

Broken Bread and Poured out Wine—

Paul says in 1st Corinthians, “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body, which is (broken) for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

Separated unto the gospel—

“... I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you.” As Paul was “a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, separated unto the gospel”, so are we who are called of God. We are being made servants of Jesus Christ, and our permission is never asked as to what we will do or where we will go. When we begin to hear the call of God every ambition, every desire is quenched save one thing... being separated unto the gospel. It does not matter how it hurts as long as it gives God the chance to manifest Himself in our mortal flesh. He makes us broken bread and poured out wine to please Himself. His idea is that we serve Him by being the servants of other men, one who becomes broken bread and poured out wine in the hands of Jesus Christ to feed and nourish others.

Feed My sheep... care for My people—

Jesus said to Peter the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.”

I understand that in the Old Testament, God gave the Hebrew children of Israel (the chosen people) not only the Law, but also feasts to observe on a regular basis in order to ‘remember Him’, and these feasts included certain foods to ‘eat’.

Now I understand that in the New Testament, God, in like manner, gave the Church (The Way) a feast, of sorts. “... in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Now I understand that we, His bond-slaves (stewards) who are being ‘broken and crushed’, are called to ‘feed’ His sheep at the proper times; the bread (His body) and the cup (His blood)... here a little, there a little until He comes.

“Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom His master will put in charge of His servants, to give them their rations at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his Lord finds so doing when He comes. Truly I say to you, that He will put him in charge of all His possessions.”