

Concerning the apostate Christians' traditions, of making a God or Christ of bread and wine; and of their bowing to him, and worshipping him, and eating him when they have done. We never read that the heathens, nor the apostate Jews, when they had made gods and bowed to them, and worshipped them, to eat them when they were done.

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Christ's disciples said unto him, the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed, 'Where do you want us to go and prepare, that you may eat the passover?' Mark 14:12, Luke 22:7. Now Christ, though he is the christian passover, he did not eat himself.

And again the apostle said, 'In the same night that Christ Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and brake it, and said, do it in remembrance of me,' and likewise the cup. So Christ's body was whole, and was not crucified when he brake that outward bread; for that which they were to take in remembrance of Christ, and in a show of his death until he came, it was not the Lord Jesus Christ, but outward bread, and wine in an outward cup, and Christ was nowhere called a cup. It is said, 'Christ took the cup when he had supped,' then he did not take his own blood and give it unto them, but he called it, 'the fruit of the vine.'" Mat

26:29. And Christ took the cup and gave his disciples and said, 'Drink you all of it; and took the bread and brake it, and gave it to his disciples also.' Mark 14:22-23, 'They all drank of the cup, and he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples,' (namely, the twelve), as in Luke 22. Then he did not break his own body, for it was then whole; and after he had broken the bread and given it them, and given them the cup, and called it 'the fruit of the vine'—after Christ had given them this, he said, 'Drink you all of this.' Mat 26:25, Luke 22:21. 'Behold, said Christ, the hand of him that betrays me is with me on the table.' So it seems here, that Judas did eat of the bread, and drink of the fruit of the vine in the cup, and he did partake of these outward elements in the same night that Christ was betrayed, which elements were taken in a show and remembrance of the Lord's death until he came; but Judas did not stay until he came, for he betrayed him.

Now if this outward bread, had been Christ the living bread that came down from heaven, and his blood, which if any man eat of that bread, and drink his blood, he shall live forever, and not die; as Christ said, 'Whosoever eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, has eternal life, and dwells in me and I in him; and he that eats me, shall live by me; and he that eats this bread that comes down from heaven shall live forever,' see John 6:50-59.

Now here you see it is clear, that the cup and the bread of which Judas ate and drank at Christ's last supper was not the flesh of Christ, the bread of life that came down from heaven, nor his blood that gives life everlasting; for Judas did not have eternal life or live forever by eating of that outward bread and drinking of that outward cup, 'the fruit of the vine.' And so Judas did not eat Christ, and live by him, and live forever; though Judas did drink of the outward cup, 'the fruit of the vine,' and ate of the outward bread, which Christ broke at his last supper, the same night that he betrayed him. Judas did eat and drink outwardly, but he did not eat the bread from heaven, the flesh of the son of man, and drink his blood. Such as Judas do not have life eternal in them, as Christ said, who do not eat his flesh, and drink his blood. For Christ said, 'Except you eat the flesh of the son of man, and drink his blood, you have no life in you.' John 6:53. And the Jews murmured at Christ when he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven;' and 'except you eat my flesh, and drink my blood, you have no life in you;' and 'he that eats my flesh, and drinks my blood has eternal life.'

So here is a great difference between the flesh and the blood of Christ, the bread which came down from heaven, which gives life eternal, and the elements of bread and wine, which reprobates and Judas's may take and eat, that have not life eternal, nor know Christ to be in them, as the apostle said. 'Where the tree falls there it shall be.' Ecc11:3.

And after Esau had sold his birthright, he sought it carefully with tears, but he found no place of repentance; and therefore, how are any like to repent, and come out of the grave and purgatory, as you call it, after they are dead, when Esau could not find repentance upon the earth?