

## THE LORD'S TABLE IN THE NEW COVENANT

### **Deuteronomy 8:2-3 (KJV)**

<sup>2</sup> *And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.* <sup>3</sup> *And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.*

In the Old Testament, people under the law, were struggling to keep the law because they did not have the Holy Spirit to help them keep the law. God was teaching man that without Holy Spirit, man cannot live and meet the standard of God's law.

The purpose of the law was to help man see his deprived condition

### **WE USED TO BE IN DARKNESS AND UNDER THE POWER OF SATAN AND OBEYING SIN INSTEAD OF GOD**

#### **Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> *Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:* <sup>13</sup> *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:* <sup>14</sup> *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

### **WHY GOD DELIVERED US FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS?**

#### **Romans 5:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

#### **Titus 3:5 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

God saved us not by our righteous works but by mercies in his unconditional love toward us.

### **HOW DID GOD DELIVER US FROM THE BONDAGE OF DARKNESS?**

#### **Hebrews 2:14-15 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he (Jesus) also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;* <sup>15</sup> *And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

God delivered us from the bondage of darkness through the death of Jesus Christ.

The greatest fear of man was death, but Christ had destroyed satan who had the power of death and freed us from the bondage of fear of death.

Through faith in Christ Jesus, we are delivered, regenerated by the Holy Spirit to turn from sin to serve God.

#### **Romans 6:14 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE UNDER GRACE?**

#### **Ephesians 2:12-16 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the **covenants of promise**, having no hope, and without God in the world: <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

<sup>14</sup> *For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; <sup>15</sup> Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; <sup>16</sup> And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:*

Man sinned against God and fell short of his fellowship. But through the death on the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have been reconciled with God. The fellowship is now renewed through the blood of Christ and we are brought at the Lord's table as sons of God.

### **AS SONS OF GOD, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AT THE LORD'S TABLE?**

#### **1 Corinthians 10:14-17 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> *Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.*

<sup>15</sup> *I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. <sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.*

Being at the Lord's table, remains us of our unity and love as one family in fellowship with one another in the body of Christ serving God the Father.

### **AS CHILDREN OF GOD, PARTAKERS OF THE LORD'S TABLE, ALL FELLOWSHIP WITH THE DEVILS MUST BE CUT OFF.**

#### **1 Corinthians 10:20-22 (KJV)**

<sup>20</sup> *But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. <sup>21</sup> Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. <sup>22</sup> Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?*

### **WHY DO WE OFTEN SHARE THE BREAD AND THE WINE AT THE LORD'S TABLE?**

#### **1 Corinthians 11:23-34 (KJV)**

<sup>23</sup> *For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: <sup>24</sup> And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** <sup>25</sup> After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.** <sup>26</sup> For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. <sup>27</sup> Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. <sup>29</sup> For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. <sup>30</sup> For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. <sup>31</sup> For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.*

We share communion in remembrance of what God has done for us all and who we are in this race of life.

#### **Luke 20:37-38 (KJV) - Conclusion**

<sup>37</sup> ***Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.***