

BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

ONE BLOOD, TWO PURPOSES

"For After 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 Corinthians 11:25

1. Explaining the Controversy

- a. There's a difference between the Passover, Jesus' Passover, and Paul's revelation
- b. Communion is not Passover, Catholic Mass, or the sacred Protestant Ordinance
- c. Acts 2/Covenant (the clear majority) make it all the same (like they do baptism)
- d. Stam (Acts 9) included Matt, Mark, Luke meal as the pattern for the Body of Christ
- e. Acts 28ers do not take 1 Corinthians and think the supper is the Jewish Passover
- f. Part of the problem is 1 Cor 11:25 and Paul's mention of the new testament
- g. Are we under the New Covenant because of what Paul says here? No.

2. What is the New Covenant

- a. Starts with the promise of blessing to Abraham - Gen 12:3, Luke 1:68-75
- b. The law could not bring blessing to Israel - Exo 19:5-6
- c. A new covenant (a better one) was needed - Jeremiah 31:31-37
- d. New Covenant fulfillment is still future - Acts 3:19-21, 1 Pet 1:13, Heb 8:8-13
- e. Their salvation of the new covenant is yet to come - 2 Pet 3:13-15, Heb 9:28

3. The Blood of the New Testament

- a. Jesus shed his blood for the New Testament - Hebrews 9:13-17
- b. The NT could not be fulfilled without the shedding of blood - Heb 9:18
- c. He said his blood would be shed for the NT in Matt 26:28, Mark 14:24, Luk 22:20
- d. Jesus came to fulfill the prophecies (including his death) - Mat 1:22, 26:56
- e. When Jesus shed his blood, nobody understood what it did

4. Paul and the Blood of the New Testament

- a. Salvation was once of the Jews - John 4:22, Rom 9:1-5
- b. Gentiles partake of salvation that was once promised to Israel - Rom 15:27
- c. God revealed a mystery to Paul about what his blood accomplished - Eph 1:7
- d. We are made right by the blood of Christ - Eph 2:12-15
- e. We receive all spiritual blessings/ higher callings by the blood - Eph 1:3, 3:8-12, 19
- f. We stand in grace by faith in... his blood - Rom 5:2 → Rom 4:24-25, Rom 3:25
- g. The mystery gospel required blood be shed, but it was not promised - Col 1:20
- h. The blood was shed for the NT, but accomplished something more... the mystery

5. Communion of the Blood

- a. The blood shed at a cross when the mystery was still hid, it was for the NT.
- b. The cup is the blood, we are not drinking into the NT - 1 Cor 10:16
- c. We benefit from the NT just like we benefit from Israel, and they are fallen.
- d. One blood shed fulfilled two purposes: one prophesied (NT), one a mystery