

THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT

Introduction – Some believe that to restore the New Testament worship we must use only one cup in the Lord's Supper.

- A. The word "cup" occurs 34 times in the Old Testament scripture.
1. It refers to a literal container only 13 times, with ten of these in the Joseph story (Genesis 40, 44).
 2. The other 21 uses in the Old Testament refer to the cup of salvation or the cup of God's wrath.

Psalms 116:13

Ezekiel 23:32-34

- B. The word "cup" occurs 30 times in the New Testament and most of them are symbolic in nature.

Mark 9:41

Mark 10:33-40

Mark 14:35-36

John 18:11

Revelations 14:9-10

- C. Now let us examine the usage and meaning of "the cup" in the context of the Lord's Supper.

1 Corinthians 11:25

1. This cup is the New Covenant.
2. This cup is located in Jesus blood.
3. The fruit of the vine represents the blood of Jesus.
4. This cup is the suffering and sacrifice Jesus offers for us that creates a New Covenant.

Conclusion – At a traditional Jewish Passover there was always more than one cup. Therefore, Jesus was not referring to a physical container but to the symbolic cup Jesus endured for the New Covenant.

Hebrews 9:15