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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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WHOEVER ***HAS NO*** RULE

Over his own spirit

Is like a city *broken down,* Without walls.

- Proverbs 25:28

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES.....7:00

- www.defendthegospel.com
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Sunday night of each month Following Services.

“DRINK YE ALL OF IT”

Michael Pickford

The King James Version says in Matthew 26:27, *“And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink ye all of it.’”*

The above incident occurred while Jesus was instituting the Lord’s Supper just after they had eaten the Passover. The Lord’s Supper is an act of worship that must be observed when the local church comes together as a church upon the first day of every week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22). It is to be observed with two elements – Unleavened bread, and the fruit of the vine. The bread represents the Lord’s body given for us on the cross of Calvary. The fruit of the vine represents His blood which was shed for us on that cross. So, when we observe the Lord’s Supper, we are to focus on His sacrifice for us (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

The question of concern in this article revolves around the wording of the text above from the King James Version. Some are concerned that they must be careful to empty their cup completely before they place it back in the tray. Surely this isn’t what was intended. Surely one hasn’t committed sin if he overlooks a tiny drop. In fact, it is very difficult, if not impossible for some folks to drink every drop due to physical limitations brought on by age and/or sickness.

So, what was Jesus saying? The newer translations do a better job of bringing out the true meaning from the original language. For example, The New King James Version says, *“Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you.’”* See the difference? This is what Jesus intended to say. The word “All” refers to the disciples there with Him, not to the juice inside the cup. The requirement was that all of his disciples partake. 🔍

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA: LAODICEA

David Eldridge

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: ‘I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’ — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked — I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne” (Rev. 3:14-21).

This church received just condemnation for their apathy and poor judgment. The church at Laodicea was...

A Known Church: Jesus said to the Laodiceans, “I know your works...” (Rev. 3:15). This must have been a sobering thought. We don’t mind being known for those things that are right. However, they were engaged in wrong and the Lord knew. We are reminded of the words of Numbers 32:23: “...then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.” The Lord knows everything about this church. He knows the things we do that are right, and if there is wrong, He knows that too. The church at Laodicea was a church known by the Lord.

A Lukewarm Church: The Lord knew the church at Laodicea was “neither cold nor hot” (Rev. 3:15). The Lord’s wish was that they would have been found one way or the other. This idea of being neither cold nor hot is a testament to the apathy of the church at Laodicea. They had become indifferent in their service to the Lord. They may have been going through the motions, but they had no real zeal (cf. Rev. 3:19). As a result of their apathy the Lord states, “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth” (Rev. 3:16). As the Lord looks at this church, does He see a group of people that are “on fire” for Him, or does He see apathy?

A Deceived Church: As the church at Laodicea looked at themselves they were caused to say, “I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing.” However, they were deceived for the Lord said they were actually “wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked” (Rev. 3:17). Many today are suffering from false delusions about their standing before God. To see how we really are, we must look into the mirror of God’s word and compare our reflection to the divine image (Cf. Jas. 1:22-25).

An Invited Church: Though the Lord was displeased with the behavior of the church at Laodicea, He still loved them. He stated, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent” (Rev. 3:19). It is in this love that He desired their zeal and repentance. Though they had cast Him out, He stood at the door of their heart and knocked, requesting entrance once again (Rev. 3:20-21). They were invited to fellowship once again upon their repentance.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Rev. 2:7).—

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Todd
Reading: Proverbs 24:22-28
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Mike Ambrose
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Rusty Barnes
 - Serve.....Kenny Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Jason Hubbard

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

Thank You For Serving!

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

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