

## MUST WE USE ONLY ONE CUP IN THE LORD'S SUPPER?

### I. What do the texts record?

- A. Matt 26:27 - Jesus took the cup.
- B. Mark 14:23 - he took the cup.
- C. Luke 22:20 - this cup is the New Testament.
- D. I Cor 10:16 - the cup of blessing.
- E. I Cor 11:25 - he took the cup.

(all the texts record that Jesus took only one cup)

### II. What must we do today?

- A. All texts record only one therefore there must be some import to it.
- B. The Holy Spirit guided the writers to record only one.
- C. The logical conclusion is that we must use only one today.

### III. All the disciples drank from one cup. Mt 26:17

- A. They all drank from (ek- Greek for out of) it.
- B. Cup in Greek is "poterion" which is singular denoting one.
- C. Jesus commanded them to do such. Mt 26:17

### IV. The one cup represents the one new covenant.

- A. God's covenant with his people has always been important.
- B. In every age there has always been something to symbolize it.
  - 1. Noah - rainbow.
  - 2. Moses - circumcision.
  - 3. Christ - the cup.
- C. There is only one New Testament. Heb 9:15
- D. To have more than one would be to typify more than one covenant.

### V. The early church used only one cup.

- A. Corinth I Cor 11:23-25
- B. We must follow the NT example.

### VI. Individual cups were an invention of man.

- A. Dr. J.G. Thomas, Mch 6, 1894, granted first patent.
- B. Man's inventions will never suffice. Mt 15:9

### Conclusion:

The biblical pattern is clear. The cup does have significance and it does matter how many we use on the Lord's table. To have more than one is to disregard the symbolism of what Jesus died to ratify - the one new covenant.