

The Lord's Table as Spiritual Warfare



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Clear, **Ascension** Truth: Matt 28:19

✠ 19 Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them **into** the name of the **Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

✠ Remember, you have been **invited !**

Loving God Without Corruption

✠ Eph. 6:23-24

✠ 23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with **incorruptible** love. (Shema)

Centering Ourselves in Agape

✠ 20 But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by (1) praying in the Holy Spirit, (2) staying right at the center of God's love, (3) keeping your arms open and outstretched, (4) ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending **life**, the real **life**!

Hebrews 9:28

28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation **without reference to sin**, to those who eagerly await Him.

The table was identified as '**proclaim my death till I come**'. We have, to my dismay, surrendered it totally to "repeated forgiveness".

Mystery of John 6

- ✠ John 6:53, “So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the **Son of Man (incarnate Agape)** and drink His blood, you have no **life** in yourselves.”
- ✠ This does *not* mean failure to do so disqualifies us as a believer; the implications are much more subtle.
- ✠ **Life** as it is being presented is the **capacity** and the **freedom** to live as a Father-Pleaser!

The Real Presence

- ✎ Three Ways the Lord's Table is presented:
- ✎ 1. Pure **symbol**: Evangelical
- ✎ 2. **Literal** Body and Blood: Catholic
- ✎ 3. **The Real Presence**: Lutheran
Episcopal; Reformed.

Mystery of John 6

- ✎ Failure to participate with understanding in the Lord's Table disallows us the strength and capacity to **see** and **enter** that Kingdom dimension into which we have been invited. Mt. 28:19 Trinity!
- ✎ **It is relational; dependent upon our maturity.**
- ✎ Abundant **LIFE** is much more than Christ as our personal Savior. Reference to **ascension** truth.
- ✎ We are on the journey to become a '**life-giving spirit**' ourselves.

Bread & Wine

- ✠ **Wine** = Son of God and the *spiritual* dimension of life. His death/resurrection as **source** of Agape.
- ✠ **Bread** = Son of Man and the *physical* dimension of life. His physical life and ministry as a Father-Pleaser.
- ✠ Combined as “**Bread and Wine**” suggests His having given us both the true goal of Life—Kingdom **spirituality...** entering a new governmental reality.
- ✠ *plus* the **physical** capacity to arrive at that goal—His Own *physical* capacity and willingness to do the will of His Father. He imparts to us His **freedom and desire to please the Father.**

Christ's Two Simple Requests

- ✠ 1. **Water Baptism** as the 'waters of Noah'; burial of corruption!
- ✠ 2. **Lord's Table** as the source of strength and fellowship.
- ✠ These two acts are external; full of His **Presence**; essentially unused!

Spiritual Weapons

- ✎ 1. Church ordinance or Spiritual weapon; keeping me at the **center**?
- ✎ 2. Corruption is powerful; spontaneous and unexpected.
- ✎ Be Corrupted; I can be corrupted
- ✎ Illus: My experience with the computer invitation. The Apostle.

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✠ 1 Tim 1:18-20

✠ 18 This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that **by them you fight the good fight,**
19 keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

Baptism/Lord's Table as Weapons

- ✠ 1. The 'Waters of Noah' used to bury re-appearing **corruption**.
- ✠ 2. Explain renewing Wedding Vows.
- ✠ 2. Lord's Table used to gain needed strength; assurance; stop the mouth of the accuser.
- ✠ 3. Both of which seek to '**separate me**' from the Love of God in Christ.

Drink My Blood, Eat My Flesh

- ✠ Drink My blood and eat My flesh then becomes an *inclusive* way for Christ's personality to *interpenetrate* our person/personality in order to conform us to the image of Himself; *second Adam!*
- ✠ It is His penetration of our person that results in our *transformation* which causes His LIFE to begin to release us to freedom and usefulness.
- ✠ "I came that they may have *life*, and have *it* abundantly" (John 10:10).

Spiritual & Physical

- ✠ **Wine/Blood** the *spiritual*: Source of Agape; fusion
- ✠ **Bread** is the *physical* : Source of *actual* obedience.
- ✠ Result is the *totality* of our person being affected and transformed.
- ✠ Conformed to His Image is our becoming **human** as Father has intended'.