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Section: Doctrine of the Church (Ecclesiology)

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q112. What is the Lord's Supper?**

The Lord’s Supper is a holy, New Covenant ordinance from our Lord Jesus, whereby professing believers gather together regularly to remember, celebrate, and testify of the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ by the eating of bread and the drinking of wine, which symbolize the body and blood of Jesus. This is a regular practice and testimony for those who are saved by God.

* **God’s Righteous Judgment and Wrath**

**Romans 6:23** … the wages of sin is death …

**Exodus 11:4-6** So Moses said, “Thus says the LORD: About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again.

**Exodus 12:1-14**

* **Passed Over**

**John 1:29** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**Hebrews 9:22** … without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin.

**Romans 6:23** … the wages for sin is death …

**Hebrews 10:4** For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins

* **The Cup of Wrath**

**Mark 14:32-36** (NIV)They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba,Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

**2 Corinthians 5:21** (NASB) He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf …

**1 Corinthians 5:7** … For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

* **The Lord’s Supper**

**Luke 22:14-20**

**Matthew 26:26-28** Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

* **The bread: the symbolism of *unleavened* bread and why Jesus choose it for the Lord’s Supper ordinance.**

**Galatians 5:9** A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

**1 Corinthians 5:6-7** … Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**John 6:27-37**

* **The wine: the symbolism of wine and why Jesus choose it for the Lord’s Supper ordinance.**

The Passover Seder (ritual) included 4 different cups of wine: sanctification, judgment, redemption, and praise.

* **Wine is a symbol of blessing**

**Psalm 4:7** You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**Psalm 104:14-15** You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

**Proverbs 3:9-10** Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

**Isaiah 25:6** On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

* **Wine is a symbol of life with God**

**Isaiah 55:1** Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**Matthew 9:17** Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

* **Our Reformation From an Unbiblical Modern Adjustment to the Lord’s Supper**
* **Sin doesn’t come into us from the outside**

**James 1:14** But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

* **The power to honor God in all things is the gospel’s work in and through us**

Since the good and perfect and authoritative Lord of all, instituted wine for us to consume the Lord’s Supper, we need NOT question or change the practice based on circumstance or the logic or rational of man. To argue that a modern day demands a modern practice is to say that the Lord did not have in full and clear view what our society and its struggles would be today. This is to break down the very omniscience and holiness of God. This is simply not our place.

**James 1:13** Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

**1 Corinthians 11:17-26**

* **Common questions about this practice**

What about underage believing children or teens, can they or should they partake of wine with the Lord’s supper? Our answer is Yes.

What should you do if you feel a conviction or struggle that contradicts the clear teaching of scripture and is causing you to long for something different then the Lord has prescribed?

* **Accountable and Faithful Practice**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-29**

* **The Lord’s supper is only for those whom God has given saving faith in Jesus alone for salvation and who have ideally been baptized to profess that faith.**
* **Repentance from sin must happen to rightly honor the Lord’s supper.**

**1 Corinthians 11:27-29** Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

* **The Lord’s supper is to be practiced faithfully and regularly by his people until he returns.**

**1 Corinthians 11:26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.