

The Cup of Everlasting Life

Matthew 26:26-29

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Today I would like to talk about this statement that Jesus made during His Last Supper. Jesus told His disciples that He would not drink anymore of this fruit of the vine, until He drinks it new with them in His Father's Kingdom.

So, the first questions would be, did His Father's Kingdom come, and if it did, when did His Father's Kingdom come?

John 6:35

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Here we see that Jesus is the bread of life and he that comes to Jesus shall never hunger; and if you believe on Jesus you will never thirst.

John 6:53-56

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, **hath eternal life**; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Here we are told in verse 53 that if you do not eat of His flesh and drink of His blood, then you have No Life in you. In verse 54 He continues and tells us that if you do eat of His flesh and drink of His blood, you have Eternal Life and that Jesus will raise you up at the Last day, or more commonly known as the Rapture of the Church. Verse 55 tells us that Jesus's flesh is meat indeed and His blood is drink indeed. Pay special attention to verse 56 as it expounds more upon verse 54. He that eats Jesus's flesh and drinks His blood, dwells in me, and I in him.

John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Here Jesus tells them the words He has spoken are Spirit and they will bring life, the flesh profits nothing: He then tells them His words were Spiritual and that they are life.

We know that for Jesus to dwell in you and for you to dwell in Him, that you must be born again of the Spirit. We see a few examples of this in Romans 8:9, John 14:16-18, and 1 John 3:22-24.

Romans 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

John 14:16-18

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the **Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

1 John 3:22-24

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And **hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.**

We have learned up to this point that Jesus told the multitude, concerning taking communion, that if you did not eat of His flesh, and drink of His blood, that you were none of His. We also learned from Jesus telling the multitude that if you do eat and drink of His flesh, that you will have Eternal Life. We then see from Apostle Paul that if you do not have the Spirit of Christ, which is the Spirit of God, that you are none of His. We also see Jesus himself speak about being the Comforter, or the Spirit of truth, that will come and dwell inside of us. Finally, we see from Apostle John that if we keep his commandments we know we dwell in Him, and He in us, by the Spirit which He has given unto us.

So, where is the Kingdom of God?

In Luke 17 we find out where the Kingdom of God is.

Luke 17:20-21

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, **behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

So, if the Kingdom of God comes in without observation and it is within us, and Jesus said if you eat my flesh and drink my blood he dwells in me and I in he; and if you do not have the Spirit of Christ you are none of His, then Jesus is referring to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

Thus, when Jesus said, MT 26:29 **But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.** That took place when we were born again. That New Cup of Wine, is the Cup of Life, Eternal Life, that takes place when the Spirit of Christ resides within you. The Disciples drank of this new wine on the day of Pentecost, when the men of the different nations said to Peter:

Acts 2:12-18

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as **ye suppose**, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

This does not take away from us taking communion, but helps us to better understand that we not only want to take communion, but we also want to be born again of the water and of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 11:23-30

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.**

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, **unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.**

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, **eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**

30 **For this cause** many are weak and sickly among you, and **many sleep.**

Here we are told why we do take communion. But we also learned that we should never just take communion because everyone else is doing it, but that we should always pray and be of a repentive heart, and understand the importance of why we are taking this communion, that we do partake of it worthily.