**The Meal of Covenant**

**Luke 22:14-20**

*“It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.”* Luke 15:32

***14****And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him.****15****And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.* ***16****For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”****17****And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves.* ***18****For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”****19****And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”* ***20****And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”*Luke 22:14-20

I. The Old Covenant Was COMPLETED

*“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”*

**A. It looked back to God's DELIVERANCE**

1. The cup of Sanctification

*"I will bring you out of Egypt."*

2. The cup of Deliverance

*"I deliver you from slavery."*

3. The cup of Redemption

*"I will redeem you with my power."*

4. The cup of Restoration

*"I will take you as my people."*

*The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.* Exodus 12:13

**B. It looked forward to Christ’s DEATH**

***11****And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.****12****But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,****13****waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.****14****For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.* Hebrews 10:11-1

II. The New Covenant Was COMMENCED

***31****“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,****32****not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.****33****For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.****34****And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”* Jeremiah 31:31-34

**A. It looks back to Christ’s REDEMPTION**

*“Do this 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.* 1 Corinthians 11:26

**B. It looks forward to Christ’s RETURN***“For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”*

**One Last Thought:** The eating of a covenant meal signifies PEACE between two parties. This has been accomplished through Christ’s WORK of redemption.