

*Scripture Reference: Luke 22:15-20 / "Two Issues"
The Two Essential Elements in the Lord's Supper.*

The Bread: The Fulfillment of the Old Covenant

v. 19; *"This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*

The Law, the expression of the Old Covenant, required an offering for sin. With regularity the people came in order to cover every act of transgression.

This was required because the offerings of bulls, doves, and lambs could never meet the righteous requirement of the law, nor cover the depth of human sin. - Hebrews 10:1-4

But, through the offering of His "body which is given for you":

All sin was atoned for.

A perfect sacrifice humanity was offered.

The Old Covenant was fulfilled.

Hebrews 9:12-15; *"With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant."* (NLT)

The Wine: The Institution of the New Covenant

v. 20; *"This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."*

The Old Covenant was NEVER meant to release a person from sin. It was and is inadequate for doing so.

The Law, the expression of the Old Covenant, was only ever meant to:

Identify sin.

Reveal humanity's depravity (inability to do what is right).

Reveal the need for Jesus.

Galatians 3:23-25; *"But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor."*

With the death of Jesus, the Old Covenant was fulfilled, completed, and set aside for those who would who would place their trust in Jesus. - Hebrews 4:1-3.

Closing:

1. Paul said, "*as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*" (1 Cor. 11:26)

2. He said this because of the two essential issues of the Old Covenant being fulfilled and the New Covenant being established.

3. Does this "Good News" resonate in your heart today? Do you live in the reality that through trusting Jesus, you can be liberated from the penalty of sin and ushered into a relationship with God?