

Introduction

1. One of the great statements about Bible made by Augustine, 4th century pastor, N. Africa.
 - a. ***The N.T. is hidden in the O.T. and the O.T. is revealed in the N.T. (Show)***¹ So true.
 - i. N.T. truth is seen hidden in the O.T. ceremonies, types, prophecies & sacrifices.
 - ii. O.T. ceremonies, types, prophecies, sacrifices are clearly revealed in the N.T.
 - iii. Result is can't really understand the O.T. w/o the N.T. explaining what is hidden.
 - iv. And you can't see the background of the truths in the N.T. w/o the O.T.
 - b. What amazing book = Bible. 40 authors. Over 2000yrs. 1 message. Amazing unity.
 2. One place where this is seen most clearly is in the Lord's Supper. (**Show Title**)
 - a. How do we understand the Lord's Supper if we don't know about the Passover?
 - b. And how do we understand the true meaning of Passover w/o the Lord's Supper?
 3. Today turn to Lord's Supper in Mk. 14. Just hrs. from crucifixion. Passover = 3 gifts.
- I. The Gift of His Life, v. 22**
- A. **Seder (order/procedure)**² **Meal:** as meal progressed, 4 stages marked by 4 cups of wine.³
1. **Cup of the Kiddush = separation.** Passover was separate from all other meals.
 - a. Head of family took 1st cup, prayed over it, and all drank from it.
 - b. Food brought in: unleavened bread, bitter herbs, greens, stewed fruit, roast lamb.
 - c. Youngest boy asked his father why this meal different. Passover explained.
 - d. Psalms 113-114 (*Hallel*) were sung praising God for past & future salvation.
 2. **Cup of the Haggadah = explaining or proclaiming.** Elements explained w/this prayer.
 - a. **This is the bread of affliction which our forefathers ate in the land of Egypt. Whosoever is hungry, let him come and eat. Whosoever is in need, let him come & keep the Passover w/us.**⁴
 - b. Each of elements of Seder meal were explained, clockwise.⁵ (**Show Seder Plate**)⁶
 - i. Bitter herbs, usually horseradish = the bitterness of slavery in Egypt.
 - ii. Lamb shank bone = lamb's blood on doorposts, eating in house, angel of death.
 - iii. Lettuce & parsley = dipped in salt water = tears of Jewish people in slavery.
 - iv. Stewed fruit = resembled color of mortar used to make bricks for Pharaoh.
 - v. Hard-boiled egg = symbol of life and hope of future deliverance.
 3. Unleavened bread (Jewish matzah **Show**)⁷ was broken/distributed w/herbs & fruit.
 4. Distribution done in silence, but Jesus broke silence: **Take, this is my body, v. 22.**
- B. **Meaning of the Bread**
1. Since Jesus physically present, not literal.⁸ Metaphor = 1 object represents another.
 2. In Bible bread stands for life. Bread was staple of life (Mt. 6:11 = **Give what need live**).

¹ Augustine. <http://slideplayer.com/slide/5718510/19/images/4>. Accessed 11/9/17.

² Soanes, C., & Stevenson, A. (Eds.). (2004). *Concise Oxford English dictionary* (11th ed.). Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press.

³ Barclay, W. (Ed.). (1976). *The Gospel of Mark*. p. 337f. Philadelphia, PA: The Westminster John Knox Press.

⁴ William Lane (1974). *The Gospel of Mark*. NICNT Series. Wm. B. Eerdmans, Pub. Co., p. 505.

⁵ <http://www.sheknows.com/food-and-recipes/articles/953991/the-meaning-behind-the-passover-seder-plate>. 11/9/17.

⁶ <https://www.thoughtco.com/symbols-of-the-seder-plate-2076486>. Accessed 11/9/17.

⁷ http://ravkooktorah.org/PESACH_68B.htm. Accessed 11/10/17.

⁸ I'm indebted to Dave Petrovich for this insight. Could not be literal body & blood, since Jesus present. The first communion is the pattern for all that follow. Jesus meant, *This represents my body*. It's a memorial, not sacrifice.

3. In bread Jesus means He gives Himself – His very life. (Show John 6 explains it best)⁹
 - a. **Jesus is the source of spiritual life, v. 35, 53.**
 - i. Bread enters stomach, digested, nutrients into blood stream for health/strength.
 - ii. Jesus source of spiritual life. W/o Him can't know, enjoy, obey, live for God.
 - iii. When receive Him, H.S. imparts divine life, are made alive, Christ lives/works in us.
 - b. **Jesus satisfies the soul, v. 35.**
 - i. Water quenches thirst, and food alleviates hunger.
 - ii. So Jesus satisfies our longing for God.
 - c. **Jesus gives eternal life, v. 51.** Bread only sustains life for so long.
 - i. But Jesus gives life that lasts beyond death into eternity in heaven.
 - d. **Jesus is received by faith, v. 35.**
 - i. It is not a physical eating of Jesus that brings us life but a coming to Him in faith.
 - ii. V. 40 is so clear. **Look on** Him, perceive Who He is, & believe w/a deep trust.
4. I read that 1 in 5 Americans say life is meaningless.¹⁰ It has no lasting purpose.
5. But every time eat bread Jesus proclaims we **have life & have it more abundantly**.

II. The Gift of His Salvation, vv. 23-24

A. Explain 3rd Stage

1. After breaking the bread, the meal proper. Finished 12pm. Entire lamb; destroy leftovers.
2. **Cup of Thanksgiving.** May the All-merciful One make us worthy of the days of the Messiah & of the life of the world to come. He brings the salvation of His king. He shows covenant-faithfulness to His Anointed, to David & to his seed forever. He makes peace in His heavenly places. May He secure peace for us & for all Israel. And say you, Amen.¹¹

B. Meaning

1. Prayer over this cup referred to Israel as God's covenant people.
 - a. Prayer says they are awaiting His new covenant of salv. in the days of the Messiah.
 - b. Jesus picked up on these ideas, ***This is my blood of the cov., poured out for many.***
2. The Meaning of the Cup.
 - a. Red wine symbolizing blood = **Jesus' sacrificial death.** God's demands satisfied.
 - b. ***Poured out*** (Isaiah 53:12) = **Jesus' violent death.** = ***gush out***, used of murder.¹²
 - c. ***For many*** (Isaiah 53:11-12) = **Jesus' substitutionary death.** For all people.
 - d. ***Of the covenant*** = **Jesus' blessed death.** Old cov. blessings secured w/blood, so new.
 - i. The blessings of forgiveness, fellowship w/God, & eternal salvation.
 - e. ***The godly ought by all means to keep this rule: whenever they see symbols appointed by the Lord, to think and be persuaded that the truth of the thing signified is surely present there. For***

⁹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/img/OG/bread-of-life.jpg>. Accessed 11/10/17.

¹⁰ Raymond McHenry (1996). "Purpose," *The Best of In Other Words*. Beaumont, TX: Raymond McHenry, Pub., #697.

¹¹ William Lane, op. cit., p. 506.

¹² Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). *A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature* (3rd ed.). Chicago: University of Chicago Press, p. 312.

why should the Lord put in your hand the symbol of his [blood], except to assure you of a true participation in it?¹³

- f. Jesus gave us the cup that we might truly say, *Forgiven*.

III. The Gift of His Kingdom, vv. 25-26

A. Explain 4th Stage

1. After the 3rd cup, the 2nd part of the *Hallel Psalms* were sung (115-118).
2. *Cup of Consummation* concluded meal, but fr. v. 25 Jesus may have abstained. Why?

B. Meaning

1. The 4 cups were interpreted on the 4-fold promise of Exodus 6:6-7.¹⁴ (Show passage)¹⁵
2. (Show 4 cups of Passover wine)¹⁶
 - a. *I will bring you out. I will rid you of their bondage. I will redeem you.*
 - b. *I will take you for my people and I will be your God.*
3. 3rd cup, the promise of redemption, Jesus associated with His sacrificial death.
4. 4th cup, consummation, Jesus refused cause = God's promise take His people w/Him.
5. The Jews often viewed God's future kingdom like a banquet.
 - a. The prophets promised an unending supply of new wine, Amos 9:13.
 - b. There would be renewed table fellowship & unending joy in the Master's presence.
6. For Jesus, 4th cup symbolized the banquet & the promise of victory in the kingdom.
 - a. Jesus looked beyond cross to the resurrection & 2nd coming.
 - b. He looked to the defeat of sin, death, Satan & the gathering of us to Himself.
7. This week I was asked a very interesting question. *Is Satan winning?*
 - a. I have never been asked that question before. 1st time for everything.
 - b. Know why asked? Worst massacre by single gunman in US history, Las Vegas.
 - c. Another terrorist attack N.Y. by ISIS murdering 8 people, wounding many more.
 - d. Worst massacre in a church in US history, Sutherland Springs, TX.
 - e. I know why someone would ask, *Is Satan winning?*
8. What's my answer? There's a 4th cup. Read it with me. (Show 1 Corinthians 11:26)¹⁷
 - a. There's a 4th cup in Passover. The cup of consummation. He's coming again.
 - b. *I will take you for my people and I will be your God.* Quote 1 Corinthians 2:9.

¹³ Calvin, J. (2011). *Institutes of the Christian Religion & 2*. (J. T. McNeill, Ed., F. L. Battles, Trans.) (Vol. 1, p. 1371). Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.

¹⁴ William Lane, op. cit., p. 508.

¹⁵ Exodus 6:6-7. http://images.slideplayer.com/14/4444221/slides/slide_35.jpg. Accessed 11/10/17.

¹⁶ <http://slideplayer.com/slide/6643909/23/images/97/Four+Cups+of+Passover+Wine+Exodus+6.6-7:+Cup+1+I+will+bring+you+out.jpg>. Accessed 11/10/17.

¹⁷ <https://g.christianbook.com/dg/product/cbd/f400/118885.jpg>. Accessed 11/10/17.