

## **THE EUCHARIST CUP OF BLESSING**

Our lesson text is taken from (1 Cor.10:1-33). It is a warning to the Corinthian believers dealing with a culture of idolatry. In the middle of this discussion, Paul issued a warning regarding the New Covenant Eucharist (1 Cor.10:14-21).

(1Cor.10:14-21) is the context of our text. There are five Greek sentences in our context (1Cor.10:14, 15, 16-17, 18-20, 21).

Note that our lesson text is one Greek sentence. It will used for the focus of the four points of today's lesson on the **Eucharist Cup of Blessing**.

Today's lesson goes along with our present Sunday special series of lessons on the theology of the Blood of Christ regarding the 9 Factors of Communion of Eucharist Cup of Blessing.

We have already studied 4 of the 9: Reconciliation, Redemption, Propitiation, and Justification.

### **1. We will begin by examining our lesson text.**

Notice that (1 Cor.16:16) began with two Greek rhetorical questions that require a YES (ouchi) (an open book test) answer.

- “Is not (ouchi) the **cup of blessing** which (hos/ relative pronoun) we bless (eulogeo/ p.a.ind.1pl) a sharing of the blood of Christ?” answer: \_\_\_\_\_
- “Is not (ouchi) **the bread** which (hos) we break (klaō/ p.a.ind.1pl) a sharing (koinonia) [communion/ in common fellowship of grace salvation] of the body of Christ?” \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)

Note how Paul closed the Books of 1st and 2nd Corinthians (1Cor.16:23-24) and “**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship (koinonia) of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.**” (2 Cor.13:14) (Godhead)

- Keep this in mind today when we close our Sunday service with the Eucharist.

### **2. The Eucharist reminds us that the one body sacrificial offering of Jesus Christ and His one blood sacrificial offering is always sufficient to all who believe the grace gospel.**

(1 Cor.10:17) “Since (hoti) (1 Cor.16:16) there is **one** (heis) bread, we who are many (polus) are **one** (heis) body; we all partake (metexho/ p.a.ind.1pl) of the **one** (heis) body.”

Partaking in the Eucharist reminds us that we are **ONE local church body** of like-minded grace believers with a common mission to the world (2 Cor.5:17-21) Missionary Ambassadors for Christ.

### **3. The sharing (communion/ koinonia) is clearly symbolic from the fact that Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God in heaven, while the Eucharist is celebrated here on earth (Heb.1:3; Col.3:1; Ps.110:1).**

It is also clear that under the New Covenant, we celebrate His first coming while proclaiming His second coming.

At His second coming, we will experience His Resurrected personal presence - without reference to sin (Acts 1:9-11; Heb.9:28; 1 Thess.3:13-18).

(1 Cor.11:26) “**For as often as you eat the bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.**”

Now we experience His presence through the Indwelling ministry of The Holy Spirit, not the Eucharist (2 Cor.13:14; John 16:13-15).

#### 4. The Eucharist reminds us that we are **ONE BODY** in Christ by the **Baptism of The Holy Spirit**.

(1 Cor.12:4-14) [one or same dominate passage] (Gal.3:27; 1 Cor.12:12-27; Rom.12:4-16).

(1 Cor.12:13) “For by one Spirit we were **all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were **all made to drink of one Spirit.**” (1 Cor.6:19-20)

(1 Cor.12:27) “Now you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it.”

(Gal.3:27) “**For all of you were baptized into Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

(Gal.3:2) “**This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?** [Read the answer in Gal.3:3; Titus 3:5-7].

### Today’s Eucharist

We recently studied 4 of the 9 Factors of Communion of the Cup of Blessing.

(1 Cor.11:25)

“This cup is the new covenant in My blood, do this, as often as you drink it, **in remembrance** of Me.”

**Reconciliation** (katallage) is a radical exchange from a position of enmity with God in Adam towards a position of peace with God in Christ by the blood of Christ (Rom.5:10-11; Eph.2:13-16).

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**Redemption** (apolutrosis) is payment in full of the required ransom in order to be released from the slave market of Adam’s sin by the blood of Christ (1 Pet.1:18-21; Rom.6:22-23).

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**Propitiation** (hilasterion) is the appeasing of wrath of God regarding the 13 judicial charges of Adam’s sin by the blood of Christ (1 John 2:2; 4:10; Rom.3:25-26)

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**Justification** (dikaioma/ didkaiosis) is the acquittal of all judicial guilt so that the acquitted is freed as forever just and righteous (Rom.5:8-11,18; 3:21-26).

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