

THE CUP IN YOUR HAND

Matthew 26:27-28 and I Corinthians 11:25-26

There is much we can learn by focusing on the communion cup in our hands

I. THE CUP IN CHRIST'S HAND - Matthew 26:27-28

A. HIS CONDITION: Giving thanks

- Though the circumstances were painful, He was thankful

B. HIS COMMAND: Drink from it, all of you

1. Our participation is due to Christ's directive
2. The "all" being instructed are believers

C. HIS COMMENTS

1. This is covenant blood - See Luke 22:20
 - a. A single, unrepeatable offering - Hebrews 10:14
 - b. A satisfying offering - Hebrews 10:19-22
 - c. A substitutionary offering - I Peter 2:24
2. This is poured-out blood
 - a. Bloodshed was necessary - Hebrews 9:22b
 - b. Christ did not give blood drops - Hebrews 9:26b
 - c. It is poured-out for many - Romans 10:13
3. This is sin-forgiving blood
 - a. Jesus is the Lamb who takes away sin - John 1:29
 - b. Through His blood our sin-debt is cancelled - Colossians 2:13-14
 - c. God remembers our sin no more - Hebrews 10:17

II. THE CUP IN CHRISTIAN'S HANDS - I Corinthians 11:25-26

A. REMEMBERING HIM (25b)

1. Think of this primarily
2. Think of this Godwardly > Put the attention on Christ
3. Think of this frequently > "As often as you drink it"
4. Think of this vividly
 - a. Reminiscing with all of the details being relived and reflected upon
 - b. Reviewing the details of Christ's life and death

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B. PROCLAIMING HIM (26)

1. To solemnly declare
 - Maintaining that Christ's death is significant and important
2. To openly commend - Romans 5:6-8
3. To speak up - I Peter 2:9
4. To publish for wide distribution - Acts 13:4-5

CONCLUSION:

The cup in Christ's hand established a new covenant because of His singular, sin-forgiving, shedding of blood.

The cup in the Christians' hand is an opportunity for us to remember and proclaim the Lord's death