## The Drink Offering - Part II What is truth

In our last study on the drink offering we looked at how the Lord's meat offering and his drink offering both signify the work of grace in our lives by which we are being saved (<u>Eph\_2:8</u>). That work of grace is the wrath of God against the kingdom of our old man and his father, both of whom the Lord is intent upon destroying.

Together with Christ we drink the cup that destroys the man of perdition within us by the brightness of His coming (Mat 20:23, 2Th 2:8, Php 4:13, Php 4:19).

When we "drink indeed of my cup" and are "baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with" that Christ said his disciples would experience, we become that drink offering as we fill up that drink offering throughout our lives by filling up what is behind of the afflictions of Christ "for his body's sake, which is the church" (Col\_1:24).

We took the time to reflect on Ephesians Chapter 4 and 5, and the pouring out of our life as a drink offering for each other as a joint that supplies in love.

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

The only way we can become a mature drink offering or meat offering connected to our head Jesus Christ who we "reverence", is to go through this process described in (<u>Joh\_15:1-10</u>) that requires that we abide in Christ all of our life, enduring through the chastening process and pruning process so that we can "bring forth more fruit".

Those living waters are being stored up within us now so we in turn can be sent forth to bring healing into a world (Rev 22:1-4) where there is no stay of bread or water (Joh 7:37-38, Isa 3:1).

I hope to present a couple more studies on the drink offering that will go into both the old and new covenant examples that explain how God has devised a means through the body of Christ (<u>2Sa\_14:14</u>) to wash all the world with the living waters that represent the drink offering of Christ's life that is being formed in us so that we can be sent as those living waters to bring healing to the nations (<u>Joh\_17:16-17</u>). This study is more focused on the new covenant examples of

that drink offering that are explained through the life of Christ and his body which is the church (Col 1:24).

**2Sa** 14:14 For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect *any* person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

The subtitle of this study is the question asked of Christ from Pilate found in (Joh 18:37-38).

Joh 18:38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find **in him** no fault at all.(Eph\_1:6)

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted **in the beloved**.

Our first man Adam is represented by Pilate who asks Christ "what is truth?", and if God is working with us, the answer to that question will be manifested in truth (Christ) increasing in us as we decrease (<u>Joh\_3:30</u>). God's elect grow in that witness of Christ coming "into the world"(<u>Joh\_18:37</u>) of our own hearts and minds and we are told "for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth" which witness is being expressed through those who have been given power to do so, just as Christ was (<u>Rev\_11:3</u>, <u>1Jn\_4:17</u>).

Joh 3:30 He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

Joh 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and <u>for this cause came I into the world</u>, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Rev 11:3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

1Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

God's word is truth (<u>Joh 17:17</u>, <u>Joh 6:44</u>, <u>Joh 14:6</u>), and Christ came into the world to reveal the Father but only to a very few at first who are being dragged to Christ for that purpose (<u>Joh 17:25-26</u>, <u>Mat 22:14</u>, <u>Joh 17:3</u>). So Christ is the truth who holds the words of life that came from God, and he is the good shepherd that God works through to nourish us and protect us in this life so that

we can "grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (Joh 6:63, Joh 6:68, Joh 12:49, Joh 5:19, Mat 16:17, 2Pe 3:18).

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Joh 17:25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

Joh 17:26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, <u>that they might know thee</u> the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

Joh 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, <u>Verily, Verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do</u>: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, <u>Blessed art thou</u>, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, <u>but my Father</u> which is in heaven.

It is only "At that day" (Joh 14:20) that we will be able to see beyond the veil of our flesh and understand as we look "through a glass, darkly" (1Co 13:12) that our corruptible flesh cannot inherit the kingdom (1Co 15:50). Christ makes a way where there seems to be none (Isa 43:16-19), for us to be raised in heavenly places in the earnest of this relationship (Eph 2:6, Eph 1:14), and our spiritual eyesight in this life comes from Him as he cleanses our temple giving us dominion over sin (Joh 2:15, Rom 6:14). Christ drives out that self righteous spirit that naturally resides in us so that we can truly see with spiritual eyes that are able to judge all things as Christ did (Joh 9:41, Mat 13:11, 1Co 2:14-15, Joh 5:30).

Isa 43:16 Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

Isa 43:17 Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

Isa 43:18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

Isa 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

Joh 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, <u>I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.</u>

The question for those who have this relationship of faith with Christ in this dispensation of grace (Eph 3:2) is not what is truth, but rather what is truth doing (Php 2:13). Christ gives us the answer to that question as well with this statement "for this cause came I into the world"(Joh 18:37). This world that Christ has come into is to be understood as being within God's elect and it is Christ our hope of glory within us (Col 1:27, Rom 8:9, Luk 17:21) who can take us through the sanctification process that Christ prayed the Father would accomplish through Him by His strength (Php 4:13) working in us both to will and to do of God's good pleasure (1Jn 2:16, Joh 17:17). The only sign that Christ said he would give to this unbelieving world was the witness of Christ and His body being in the earth for three days and nights as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish (Mat 16:4, Mat 12:40). That sign as we know is for the unbelieving who must see these things outwardly but we are blessed when we believe and have not seen (Joh 20:29, Heb 11:27)

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ["for this cause came I into the world"]

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. [Jer 22:29]

Mat 16:4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

Mat 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. [Jer\_22:29]

Joh 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou

hast believed: <u>blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.</u>
[Joh 6:28-29]

Heb 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for <u>he</u> endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

The "them" who will be sanctified in (Joh 17:17) is speaking of the body of Christ, and if we abide in God's word then we will be sanctified through a process that we were promised would set us free as a result of being blessed to continue (abide) in His word (Joh 8:32-36). That is what truth does to the believer, it sets us free and produces fruit that comes about as a result of standing on the truth (Joh 6:28-29). God is the one who puts us in this place of wanting to learn and grow (Mat 5:6), of being desirous of living waters and seeds of life that are manifested in the church (Eph 3:10). We are blessed to believe and continue in the truth (Mat 13:16) and to know that it is God alone who can give the spiritual increase in our lives, the living waters as they were called, of our Lord (1Co 3:6-8, Joh 7:37-38).

Mat 5:6 <u>Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness</u>: for they shall be filled.

Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, <u>If any man thirst</u>, <u>let him come unto me</u>, <u>and drink</u>.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

The work that God has called us unto is ordained from the foundation of the world (Eph\_1:4-5, Rom\_8:29) and maintaining those works and bringing forth much fruit is what the sanctification process will do for God's elect. In order to be a drink offering unto God, we must be sanctified through Christ to be an acceptable offering (Joh\_17:17). Filling up what is behind of his afflictions is what purifies that drink offering (Col\_1:24) as we present ourselves a living sacrifice (Rom\_12:1) with the living waters within us that make that possible (Joh\_7:38).

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Those "rivers of living water" which symbolize the truth is what we will look at more closely in this study and examine how those waters both destroy everything that breaths within us in regard to our sinful nature, drowning our old man like the Adamic world that was destroyed by water (2Pe\_3:6-7) while at the same time nourishing our new man in Christ who is given life through the

washing of the word that Christ is accomplishing within the church which is His body (Eph\_5:26-27).

2Pe 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

In these verses in (2Pet 3:6-7) we see the judgement that came upon the world through the flood and how all those who are predestined to be raised in the second resurrection are spoken of as "the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men". This reminds us of what Christ said in (Joh\_3:5, Mat\_3:11) and assures us that those who are being judged by God's fiery words today (1Pe\_4:17) are being preserved through that judgement as opposed to the innumerable multitude who will be reserved unto judgement later in the lake of fire (Rev\_20:6)

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

God's elect are being sanctified or preserved in this life through Christ who is teaching us to not think above what is written (1Co 4:6) and to let our yes be yes and our no be no (Mat 5:37). That life without guile is what makes a true Israelite of God as Christ said to Philip (Joh 1:47, Gal 6:16). Conversely where there is guile there is bitterness as explained in these verses and an unacceptable drink offering "these things ought not so to be" (Act 8:23, 1Pe 2:1, Jas 3:10-12).

1Co 4:6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

Mat 5:37 But let your communication be, <u>Yea, yea; Nay, nay</u>: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. [Gal 5:9]

Joh 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

Act 8:23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity.

1Pe 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

Jas 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Jas 3:11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter? Jas 3:12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

The soul naturally lusts to envy (<u>Jas 4:5-8</u>) and the only way that spirit can be destroyed within us is to be blessed to be crucified on the cross with Christ which symbolizes our lives being poured out as we are baptized into his death (<u>Gal 2:20</u>, <u>Rom 6:3</u>). Christ makes it possible for us to endure the bitterness of this age, the spirit of envy and lust that is so pervasive in our culture, the iniquity that is abounding all around us and causing the love of many to wax cold as roots of bitterness spring up (<u>2Ti 3:1-6</u>).

Jas 4:5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

Jas 4:6 <u>But he **giveth more grace**</u>. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, <u>but **giveth grace** unto the humble</u>. [1Pe\_5:6]

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and <u>purify your</u> hearts, *ye* **double** minded. ["sweet *water* and bitter"]

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

- 2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- 2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- 2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: <u>from such turn away</u>. [2Ti 2:4]
- 2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

The solution for the body of Christ to overcoming this wicked age is to come out of her my people and touch not the unclean thing so we can be received of God (2Co\_6:17) and not affected by that spirit, as we keep those living waters undefiled and close to us (Heb\_10:25) so that we can truly be healed by those living waters that flow forth from each other with Christ in us (Eph\_4:16).

2Co 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is;* but exhorting *one another:* and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Each joint supplies life or living waters that bring healing within us as Timothy then goes on to describe throughout the rest of the verses in this particular chapter that begins by talking about all the tribulation that we go through that is necessary to bring forth a desire for those living waters. We thirst or hunger when we are brought to our senses by God and made to see our need for those living waters "If any man thirst, [Mat 5:6, Luk 15:17] let him come unto me, and drink" (2Ti 3:10-17). We are fighting to keep from being defiled in this life (1Ti 6:12, 1Co 4:16), and we have been given each other to accomplish this as we come together often as "a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" and his body (Rev 22:1-7, Eph 5:30, Heb 2:3, 2Ti 1:6, Joh 7:37-38).

2Ti 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

- 2Ti 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.
- 2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
- 2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
- 2Ti 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;
- 2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- 2Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- 2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
- Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:
- Rev 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.
- Rev 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
- Rev 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings *are* faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.
- Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: <u>blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.</u>
- Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him;*
- Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
- Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

## *This is how we shall escape*:

- 2Ti 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou <u>stir up the gift of God</u>, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
- 2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
- 2Ti 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: **but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God**; [2Co\_12:9]
- 2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, <u>but according to his own purpose and grace</u>,(Rom\_8:28) which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
- 2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death ["within us"], and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: ["within us"](Joh 18:37, 1Jn 4:5-8).
  - Joh 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.
  - 1Jn 4:5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.
  - 1Jn 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; ["heareth my voice"] he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
  - 1Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
  - 1Jn 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.