

THE CUP AND BREAD

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Exodus 12:1–14 (NLT) ¹ While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the LORD gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron:² “From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you.³ Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household.⁴ If a family is too small to eat a whole animal, let them share with another family in the neighborhood. Divide the animal according to the size of each family and how much they can eat.⁵ The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects. ⁶ “Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight.⁷ They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal.⁸ That same night they must roast the meat over a fire and eat it along with bitter salad greens and bread made without yeast.⁹ Do not eat any of the meat raw or boiled in water. The whole animal—including the head, legs, and internal organs—must be roasted over a fire.¹⁰ Do not leave any of it until the next morning. Burn whatever is not eaten before morning. ¹¹ “These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the LORD’s Passover.¹² On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD!¹³ But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ “This is a day to remember. Each year, from generation to generation, you must celebrate it as a special festival to the LORD. This is a law for all time.

Exodus 12:21–27 (NLT) ²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel together and said to them, “Go, pick out a lamb or young goat for each of your families, and slaughter the Passover animal.²² Drain the blood into a basin. Then take a bundle of hyssop branches and dip it into the blood. Brush the hyssop across the top and sides of the doorframes of your houses. And no one may go out through the door until morning.²³ For the LORD will pass through the land to strike down the Egyptians. But when he sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, the LORD will pass over your home. He will not permit his death angel to enter your house and strike you down. ²⁴ “Remember, these instructions are a permanent law that you and your descendants must observe forever.²⁵ When you enter the land the LORD has promised to give you, you will continue to observe this ceremony.²⁶ Then your children will ask, ‘What does this ceremony mean?’²⁷ And you will reply, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. And though he struck the Egyptians, he spared our families.’” When Moses had finished speaking, all the people bowed down to the ground and worshiped.

Matthew 26:17–30 (NLT) ¹⁷ On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for you?” ¹⁸ “As you go into the city,” he told them, “you will see a certain man. Tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My time has come, and I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.’”¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there. ²⁰ When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the twelve disciples.²¹ While they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.” ²² Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, “Am I the one, Lord?” ²³ He replied, “One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray me.²⁴ For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!” ²⁵ Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, “Rabbi, am I the one?” And Jesus told him, “You have said it.” ²⁶ As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take this and eat it, for this is my body.” ²⁷ And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, “Each of you drink from it,²⁸ for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.²⁹ Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father’s Kingdom.” ³⁰ Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

1 Corinthians 11:23–29 (NLT) ²³ For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread²⁴ and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”²⁵ In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it.”²⁶ For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again. ²⁷ So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.²⁸ That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.²⁹ For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God’s judgment upon yourself.

1 Corinthians 11:24 (NLT) ²⁴ ...Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

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Hebrews 10:8-18 (NLT) ⁸ First, Christ said, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or other offerings for sin, nor were you pleased with them" (though they are required by the law of Moses).⁹ Then he said, "Look, I have come to do your will." He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect.¹⁰ For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. ¹¹ Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins.¹² But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.¹³ There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet.¹⁴ For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says, ¹⁶ "This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." ¹⁷ Then he says, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds." ¹⁸ And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (NLT) ²⁷ So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.²⁸ That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.²⁹ For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself.

What do you need to do in response to today's message?

Three Biblical Truths:

1) The bread is to remind us of _____.

- See 1 Corinthians 11:24

The bread should remind us of who Jesus is, what He has done, what He is doing now in our lives, and what He has promised for us in the future.

2) The cup is to remind us of the _____

that is possible through the shedding of Jesus' blood on the cross.

- See 1 Corinthians 11:25, Hebrews 10:8-18, and 2 Corinthians 5:21

The cup is more about the promise (new covenant) than it is about the blood.

3) It is important that we take the Lord's Supper with the right _____.

- See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

We drink "unworthily" when...

- we just go through the motions of the eating and drinking without remembering and focusing on Jesus.
- we are knowingly sinning against God and have no remorse about it and are doing nothing to work on overcoming our sinful behavior.

For more information about what it means to become a follower of Christ or what to do after you make a decision to follow Jesus, speak to one of the pastors or elders following the service today (they can be found by the prayer room in the church lobby) or contact the church office at 717-762-7147 to set up an appointment. You may also request materials and find additional information to help you on your spiritual journey on our website:

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2) The cup is to remind us of the forgiveness of sins that is possible through the shedding of Jesus' blood on the cross.

3) It is important that we take the Lord's Supper with the right attitude and the right heart.

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- **We drink unworthily when we are knowingly sinning against God and have no remorse about it and are doing nothing to work on overcoming our sinful behavior.**

