

Communion is...

Communion is claiming... I herewith lay hold of all the benefits of Jesus Christ's full work in my life.

Read Matthew 27:50-53

Today we continue to look closely at the supernatural aftereffects of Jesus' death because we know as we proclaim His death, we can experience those effects as well. So, let's look at, ***"and the earth shook and the rocks were split"*** found in verse 51. The question would be **"Why?"** meaning why did these things happen?

First, "the earth shaking..." When things are unstable, they shake. Even though no one fully understood this yet, from the beginning of time Jesus had been the Cornerstone of the earth. In fact, Colossians 1 tells us that, ***"in Him all things hold together."*** So, it only makes sense that once Jesus was dead, the earth would shake. Perhaps as the shaking began, those standing around recalled that moment in the temple when Jesus had said to them, ***"Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The Stone which the builders rejected, this became the Chief Cornerstone...'"*** (Matthew 21:42)

And what about the rocks splitting? When Jesus was alive, He had also spoken these words, ***"If my followers become silent, then the rocks will cry out."*** (Luke 19:40) And He had also advised against building life on unstable worldly things, warning that one day those things would come crashing down. See the only stability in this life is Jesus, The Rock. Knowing these things, it only makes sense that once Jesus was dead, the rocks would split open both as if crying out in worship and in the breaking of worldly foundations that are not stable.

For so many reasons, I cannot imagine being present during these moments when the Truths of Jesus were being proclaimed all around. I pray that if I had been there, I would have recalled His teachings and seen the connections and humbled myself to all that His death means. And I envision that would be your prayer too.

Even though we weren't there then, we are here now, and we have an invitation to proclaim the Lord's death each and every time we take of communion. And as we do so, I believe ***"the earth shaking"*** and ***"the rocks splitting"*** speak into what we actually proclaim.

See there are times in this life that it can feel as if the earth is shaking, like nothing feels stable. But as we take communion, we can proclaim that Jesus is our Chief Cornerstone, always holding us together in His love and care for us. That is a powerful proclamation!

And as far as the rocks splitting... each day as we take communion and proclaim His death, we are worshipping Him, humbly thanking Him for His sacrifice. May the rocks never have to cry out in worship for us. And may this proclamation also remind us to build our lives upon Him ... Christ, our firm foundation for all eternity!

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, thank You for holding all things together! Without You, I always feel unstable. But, in Your salvation I am held secure. **I worship You Jesus!**

