

COMMUNION OF CHRIST

PAUL'S DOCTRINE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"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 Corinthians 10:16

1. Communion Confusion

- a. Jewish Passover
 - i. Only circumcised - Exodus 12:43, 48;
 - ii. Yearly ritual - Exo 13:10
 - iii. This Passover was a shadow – Col 2:17
- b. Jesus' Passover
 - i. Jesus the better sacrifice - Hebrews 9:8-13; 17-18
 - ii. He kept the Passover - Gal 4:4
 - iii. Israel's picture of the new covenant – Mat 26:26-29
 - iv. They kept the Passover - Mark 14:16
 - v. Laws, statutes, and ordinances of New Covenant – Jer 31:31; Eze 36:24
- c. Catholic Mass - Eucharist
 - i. Eat the flesh and blood - John 6:51-56
 - ii. Answer: It is the spirit and the words – John 6:63
- d. Protestant Ordinances
 - i. Baptism and the Lord's Supper? – Col 2:14
 - ii. "Means of grace" – Titus 2:11; Eph 1:7

2. Communion Supper – Paul's description

- a. What it is
 - i. It is the communion of the body of Christ – 1 Cor 10:16-17
 - ii. It is a meal – 1 Cor 11:20-21
 - iii. It is a remembrance – 1 Cor 11:24-27
- b. The Bread and Drink
 - i. Kingdom is not in meat and drinks - Rom 14:7
 - ii. The spiritual meat and drink – 1 Cor 10:1-4
 - iii. The mishandling of the meat and drink – 1 Cor 10:7
 - iv. Flee idolatry - 1 Cor 10:14 because 1 Cor 10:16-17
 - v. The body and Spirit – 1 Cor 12:12-13

3. The Corinthian Exhortation - 1 Cor 11:17-32

- a. The problem of disunity – 1 Cor 11:17-20
- b. The problem of misbehavior – 1 Cor 11:21-22
- c. The instruction to discern the Lord's body – 1 Cor 11:23-26
- d. Those who do not discern are condemned – 1 Cor 11:27-32
- e. The admonition to tarry – 1 Cor 11:33-34