

Lord's Supper (Pt. 1)

Mat. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23

GOOD MORNING!!

HEAVEN CAME DOWN

Oh what a wonderful, wonderful day

Day I will never forget

After I'd wandered in darkness away

Jesus my Savior I met

O what a tender, compassionate friend

He met the need of my heart

Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling

He made all the darkness depart!

HEAVEN CAME DOWN

Chorus:

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul
When at the cross the Savior made me whole
My sins were washed away
And my night was turned to day
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul*

HEAVEN CAME DOWN

Now I've a hope that will surely endure
After the passing of time
I have a future in Heaven for sure
There in His presence sublime
And it's because of that wonderful day
When at the cross I believed
Riches eternal and blessings supernal
From His precious hand I received

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(repeat chorus then last line)*

1. 1 Cor. 10-12 has a lot to say about eating and drinking, and he lays the groundwork by defining the terms, in 1 Cor.10.
 - Eating and drinking in the midst of God's things can be a blessing or a curse.

2. Paul gives examples (1 Cor. 10:1-7):
 - a. Israel's Exodus generation participated in all the signs and wonders, eating and drinking the spiritual bread (manna) and drink (water from the rock) but God was displeased with their rebelliousness, and they died in the wilderness (10:1-5).
 - b. They ate and drank at the Golden Calf, claiming to be having a Lord's Feast (a Lord's Supper!) but to God's displeasure and they died in the wilderness (10:6-7; Ex. 32:5-6).
 - c. They ate and drank when they joined with Baal-peor unto their destruction (10:8; Num. 25:1-3, 9).
 - d. Israel's disobedience centered around food and drink: tempting (10:9; Num. 21:5-6) and murmuring (10:10; Num. 14:8-9).

3. When we as members of the Body of Christ eat and drink together to celebrate the Risen Christ:
 - a. The cup of blessing = fellowship of the Blood of Christ (all that the Risen Christ's death on the Cross accomplished for us) (1 Cor. 10:16).
 - b. The blessings that come from shed blood of Christ are especially: redemption and propitiation (Rom. 3:24-25); the forgiveness of sins (Eph. 1:7), redemption (Eph. 1:7), justification and life (Rom. 5:9-10) and reconciliation (Eph. 2:13).
 - c. You drink of the cup when you fellowship around the blessings that come through Christ's death.

- c. The bread we break = the fellowship we have that comes from being members together of the Body of Christ.
--The Holy Spirit placed us into the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13), knit together in (agape) love and built us up in the full knowledge of the Mystery (Col. 2:2).
- d. God's faithfulness provides us with this fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord (1 Cor. 1:9) for the purpose of ministering of the saints (2 Cor. 8:4) in the Gospel (Phil. 1:5) and the full knowledge of the Mystery (Eph. 3:9; Col. 2:2) through the Spirit (Phil. 2:1) adopting Christ's attitude of being willing to suffer and die for the edification of fellow believers (Phil. 2:1-8; 3:10): In short: **AGAPE LOVE!**

4. Paul's point is that eating and drinking of God's blessings is not a time where anything goes—such as, rebelliousness, idolatry or sexual immorality (all problems the Corinthians had!). It is a time for enjoying God's blessing that come from Christ's work on the Cross and sharing them with others.
5. Paul instructs the Corinthians to NOT carry out their fellowship one with another (literal and metaphorical eating and drinking together) like these examples from Israel's history (1 Cor. 10:6,11).
 - If your shared meal is despising God's blessings and causing murmuring and putting God to the test, it is not a meal centered around the Lord (1 Cor 11:20), it's a meal of devils (10:21) —like Aaron at the Golden Calf Incident.

6. The problem in Corinth is that they were claiming to be eating and drinking in accord with this, calling their eating and drinking the Cup of the Lord, breaking bread of the Lord around the Lord's Table (1 Cor. 10:21), having the Lord's Supper **BUT THEY WERE NOT!** (1 Cor. 11:20)

7. In fact, they were doing the exact opposite—more like the cup and the table of devils (1 Cor. 10:21). They are coming together for the worse: there are divisions and heresies among them, they were selfishly demeaning themselves, fellow believers and the whole church of God (11:17-22).