

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### The Subject: To Drink of a Cup

Genesis 2:16,17 -- (God speaks to Adam)-- *of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat -- But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, "thou shalt not" eat of it.*

I Corinthians 10:21 -- *Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of devils: Ye cannot be partakers of the Lords table and the table of devils.*

devils - Greek: daimonion--daemonic being; from daimon - our word demon; the stem "daio" meaning "to distribute fortunes" (of this world to self); this is all that is in the world (I John 2:16; Gen. 3:6).

Romans 7:14 -- *The law is spiritual*

I John 3:4 -- *sin is the "transgression of the law"*

Titus 2:14 -- *He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity*

law - Greek: nomos - from a primary verb nemo - legal food for grazing animals (sheep); prescribed usage by regulation i.e. what we as God's sheep are allowed to eat (spiritually).

iniquity - Greek: anomia - unlawful; from anomos; nomos is the word law; placing the alpha (A) before a word negates the word giving it a complete opposite meaning; hence a-nomos - unlawful food to eat; "transgression of the law" is one word in the Greek; it is the same word as iniquity; illegal food; to trespass beyond the boundary line into forbidden pastures; "Thou shalt not" .

sin - Greek: hamartia - offence; from hamartano; "not to share" (partake) in the prize; miss the mark(er)--(the boundary stake); err; from the negative alpha (A) and the word meros - section; allotment; portion; share hence- A-meros - not to share in legal food (the Lord's table); to feed self and thus have a devil.

Galatians 5:14 -- *For all the law (nomos-legal food) is fulfilled on one word even this; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self.*

Matthew 26:26, 27-- *Jesus took bread (unleavened)--and brake it - and said, Take, eat; This is my body.*

body - Greek: soma - The body (as a sound whole); from sozo "saved"

*He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them saying drink ye all of it.*

"To drink of a cup" was an ancient Jewish saying meaning to undergo violent death. To eat (partake) of the body is "lawful food" prescribed by Jesus (The Word). The church is the body (bread) of which we take part (partake or eat of) (Col. 1:18, 24). It is the Lord's table (thou mayest eat). He said, "the bread is my body (Matt. 26:26); the bread is the church (his body) (I Cor. 10:16, 17) and the bread is my flesh (John 6:51)." When we eat the bread of the spiritual passover, we take part as members in the church (body- Col. 1:18, 24). To partake of the body (the church) does not mean to attend the church building on Sundays and Wednesdays. It means "death to self (drinking the cup)" that Christ shall be resurrected in our mortal flesh (II Cor. 4:11) and we will live only for him. He is our portion (meros - allotment; share, Psalms 16:5; 73:26; 119:57; 142:5). To "eat flesh and drink blood" was a Jewish idiom meaning to participate in a slaughter. If we are not "lambs to the slaughter (Rom. 8:36)", "eating and drinking the flesh of Christ", then Jesus said, "Ye have no life in you (John 6:53)". The Lord's table is spiritual. We are not to pollute it with lame sacrifice (Mal. 1:7, 12) but rather give our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God (Rom. 12:1). The devil's table is feeding our own flesh and "distributing the fortunes" of this world to self (having a devil). Faith believes God's instructions (lawful food) and dies to self desires, opinions, and lusts (houses, lands, cars, money, position). We are to eat lawfully (spiritually), partaking of his body (the church, the bread, the flesh) (I Cor. 12:12-27). "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled (Matt. 5:6).

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