

DRINKING THE CUP

WHAT IT MEANS TO DRINK TOGETHER

"Ye 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 Corinthians 10:21

1. The Communion Cup

- a. The Lord's table / communion / Lord's supper for the church is distinctly Pauline
- b. It has turned into a religious ceremony, sacrament, or a means of God's grace
- c. Catholics make the cup to be real blood, the means of salvation – Col 1:14
- d. Intinction, individual thimbles, sacramental spoons surround the practice
- e. Meat (and drink) do not commend us to God – 1 Cor 8:8, Rom 14:17
- f. Christ and his blood is what make us partakers of God's blessing – 1 Cor 8:6
- g. Communion is our partaking together in Christ's death for us – 1 Cor 11:26

2. Drinking the Cup

- a. A cup is not used for storage or serving; you receive your portion in a cup.
- b. The preparer of the table portions out the cup – Psa 23:4
- c. "drinking the cup" in the Bible refers to receiving your portion – Ps 16:5, 17:14
- d. The table and cup is not real; but the Lord's portion is not the portion of the world

3. What's in the Cup?

- a. What is the portion? To the wicked – Psa 75:7-8; To the nations - Jer 25:15-17
- b. The Lord's portion – he needed to die – John 18:11; Matt 26:39-41
- c. His blood provides atonement, justification, redemption – Rom 3:25, 5:9; Col 1:14
- d. The blood of Christ made it possible for the new creature to be – Eph 2:13
- e. The cup is the communion of the blood of Christ – 1 Cor 10:16

4. Partakers of the Lord's Table

- a. Do you receive your portion in communion with the blood of Christ?
- b. You cannot serve two masters: you cannot partake of both - 1 Cor 10:21
 - i. The blood of Christ bought you with a price – 1 Cor 6:20
 - ii. We don't "drink the kool-aid" – we examine ourselves – 1 Cor 11:28
- c. Be fully persuaded as to the Lord... "for to this end Christ died" – Rom 14:5-9
 - i. Do you remember what your portion is – Gal 2:20 – crucified with Christ
 - ii. Do you remember what the Lord has provided for you to do/to be?
- d. Are you glad to be a Christian? Do you take for granted what was done for you?
 - i. Do you partake of the Lord's Table, or are you still pursuing your own will.
 - ii. Don't take for granted, be a partaker of the gospel – 2 Tim 1:8
- e. We drink together today as to the Lord in shared service to him and his will.