

**Don't Drink From The Enemies Cup--
The Faith To Be Free And Stay Free**

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A dark, possibly black or dark brown, ceramic mug is shown from the side. Steam is rising from the top of the mug, indicating it contains a hot liquid. The mug has a simple, curved handle on the left side. The background is dark and out of focus.

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In 1 Cor 10 Paul Lists 4 Things That Surfaced In The Lives Of The People Of Israel That Kept Them From Promised Land Entry:

- 1. Idolatry**
- 2. Sexual Immorality**
- 3. Testing The Lord**
- 4. Grumbling Against God**

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- **1 Corinthians 10:18–22 (NIV) — 18** Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? **19** Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? **20** No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. **21** You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. **22** Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

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- When We Sacrifice & Live For The Lord --
We Must Eat From His Table Exclusively
- When We Participate Ungodly or Unscriptural Things --
We Become Participants With The Spirit That Is Behind Them
- *The Lord Says, "I Don't Want You To Drink From My Cup And
The Cup Of Demons."*
- This Must Be Dealt With In Order To Enter Into The Lord's
Land Of Promise

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- **It Takes Faith – Full Faith, Uncompromised Faith To Be Free And Stay Free**
- **1 Corinthians 10:21–22 (NIV) — 21** You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. **22** Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?
- **When We Abandon Our Faith -- Fear, Failure, And Frustration Will Surface And Our Freedom Will Fade Into Captivity**

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- **Mark 4:35–41 (NIV) — 35** That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” **36** Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. **37** A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. **38** Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” **39** He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. **40** He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” **41** They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

In Jesus Name – Storms Will Go

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- Jesus Speaks To The Wind And The Waves And Then It Turns Completely Calm
- The Message Is: If You Will Call To Christ -- and Drink From His Cup -- Even In The Worst Of Storms In Your Life
- There Is No Reason To Worry Or Fear
- Because Christ Comes Through Every Time

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In Jesus' Name Torment Will Go

- **Mark 5:1–5:20 (NIV)** — **1** They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. **2** When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. **3** This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. **4** For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. **5** Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. **6** When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. **7** He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won’t torture me!” **8** For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you evil spirit!” **9** Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” **10** And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

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- **11** A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. **12** The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." **13** He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. **14** Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. **15** When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. **16** Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. **17** Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. **18** As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. **19** Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." **20** So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

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- **One Of Satan's Most Powerful Tactics is that He Works Hard To Convince Christians That He Does Not Exist**
- If He Can Do That -- Then The Demons Can Continue Their Evil Work Without Interference Or Opposition
- We Need To Know And Understand That Satan Is Real -- He Is Evil -- He Is Our #1 Enemy As Believers In Jesus Christ.

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God's Word Teaches The Existence Of The Devil As A Fact

- ***Jesus Believed In The Reality Of Satan And His Demons***
- ***Jesus Recognized The Power Of The Devil And His Demons***

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After Calming The Sea -- Jesus And The Disciples Got In A Boat And Crossed The Lake

- ***As Soon As They Got Out Of The Boat Arriving In Gadara, They Faced A Spiritual Conflict Of Epic Proportions***
- ***Demons Bring Destruction & Despair***

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The Symptoms Of Demon Possession Exhibited By This Man:

- *He Was Antisocial*
- *He Was Violent*
- *He Had Unusual Strength*
- *He Demonstrated Moral Depravity*
- *He Was Clearly And Unmistakably Not "In His Right Mind"*
- *He Demonstrated Fearful Fits Of Rage*

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*He Spent Night And Day In The Tombs, And In The Hills
Surrounding The Tombs*

There Is A Satanic Fascination With Death And Destruction.

- *Tombs*
- *Chains*
- *Cutting*
- *Death And Dying*

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Because He Yielded To Satan, The Thief, This Man Lost Everything!

He Lost:

- 1. His Home***
- 2. Fellowship Of His Family And Friends***
- 3. His Peace And His Purpose For Living***

- He Would Have Remained In That Plight Had Jesus Not Come Through A Storm To Rescue Him**

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*While Demons Bring Destruction And Despair
Jesus Bring Deliverance:*

- **Deliverance Comes From The Deliverer**
- **This Man Did Not Want To Be Possessed**
- **He Fell On His Knees Before The Lord**

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Jesus Speaks To The Evil Spirits Within The Man:

- *There Is An Immediate recognition and fear of Jesus*
- *The Demons respected and feared Jesus.*
- *They knew Him and immediately recognized His presence.*
- *They did not attempt to resist Him.*
- *they have no defense against Jesus.*
- *They must obey Him.*

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Jesus Responds Directly To The Panic Of The Demon Spirits,

- *Saying: "Come Out... Evil Spirit!"*

This Was Not A Suggestion -- It Was A Command

- *The Demon Spirits Had To Tell The Truth*
- *They Said: "My Name Is Legion-- We Are Many."*

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The Demons Ask For Permission To Enter A Large Herd Of Pigs Nearby

- Jesus Allows It, And The Possessed Pigs Run Into The Lake And Drown**
- There Is A Release : The Man Is Set Free!**

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The People Who Heard What Happened Couldn't Believe It

▪ **As He Was Sitting There – Dressed -- In His Right Mind**

- **They Gave Eyewitness Testimony**
- **They all urge Jesus to go away and leave them alone!**
- ***Afraid, Unwilling To Change, Missing The \$: They Asked Jesus To Leave Their Region.***
- ***The Lord Does Not Stay Where He Is Not Wanted, So He Left.***

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The Delivered Man Expresses His Newfound Desire – He Wanted To Go With Jesus.

- Jesus Said “No.” Go To Your Family And Tell Them How Much The Lord Has Done For You.***
- Evangelism Begins With Us Telling Our Story: God Has Set Me Free!***

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We See A Few Categories Of People In These 2 Accounts That Describe The Vast Majority Of People Today.

- Some Are In A Storm, Some Are Asleep, Others Are In Chains , Being Held Captive***
- Jesus Could Sleep In A Storm Because He Knew Who He Was***
- Jesus Could Sleep In The Storm Because He Knew Whose He Was***

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Remember You Are A Child Of God You Were Bought With A Price -- You Have Value And You Have Authority -- Put Yourself In God's Hands – He Knows What He Is Doing

True Faith Counts On God

- *Faith Says: "My Life Is In Your Hands;"
"Whatever The Situation I Trust You!"*
- *Jesus Overcame Storms And Demons By Faith*
- *Jesus Took Authority Over Them By Faith*

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Today --People Of Faith Are Needed More Ever

- **More Than Most People Know Or Understand**
- **Believers Who Know:**
 - *Their Lord*
 - *Their Authority Over The Enemy*

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People Of Faith Are Not Always Welcome Or Asked To Stick Around -- Like Jesus Was Asked To Leave

Satan Has Deceived Some People To Want The Things That Trap And Defeat Them ; The Things That Give Them False Promise

- **And At The Same Time, They Refuse And Reject The Things That Will Set Them Free**

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Demons Only Enter Through Open Doors

- *Where they are welcomed, where they are not resisted, rejected or renounced, Demons will enter and stay -*

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We Are Seeing An Increase In Demonic Manifestation Today:

- *Many have rejected righteousness and accepted evil and wickedness*
- *They have entertained by and aligned with spirits against God*
- *Many have accepted and allowed demonic activities to flourish. They are paying for it now*

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Christ's Mission Was To Put An End To The Devil's Works

- **1 John 3:8 (NIV) — 8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.**
- *Christ won the decisive victory on Calvary*

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*Jesus Came To Destroy The Works Of The Devil And He
Enables Us To Stand Against Satan Today*

- (1 Pet. 5:8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour”
- **(1 Pet. 5:9) Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world”**

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Recently We Looked At 7 Steps To Freedom In Christ

- 1. Reject The Counterfeit Supernatural & Choose The Real Relationship W Christ*
- 2. Reject All Deception & Choose Truth*
- 3. Reject Bitterness & Unforgiveness & Choose To Forgive & Be Free*
- 4. Reject Rebellion Towards God & Become Fully Submitted To Him*
- 5. Reject Pride & Choose Humility*
- 6. Reject Captivity & Choose Freedom*
- 7. Reject Curses & Choose Blessings*

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Satan Is A Defeated Enemy -- Christ Is Triumphant

- **Matthew 10:1 (NIV) — 1** He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.
- **Matthew 10:8 (NIV) — 8** Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.
- **Jesus Gave His Disciples Power Over Demons.**

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8 Steps To Deliverance

- 1. Receive Christ & Recognize The Need For Deliverance**
- 2. Repent Of Any Known Sins: Including Unforgiveness**
- 3. Renounce Any Connection To Demons Through Occult Or Other Sinful Practices**
- 4. Release Yourself From Any Unclean Spirit**

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5. Resist The Devil

6. Replace The Demons In Your Life With The Holy Spirit

7. Renew Your Mind In Your New Identity You Have In Jesus

8. Remain Rooted In The Local Church And In Small Group

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In Jesus's Name There Is Freedom Today!

- *In Jesus Name Storms Will Go*
- *In Jesus Name Torment Will Go*
- *In Jesus Name Chains Will Go*

In Jesus You Have Freedom And You Have A Future

- *You Don't Have To Live In A Storm Without Hope*
- *You Don't Have To Live In Chains Because Christ Can Set You Free*

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- There Is A Release: The Man Is Set Free! We Are Set Free!**