

The Cup of Blessing Which Wee Bless, Is It Not the Comunion of the Body of Christ? Etc.

by Edward Taylor

The cup of blessing is a symbol of the communion of the body of Christ, and it is a source of spiritual nourishment and growth that produces a spiritual crop, seals fresh pardon to the soul of sin, and makes charity's sweet rosy breath stretch over the whole society of saints.

Scripture: Psalm 23:5, John 6:53, 1 Corinthians 10:16, Colossians 2:6, 1 John 1:7

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Description

Edward Taylor delves into the profound grace found in 1 Corinthians 10:16, highlighting how grace originates from the essence of the blessed Deity, elevating believers to heavenly heights. He emphasizes how grace nurtures and influences the lives of God's elect, guiding them through worldly challenges towards celestial shores, providing spiritual nourishment and strength. Taylor beautifully describes the spiritual feast at the communion table, where partaking in the Lord's Supper enriches the soul, fosters spiritual growth, and seals fresh pardon, leading to increased virtues and a deepening of faith and joy.

Transcript

Meditation on 1 Cor. 10:16 by Edward Taylor

Oh! Gracious Grace! whither soarst thou? How high

Even from thy root to thy top branch dost tower?

Thou springst from th'essence of blesst Deity

And grow'st to th'top of Heavens all blissfull flower.

Thou art not blackt but brightend by the Sin

Of Gods Elect, whom thou from filth dost bring.

Thou Graces Egg layst in their very hearts

Hatchest and brudl'st in this nest Divine

Its Chickin, that it fledge. And still impartsts
It influences, through their lives that shine.
Them takest by the hand, and handst them o're
The Worlds wild waves to the Celestiall Shoare.
And as thou leadst them 'long the way to glory
Thou hast the Wells of Aqua Vitae cleare.
For them to take good drachms of (Oh! blesst Story)
And Inns to entertain them with good Cheere.
That so they may not faint, but upward grow
Unto their ripeness, and to glory Soe.
They take a drachm of Heavenly Spirits in,
From every Duty. Here is blessed Ware.
Thou hast them draughts of Spiritual Liquour gi'n
And ev'ry Sabbath tenders us good fare,
But Oh! the Supper of our Lord! What joy?
This Feast doth fat the Soul most graccously.
Theandrick Blood, and Body With Compleate
Full Satisfaction and rich Purchase made
Disht on this golden Table, spirituall meate
Stands. And Gods Saints are Welcom'd with this trade
The Satisfaction, and the Purchase which
Thy Blood and Body made, how Good,? how rich?
Oh! blesst effects flow from this table then.
The feeding on this fare and Spiritually
Must needs produce a Spirituall Crop for them
That rightly do this table fare enjoy
Whatever other Ordinances doe!

This addeth Seale, and Sealing wax thereto.
This is a Common that consists of all
That Christ ere had to give. And oh! how much!
Of Grace and Glory here? These ripe fruits fall
Into Saints baskets: they up gather Such.
All fruits that other ordinances which
Are Edifying, Do this Feast enrich.
But still besides these there are properly
Its own effects which it doth beare and hath,
Its Spirituall Food that nourisheth spirituall.
The new born babe to thrive in using Faith
The Soule it quiets: Conscience doth not sting.
It seales fresh pardon to the Soul of Sin.
It maketh Charity's sweet rosy breath
Streach o're the Whole Society of Saints.
It huggeth them. That nothing of the Earth
Or its infection its affections taints.
Grace now grow strong, Faith sturdy. Joy, and Peace
And other Vertues in the Soule encrease.
God's Love shines brighter now upon the heart:
In that he seals Christ Dying with a Feast
Wherein he smiles doth on the Soul impart:
With all Christs Righteousness: Joy now's increast.
The Soul grows valient and resists the foe.
The Spirituall Vigour vigorous doth grow.
Lord, on thy Commons let my Spirits feed
So nourish thou thy new Born babe in mee.

At thy Communion Table up mee breed

Communicate thy Blood and Body free.

Thy Table yielding Spirituall Bread, and Wine

Will make my Soul grow brisk, thy praise to Chime.

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