

Small Portion of Wine

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BIG SANDY, Texas—On April 9, 2017, many people will be commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior on a date representing the night that He was betrayed.

Many among the Church of God will be using symbols that Jesus instituted in the New Testament. Those symbols are:

- Foot-washing
- Broken bread
- Small portion of wine

In this article, we will discuss the third symbol—small portion of wine.

Paul quoted Christ

Notice an instruction that Christ taught to His disciples during His last meal with them.

Luke 22:20—"Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.' "

In 1 Corinthians 11:25, the apostle Paul repeated what Christ instituted at His last meal with His disciples. Let's read about the symbol of wine.

1 Corinthians 11:25—"In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.' "

Shed blood

Do you drink the small portion of wine in remembrance of Christ? About what does the small portion of wine remind you?

The symbol of the small portion of wine is intended to remind disciples about the shed blood of Christ. Notice some verses.

Exodus 12:22—"And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning."

Exodus 24:6, 8—“And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar . . . And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, ‘This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.’ ”

Romans 5:9—“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

1 Corinthians 5:7—“. . . For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”

Hebrews 9:11-14—“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

Hebrews 13:12—“Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.”

Hebrews 13:20-21—“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 1:19—“[You were redeemed] with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”