiritual books and spending the day in peace is a great way to feel the existence of God inside you, after having received the Holy Communion.

26:21 Now as they were eating, He said, Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.

26:22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, Lord, is it I?

26:23 He answered and said, He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.

26:24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.

26:25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, Rabbi, is it I? He said to him, You have said it.