

## The Cup of Blessing Communion

- I. **Luke 22:15-20 (KJV)** – <sup>15</sup>And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: <sup>16</sup>For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>And he **took the cup**, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: <sup>18</sup>For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. <sup>19</sup>And **he took bread**, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. <sup>20</sup>**Likewise also the cup** after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

### A. Passover and Communion

1. Jesus was celebrating the Passover with the Disciples
2. Passover – a commemoration of when God brought Israel out of Egyptian bondage / A looking forward to the coming of the Messiah
3. Jesus declares the beginning of the New Covenant through the offering of his body and blood.
4. New Covenant/Testament believers are not celebrating O.T. Passover, we are celebrating the New Covenant
5. Passover was a celebration / Communion is a celebration
6. Communion goes a step beyond celebration / it is appropriating to oneself the blessings proclaimed in the New Covenant through the body and blood of Jesus. *Appropriate – to take for one’s own use.*

## **B. Powerless Religious Traditions and Rituals**

1. Many take Communion because it is the tradition of the church without any understanding of what it means or what they are doing.
2. Whenever we participate in something without understanding its purpose, we fail to partake of its blessing.

Example: The church I grew up in – Communion

## **II. The Real Meaning Behind Communion**

**Luke 22: 19 (KJV)** – *And **he took bread**, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

### **A. The Bread/Body – *Jesus took various things upon His own body for us.***

1. **2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV)** – *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God*
2. **Galatians 3:13 (KJV)** – *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.*
  - i. In Deut 28 the much of the “Curse List” refers to things that would come upon the body.
  - ii. **Isaiah 53:4-5 (KJV)** – *<sup>4</sup>Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*
  - iii. Griefs and Sorrows = Heb – *Sickness and Pain*

- iv. **Isaiah 53:4-5 (CSB)**- *Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains;*
- v. The body in communion refers to everything that Jesus took in the offering of his own body
- vi. Whatever he took in his own body – I can be healed or delivered of in the New Covenant

## B. The Cup/Blood

**Luke 22:20 (KJV)** – *Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.*

1. New Testament/New Covenant
2. Everything we receive is based upon the New Covenant which is established upon the blood of Jesus rather than the blood of animals
3. The blood of animals provided a temporary means of forgiveness/ blessing. Jesus is the once for all sacrifice (Hebrews 10:10)
4. Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness/cleansing of sin – (Hebrews 9:22).

## III. Scriptures to consider

**A. 1 Corinthians 10:16 (KJV)** – *The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?*

1. The blessing is proclaimed as we partake of communion
2. **Psalms 103:1-5 (KJV)** – <sup>1</sup>*Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.* <sup>2</sup>*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:* <sup>3</sup>*Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;* <sup>4</sup>*Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender*

*mercies; <sup>5</sup>Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

**B. Genesis 14:18-20 (KJV)** – <sup>18</sup>*And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. <sup>19</sup>And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: <sup>20</sup>And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.*

1. Salem = Shalem – Peace = King of Peace
2. When he brought bread and wine, the King of Peace Blessed Abraham
3. *Blessed be Abram of the most high God, which HATH delivered thine enemies into thy hand!*

**C.** Jesus, the High Priest of God has come with bread and wine and declared the PEACE/Blessing of God upon all who will receive Him by faith!

**IV. Remember = Do this in remembrance of me**

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**Make sure you REMEMBER what it means to be in covenant**