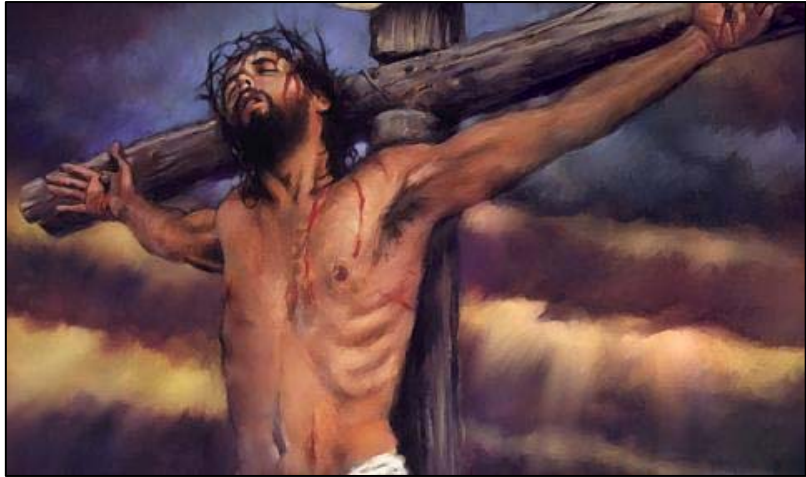


**#1291 The Mark of the Beast – The Old Testament Feast of Passover (and Consecration of the Firstborn, which represents the Passover) and the Feast of Unleavened Bread seen in the New Testament, part 3, The Lord’s Supper and Communion: The Cup represents Deliverance from the Judgment of Sin, while the Bread represents Deliverance out of the Bondage of Sin**

**Key Understanding #1: Just as the theme of the Feast of the Passover symbolizes the Lord’s deliverance of the Jews from the judgment that came upon the Egyptians, the cup [of wine, representing the *blood* of Jesus Christ that was shed for us] of the Lord’s Supper and Communion represents the Lord’s deliverance of his followers from the judgment of sin. That deliverance comes from the Cross, which is looking back at the blood of the lambs upon the doorposts at the time of the exodus. The Cross represents the Lord’s Passover for Christians.**



**The cup [of wine, representing the *blood* of Jesus Christ that was shed for us] of the Lord’s Supper and Communion represents the Lord’s deliverance of his followers from the judgment of sin.**

**The bread [representing the *body* of Jesus Christ, which was broken for us] of the Lord’s Supper and Communion represents the Lord’s deliverance of his followers out of the spiritual bondages of sin.**



**Similarly, just as the theme of the Feast of Unleavened Bread symbolizes the Lord’s deliverance of the Jews out of the physical bondage of the Egyptians, the bread [representing the *body* of Jesus Christ, which was broken for us] of the Lord’s Supper and Communion represents the Lord’s deliverance of his followers out of the spiritual bondages of sin.**

***Matthew 26:17, 26-30 (KJV) Now the first day of THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat THE PASSOVER?***

***26 And as they were eating, JESUS TOOK [unleavened] BREAD, AND BLESSED IT, AND BRAKE IT, and gave it to the disciples, and said, TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY.***

27 And **HE TOOK THE CUP**, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;  
28 **FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR  
MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.**

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

**Key Understanding #2: The false doctrine of “once saved – always saved” has bad roots because although it has a warm embrace for the aspect of the Cross of the cup that represents the deliverance from the judgment of sin, it has a cold embrace for the aspect of the Cross of the bread that represents the deliverance of a follower of Jesus Christ from the bondages of sin.**

**In truth, the Cross of Jesus Christ represents deliverance from the judgment of sin (reflecting the Feast of Passover), but it also requires to varying degrees the cross of the believer, through the power of the Cross of Jesus Christ, to deliver a follower of Jesus Christ from the bondages of sin (reflecting the Feast of Unleavened Bread). The eating of unleavened bread in the act of the Passover, or the Lord's Supper, or Communion, or the Eucharist, is a reminder that a Christian is to become spiritually unleavened by removing sin from his or her life.**



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