

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Q & A

Scripture Reading: Mt 26:26-30

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Introduction:

1. There is a lot of information to be discussed concerning the Lord's Supper.
2. There are many misconceptions about the Lord's Supper that must be identified

I. THE NUMBER OF CUPS

A. THE CUP IS A METONYMY -cf. 2Co 3:15

B. THE WORDS OF JESUS -Lk 22:17

1. This is the final cup Jesus passed (the cup of "Blessing")
2. Each of the cups were passed during the feast and were poured into each of the disciple's cups.

II. THE PARTICIPANTS

A. THIS IS FOR CHRISTIANS

1. The disciples came together to break bread -Ac 20:7
2. The blood of Jesus was shed for the remission of sin -Mt 26:28
 - a. Those who have received the remission of sin should partake
 - b. This is accomplished through obedience to the gospel.
3. The Passover was only for Jews and Proselytes

B. WHEN A NON-CHRISTIAN PARTAKES

1. Use mild correction after the service.
2. We have open communion for visitors

III. LITERAL FLESH AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

A. THE EMBLEMS ARE REPRESENTATIVE

1. They represent the body and blood of Jesus
2. This is a memorial of Christ, not a replication

B. THE LITERAL VIEW INDICATES CANNIBALISM

IV. DOES COMMUNION FORGIVE SIN

A. NO. THIS IS A MEMORIAL

B. PLACE OF FORGIVENESS

1. Through the blood of Jesus -Ep 1:7
2. Through obedience to the gospel we contact the blood -Ro 6:3, 4
3. Through walking in the light -1Jn 1:7

V. AM I WORTHY TO PARTAKE? -1Co 11:23-26

A. WE PARTAKE IN A “WORTHILY MANNER” -vs. 27

1. Some believe they are not worthy to partake therefore they refrain for a time.
 - a. No one is worthy of the blood of Christ.
 - b. Paul’s message was to partake in a “worthily manner”.
2. The Corinthians were making it part of a common meal
3. They were therefore corrected by Paul

B. WE DISCERN THE LORD’S BODY

1. During communion it is easy to become distracted with other thoughts.
2. We must focus on the death of our Lord.
 - a. His body that was broken for us.
 - b. His blood that was shed for us to have the remission of sin.

Conclusion:

1. These are several misconceptions regarding the Lord’s Supper.
2. We study and grow to ensure that when we partake, God is pleased with us.