

PASSOVER OR THE LORD'S SUPPER

People want to do physical things to prove they are spiritual

1 Corinthians 10:14 (KJV)

¹⁴Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

1 Corinthians 10:15 (KJV)

¹⁵I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

1 Corinthians 10:16 (KJV)

¹⁶The 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) 2 Cor. 13:14(KJV) “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”

a) Communion is number 2842 in Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary. It means: *partnership*, i.e. (lit.) *participation*, or (social) *intercourse*, (pecuniary) *benefaction*:--(to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-) distribution, fellowship. It is

translated communion 4 times in the KJV of the Bible: **1 Cor. 10:16 (2); 2 Cor. 13:14 (2).**

b) It is translated fellowship 12 times in the KJV of the Bible: **Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Cor. 8:4; Eph. 3:9 (2); Phil. 1:5; 2:1; 3:10; 1 John 1:3 (2); 1:6, 7 (2).**

c) How many of these references are to a literal, physical table? The answer? None.

1 Corinthians 10:17 (KJV)

¹⁷For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

- 1) Paul here says that we are one body and one bread by being partakers of that ONE Bread. Does this mean that the cup and bread of what is called the Lord's supper symbolizes us also? Is this speaking naturally or spiritually?
- 2) Do we become partakers of that one bread by eating a bite of physical bread and taking a sip of juice (or wine), or by being born again by repenting, being baptized in His name for the remission of sins, and receiving the Holy Spirit.

a) **Acts 2:38 (KJV)** "Then peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every

one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

b) Rom. 6:6a (KJV) “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him...”

c) Rom. 6:4a “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death...”

d) Rom. 6:11 (KJV) “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Corinthians 10:18 (KJV)

¹⁸Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

1 Corinthians 10:19 (KJV)

¹⁹What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?

1 Corinthians 10:20 (KJV)

²⁰But I *say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

1 Corinthians 10:21 (KJV)

²¹Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils.

1) If the Lord’s table is the table from which the ‘communion’ is served, what would be

the ‘table of devils? (Strong’s number 1140, *demonic beings, demons.*)

- 2) If the ‘table of the Lord’ is a literal, physical table, with literal, physical elements [wine or grape juice and bread], would not the ‘table of demons’ likewise be a literal, physical table with literal, physical elements? If not, why not?
- 3) If we partake of the Lord’s table in what is called communion, or Lord’s supper, how would we partake of the table of demons?
- 4) If we would say that the bread and cup are symbolic, what are the symbols on the table of demons?
- 5) Besides, have not the symbols and symbolism been fulfilled in Christ?
 - a) **Col.2:17 (NIV)** “These are a shadow of things that were to come; the reality, however is found in Christ.”
 - b) **Heb. 8:5 (KJV)** “Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.” See also **Heb. 9:9** and **10:1**.
 - c) What purpose do the symbols serve

when we have the substance, the reality? The Old Covenant had the symbolism. The New Covenant has the reality, the substance. Why should we need the symbol when we have that which was symbolized?

1 Corinthians 11:17 (KJV)

¹⁷Now in this that I declare *unto you* I praise *you* not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.

1 Corinthians 11:18 (KJV)

¹⁸For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

1 Corinthians 11:19 (KJV)

¹⁹For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

1 Corinthians 11:20 (KJV)

²⁰When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lord's supper.

1) Supper is number 1173 in Strong's, and means: *from the same as #1160; dinner, i.e. the chief meal (usually) in the evening: feast, supper.* Why then do many churches have the Lord's *supper* in the morning?

1 Corinthians 11:21 (KJV)

²¹For in eating every one taketh before *other* his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

1 Corinthians 11:22 (KJV)

²²What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not.

1 Corinthians 11:23 (KJV)

²³For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:

1 Corinthians 11:24 (KJV)

²⁴And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

1 Corinthians 11:25 (KJV)

²⁵After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.**

1) What was the occasion on which the events referred to in verses 24 and 25 took place?

Was it not the Passover?

a) **Matthew 26:17, 18, 26-29 (17)** “Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that

we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?
(18) And he said, **Go into the city to such a man and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples.** **(26)** And as they were eating [the Passover] Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** **(27)** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it.** **(28)** **For this my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.** **(29)** **But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."**

- (i) Did Jesus mean that He would literally drink of the fruit of the vine when the kingdom had come in its fullness? If so, does this mean that when Christians partake of the bread and cup in what is called the Lord's supper, Jesus is literally and physically present, drinking of the literal and physical fruit of the vine with them? If not,

why not?

b) Compare also **Mark 14:12-15, 22-25**
and **Luke 22:7-20**

c) Was not the Passover a type of Christ dying as a sacrifice for our sins?

“Purge out therefore the old leaven [is this literal or spiritual?], that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **(8)** Therefore let us keep the feast, [spiritually or physically?] not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth”
(1 Cor. 5:7, 8).

d) Are we to literally and physically “purge out old natural leaven and literally and physically keep the feast,” or does this have a spiritual meaning?

e) If we must have ‘symbols,’ what are the symbols? When and how are we to partake of them?

f) If we do not need ‘symbols’ for this, why then do we need the symbols for what we call the Lord’s Supper?

1 Corinthians 11:26 (KJV)

²⁶For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord’s death till he come.

1) What feast of the Old Covenant showed beforehand the Lord's death "till He came? Was it not the Passover?

a) **1 Cor. 5:7** "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us."

b) See **Exodus 12:1-14**

1 Corinthians 11:27 (KJV)

²⁷ Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

- 1) Can it be proven scripturally that someone is "guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" just because he partakes of natural, physical symbols in a manner considered unworthy? Is this not what the Roman Catholic Church teaches?
- 2) Could Paul be referring to the same bread and drink as Jesus spoke about in the sixth chapter of John? Let us read from **John 6**.

a) **John 6:32, 33** "Then Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world."**

b) John 6:48-58 “I am that bread of life. **49** Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. **50** This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. **51** I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eats of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I give *is* my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. **52** The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, how can this man give us his flesh to eat? **53** Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. **54** Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. **55** For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. **56** He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. **57** As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. **58** This is that bread that came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread

shall live forever.”

1 Corinthians 11:28 (KJV)

²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

1 Corinthians 11:29 (KJV)

²⁹For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

- 1) If we have the spiritual perception to properly discern the Lord's body as a spiritual organism, what purpose do physical, natural elements serve?
- 2) The Roman Catholic Church “discerns” the Lord's body in the wafer and cup. Is this not what many of our assemblies do, to a lesser or perhaps equal degree, when we insist on natural and physical elements in what we call the Lord's Supper? TAKE THE TYPES, SHADOWS, AND SYMBOLS AND GIVE ME THE REALITY!

1 Corinthians 11:30 (KJV)

³⁰For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

- 1) Why were many weak and sickly and many asleep [dead]? They were partaking of the Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner, “not discerning the Lord's body” (verse 29). Do we partake of the Lord's

Body in an unworthy manner by how we LIVE, or by our attitude when we partake of SYMBOLS. I don't believe it has anything to do with symbols, but is how we live our lives as we partake of Him through our worship, praise, study of His Word and manner of life before Him. Don't you?

2)1 Cor. 11:29 (NIV) “For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

1 Corinthians 11:31 (KJV)

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

1 Corinthians 11:32 (KJV)

³²But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

1 Corinthians 11:33 (KJV)

³³Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

1 Corinthians 11:34 (KJV)

³⁴And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

1)Do we have things today that need to be set in order by the Word of God? I think so, don't you?

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