

The Living God Ministry

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2018 update; **KEEPING THE PASSOVER CORRECTLY**

The section below was originally sent to the many people in Kenya and elsewhere who responded to the truths they were learning from me. What I say below was sound information for all but they cannot give up their sinful ways. My responsibility from God is to teach His word as a WITNESS (Matthew 24:14) and then, once a person hears the witness, he or she then answers to God as to whether or not he or she will respond to God's instructions. Those of you reading this now are now receiving this witness.

TO MY BELOVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN KENYA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

Following is a memo I sent to my son, Stephen, concerning the Passover. As you read this memo you should keep in mind the tremendous sacrifice God the Father made in giving His only Son as a ransom for our sins and for the healing of our bodies (Romans 8:32). And we must remember and reflect on the atoning sacrifice (1 John 2:2) Jesus the Messiah gave when He divested Himself of His DIVINITY (Philippians 2:5-8 and Hebrews 2:14-18) so that we individually and personally could have divinity by becoming literal sons of God with the same Glory Christ has (Romans 8:14-17 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-56). We need to study carefully Isaiah 53:4-7 to grasp and understand that he took our infirmities on Himself (Psalm 103:2) and, as Isaiah 52:14 shows, He was beaten so that He was not even recognizable so we could be healed (see 1 Peter 2:21-25). Fully accepting this gives us access to the tremendous power of God for miracles (see John 14:12-14) IF WE TRULY BELIEVE AND TRUST (see James 1:5-8). We must remember that it was God the Father who called us and gave us this opportunity to know God and Jesus the Christ (John 6:44). That it was God the father who gave us the ability to understand these spiritual things (1 Corinthians 2:9-14 and John 14:26-26). That we were GIVEN the ability to grasp and understand the importance of this calling - - it did not come from us! That we were convicted of our sins by the power of the Holy Spirit - - NOT of our own "goodness." That we were baptized and received the Holy Spirit as an indwelling power from God to enable us to understand God's will for our lives.

Thus, if God has given you the understanding to GRASP these facts then you should be "CUT TO THE HEART" as the original converts as described in Acts 2:37-39). Notice verse 39 shows that the calling is from God for all who will respond to His calling. Notice that "ALL WHO HAD BEEN "APPOINTED" (CHOSEN) TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED! Have you personally and individually been "CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE AS A SON OF GOD"? This then is the primary question that Paul was explaining in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32. We individually and personally must determine or "discern" whether we have truly understood the sacrifice God the Father and Jesus the Messiah made for us and accept that sacrifice so that we can become literal sons of God (Romans 8:14-17).

Please study carefully the following (along with the other material I have sent to you) and then EXAMINE YOURSELF" as to whether you grasp what the Passover and these symbols mean to you personally and individually. If you do NOT understand and grasp the true and full meaning of these symbols and you take of them anyway then you are eating and drinking judgment from God on yourself (see 1 Corinthians 11:29) and actually "SINNING AGAINST THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD (verse 27 and Hebrews 10:26-31). **THAT IS HOW SERIOUS THESE ISSUES ARE TO GOD AND SHOULD BE TO US.**

Subject: Fwd: Thoughts for the Passover [LETTER I SENT TO MY SON, STEPHEN, WHO IS ALSO A MINISTER OF GOD]

Stephen,

As you know, when I begin a study, I cannot let it go until I have thoroughly digested it. Thus, you will note an important ADDITION at the end of this memo in red because it is important! We need to search our souls - - NOT FOR SINS - - BUT TO BE SURE WE HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS AND OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THAT ATONING SACRIFICE. No one can GET WORTHY but by being called by the Father, by being granted true repentance by God, by being baptized, by receiving the Holy Spirit and by CONTINUING IN THAT SPIRIT we BECOME "ELIGIBLE" THROUGH THE BLOOD AND THE ATONING SACRIFICE OF JESUS THE MESSIAH. It is God who makes us "eligible" (who qualifies us) by and through the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus. Colossians 1:12 shows that IT IS JESUS that qualifies us or makes us able (ELIGIBLE) to partake of these sacred emblems. The issue then is "ELIGIBILITY" AND NOT HUMAN "WORTHINESS." Therefore, as Paul said, "COMFORT THE PEOPLE WITH THESE WORDS (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)! No human being can ever make himself "worthy" to partake of these symbols.

Dad

STEPHEN: I just sent the memo below to you but after I sent it I realized I left out a most important point (scripture). This scripture is in 1 Corinthians 11 itself and is most important. It is verse 19 where God REVEALED to Paul that these "differences" that arise are TO SHOW [demonstrate] WHICH OF YOU HAVE "GOD'S APPROVAL!" In other words, they are a test as to whether we approach and participate in the PASSOVER IN THE HUMBLE AND CONTRITE ATTITUDE GOD REQUIRES (ISAIAH 66:2). They bring out any carnality and selfishness that may be present EVEN IF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REFUSE TO TRULY HUMBLE THEMSELVES and attempt to partake of these symbols as mere rituals! God says that those who treat these symbols as mere rituals find themselves sick, weak and even die prematurely (1Corinthians11:29-30) There seems to be difficulty for some to grasp and understand what God inspired Paul to write in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32. As we just saw in verse 19, God uses our attitudes and approach to determine who really and truly belong to Him (see Romans 8:9). There is really NOTHING complicated in what Paul wrote here. What seems to be causing some trouble are the following words in that passage: #1): "UNWORTHY MANNER OR UNWORTHILY) (vs. 27. #2): EXAMINE HIMSELF (vs. 28). #3): WITHOUT RECOGNIZING (vs. 29) and #4): JUDGE (vs. 31).

#1). UNWORTHY or UNWORTHILY (vs. 27). This word is translated from the Greek word *anaxios* which means "*unfit*" or "*irreverent*" or "*irreverently*." There is nothing complicated about the use of this Greek word. This verse is clearly stating that if we take these symbols "IRREVERENTLY" then we are sinning against the body and blood of the Lord - - which is a very serious sin (verses 27-29)!

#2). EXAMINE HIMSELF (vs. 28). The Greek original word here is *dokimazo* which means test, approve, discern, prove, or try. There is nothing complicated about the use of this Greek word so long as we do not try to INSERT EITHER WORDS OR MEANING THAT JUST ARE NOT THERE. It does NOT say "examine yourself *trying to find sin*" (as some have claimed). God is NOT looking for sin (as He KNOWS we are all sinners but rather He is *looking for* repentance (James 1:5 and 1 John 1:2:1-2). Please carefully study these verses!

#3). DISCERNING OR RECOGNIZING (vs. 29). The Greek word here is *diakrino* which means separate thoroughly, to discriminate, to decide, to discern or to judge. Again, there is nothing complicated about the use of this Greek word. We are to DISCERN the true meaning of the Passover and the **SYMBOLS** used in the service and whether we have truly recognized and accepted this sacrifice and these symbols *personally* and *individually*! Jesus gave UP His life and allowed His body to be broken so that we individually can have access to this "Passover" or (passing over) of our sins. The death of Jesus was the first step in our properly partaking of the symbols of the Passover. The second step is OUR PERSONAL AND INDIVIDUAL ACCEPTANCE of what He did for us on the cross. It is a TWO STEP

process! It is NOT enough that Jesus died - - WE MUST PERSONALLY AND INDIVIDUALLY ACCEPT THAT ATONING SACRIFICE (1 John 2:1-2).

#4). JUDGE OR JUDGMENT (vs. 31). This is from the Greek word *kiro* which means decide (in a judicial manner) or conclude, or to determine, or to call into question. Again, there is nothing complicated about the use of this Greek word. In all four cases the meaning is crystal clear and need no "explanation" for they mean what they say and say what they mean. We must make a "judgment" call as to our *eligibility* to partake of the Passover - - and ONLY God and the blood of Jesus can make anyone "*eligible!*"

Vs. 27: [UNWORTHY OR UNWORTHILY] We can be either "*unfit*" or be "*irreverent*" in our *approach* to and *attitude* or *lack of discernment* toward these holy symbols and what they truly mean to God and should mean to us. Remember, our very participation in the Passover and the *ingesting* of these Passover symbols is dependent on WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE TRULY ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST AS OUR ANOINTING SACRIFICE AND WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE TRULY ACCEPTED THE FULL MEANING OF THAT SACRIFICE PERSONALLY AND INDIVIDUALLY (please carefully study John 6:53-58 symbolically "eating His flesh" and "drinking His blood"). Accepting Christ and what He did and partaking of these sacred emblems is very private and personal matter between each person and God Himself and Jesus Christ. I have heard it said that this is NOT about the people but about Jesus Christ. It is unquestionably about BOTH - - you cannot separate the two. Jesus was the sacrifice (past tense) but WE INDIVIDUALLY AND PERSONALLY HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT SACRIFICE ON AN EXTREMELY PERSONAL AND INDIVIDUAL BASIS! Thus, **AND HERE IS THE CRUX OF THE ENTIRE MATTER, HAVE WE INDIVIDUALLY AND PERSONALLY TRULY ACCEPTED THAT SACRIFICE AND HAVE WE ASKED GOD TO ENABLE US TO TRULY MAKE IT A PART OF OUR VERY BEING AS WE INGEST THE SYMBOLS AND MAKE THEM A PART OF OUR VERY BEING AS JESUS LIVES IN US (John 14:12-14.) AND, DO THE FRUITS OF OUR LIVES DEMONSTRATE THIS?** And, what is our TRUE ATTITUDE toward the entire issue - - is there resentment and hostility toward others? (study Matthew 5:23-24 and Mathew 6:14-16). If we have any animosity or are unforgiving toward ANY OTHER PERSON then we are automatically ineligible to partake of those symbols - - taking them in an unworthy manner. These are the clear words of Jesus the Christ! Please study 1 Corinthians 11:30-31 to see what God says.

Vs. 28 [EXAMINE SELF] This is so simple. We have the obligation to *prove to ourselves* that we have truly accepted the **ATONING** (present tense) sacrifice that God the Father made by offering His son (Romans 8:32) and whether we have truly accepted the sacrifice Jesus made and whether we have truly asked God to apply that sacrifice to us personally and individually and whether we have personally asked God to help us rid ourselves of the contrary and carnal spirit that would *disqualify us* from properly partaking of these symbols thus causing us to *sin against the body and the blood of the Lord!* See Hebrews 10:24-31. Again, there is nothing complicated with this verse so long as we do not try to **INSERT WORDS OR MEANING** THAT JUST ARE NOT THERE SUCH AS "EVALUATING BY SEARCHING FOR SINS" WHICH JUST IS NOT IN THERE. We can PROVE OURSELVES by determining whether or not we are displaying the true FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT or if we are displaying the spirit of distractions (Galatians 5:20) and trying to insist on our own carnal views.

Vs. 29) [DISCERNING OR RECOGNIZING] *If we truly have God's Spirit* then we belong to God and Jesus Christ but if we do NOT have the Spirit of God then we do NOT belong to Christ (Romans 8:9). If we have an *argumentative spirit and attitude then obviously we do NOT have God's Spirit!* With the Spirit of God we will be given the SPIRIT OF DISCERNMENT - - whether that discernment involves error or human nature traits within our own selves. Thus, clearly we are instructed to use the discerning power of the Holy Spirit (which we are supposed to have and supposedly are using) to discern whether we are approaching the Passover having truly accepted what this sacrifice of Jesus did for us and what it means for us in the future - - our ultimate salvation!

Vs 31 [JUDGE OR JUDGMENT] Thus, we each need to call into question OUR OWN ATTITUDE AND APPROACH to the Passover and to these emblems and what they should mean to us. This means we have the absolute obligation to evaluate our approach to this sacred occasion and then decide or determine if we are approaching it with a clean and Pure heart or if there is something that would cause us to take it **IRREVERENTLY thus disqualifying us!**(study Matthew 5:23-24 and 6:12 and 14 again). If our attitude and approach are correct BEFORE GOD then if we have committed any sin (as shown in the scriptures just quoted) then “If he has sinned (in the ways mentioned), he will be forgiven (James 5:15 compared with 1 John 1:8-10 and chapter 2:1-2).

The PRIMARY issues that Paul is explaining here is NOT who is "worthy" to partake of these symbols at the Passover service BUT, rather, WHO IS "ELIGIBLE." There is a massive difference between "worthiness" and "eligibility." No human being can ever be "WORTHY" of taking these sacred emblems by his own efforts. But God can make humans "ELIGIBLE" BY AND THROUGH THE ATONING SACRIFICE OF JESUS THE CHRIST (see 1 John 2:2). The question Paul is trying to get across to us here is whether we INDIVIDUALLY AND PERSONALLY have #1). been called by the Father (John 6:44), #2). whether God has granted us true conversion through repentance, # 3). whether or not we have been "CUT TO THE HEART (Acts 2:37),# 4). been baptized for the remission of our sins according to the scriptures, and # 5). whether we have received and still have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us assuring that we BELONG TO GOD (Romans 8:9). ONLY BAPTIZED PEOPLE, WHO HAVE TRULY ACCEPTED THE SACRIFICE THAT JESUS MADE, can correctly AND REVERENTLY - - WHOSE HEART IS RIGHT WITH GOD (Isaiah 66:2) - partake of these emblems. For it is only God who can QUALIFY us (Colossians 1:12-14) by making us "ELIGIBLE" because we have truly "DISCERNED" the body and the blood of the Lord and have humbly accepted it thus reconciling us to God and making us His SONS! So the sole issue is "ELIGIBILITY" through the sacrifice of Jesus (WHAT HE DID) and our personal and individual acceptance of this sacrifice and not human "WORTHINESS" (what we humans may TRY to do and thus fail in our feeble efforts). With this understanding of the scriptures then the four words that seem troubling to some become very clear and meaningful - - not confusing or controversial!

Therefore, if anyone tries to substitute grape juice (an impure substance) or pop as the sacred symbol of the blood of Christ then you are drinking judgment against yourself and trampling the Son of God under foot and counting the blood of the covenant comparing it as a common thing and insulting the spirit of grace (compare 1 Cor. 11:28-30 and Heb.10:29 -31) This is the most serious sin humans can commit.

Some call the Passover “The Lord’s Supper” The Passover is NOT a “supper” but a specific spiritual occasion that depicts the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins AND OUR PERSONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THAT SACRIFICE. Each year at the Passover season we reenact the death of Jesus on our behalf and OUR PERSONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THAT SACRIFICE. We are warned to not partake of these sacred symbols unless and until we know we have that humble attitude and truly fear God’s law and ways.