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Does "Cup" Mean Contents or Container?

A point is made by proponents of using more than one cup in the communion service that the cup is referred to as what is drunk, not the vessel drank from. The extension from that is that it doesn't matter whether one cup is used, or many. Is this a valid point? Let's consider all the accounts of the communion, and see.

First of all, let's check the account that this point is made from. I Cor. 11:23-27, "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord."

So the point is made that the cup is what you drink, not what you drink from.

But when we check the other references, we see that the cup is referred to as both the contents and the drinking vessel.

Matt. 26:26-28, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is

my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Mark 14:22-24, "And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many."

Luke 22:17-20, "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

(No, Jesus did not use the cup both before and after the bread for the Communion. The first in verses 17-18 is during the Passover. The second, verse 20, is establishing the Communion.)

So what do we learn from all these verses? Yes, the cup is referred to as what we drink, the fruit of the vine. It is also what Jesus took, it is also what Jesus gave thanks for, it is also what Jesus gave to the disciples, and it is what the disciples drank of. And in each reference it is singular.

The fact that the cup also refers to the drinking vessel is further borne out by reading just one verse more in I Corinthians 11. I Cor. 11:28. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

It is not my intent to judge or criticize. Nothing would make me happier than for God on Judgment Day to say it didn't matter whether you used one cup or many. But I cannot take that chance with my soul. One is the example given in the scriptures.

In Christian love,

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CITRUS CITY, ARIZONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to all from the Church of Christ in Citrus City. We would like to apologize for being negligent in writing. Our summer is finally over and our weather is just wonderful now. We are inundated with winter visitors who can attest to this fine weather.

We are all doing reasonably well, and praying for all those throughout the Brotherhood who are having difficulties.

This month we enjoyed an edifying lesson from Bro. Dennis Davis, from the Yuma congregation. On the first Sunday of the month, a Brother from our congregation will give a lesson in Yuma, and on the second Sunday, a Brother from there will come to Citrus City. We enjoy this Christian fellowship very much. This speaker exchange is a refreshing uplift, as we are both small congregations and enjoy visitors whenever possible.

We are happy to announce the birth of the first grandchild for Bro. Bill and Sis. Karen Martin. Their grandson, Aiden Miranda, was born to Art and Amber Miranda on October 21, 2004. Bro. Derrin and Sis. Helen Dallman have a new addition to their family too. Their other children, Martha Ray, Louie, and Sarah Kay welcome their new sister Molly. (Sorry, I don't know Molly's birth date, just early Sept. 2004)

Bro. Melvin and Sis. Iris Stewart and Granddaughter Rose are living in our area again and worshipping with us. We welcome them back. Bro. Doug and Sis. Jewel Lytle have been attending regularly also. Sis. Jewel is having problems with her liver and would appreciate your prayers.

In closing, let us remember to be forgiving and prayerful one for another. Please come and visit with us whenever you are in the area. We love to have visitors to come and worship with us.

In Christian love,
Church of Christ
in Citrus City

P.S. We are extremely happy to announce that this Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, Amber Miranda came forward and was baptized by her father, Bro. Bill Martin, at the Citrus City Church of Christ.

YUMA, ARIZONA

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Susie and I have finally made it back home to Yuma. We managed to miss all of that ugly heat that Yuma is so well known for. We had such a good time this summer going to and fro across the country and again attending Church meetings. I mentioned in a previous letter that we had attended the meeting at Broken Bow, Oklahoma, (Beaver's Bend) and a great time was had there. Fellowshipping with the brothers and sisters and building on relationships is so very important to the Church.

We stayed a few extra weeks in Alpine, AZ. in order that we could travel back east again for the meeting at Van Buren, Arkansas that Brother Rex Mickey was holding. We had intended to stay the next weekend for another three day meeting in Stilwell, Ok. that Brother Rex was going to hold but we needed to get back home because our son and his wife were due to have a baby that weekend. As it turned out we didn't get to go to see the new baby because I came down with the flu. We still haven't seen the baby yet (Belle Aimee Davis) because Susie has come down with my flu. Hopefully she is getting some better and we can finally go and meet the little one.

The weather there in Van Buren was considerably better than the earlier visit, no humidity, but it did manage to rain all day long for the last three days that we were there and being from Yuma the rain was thoroughly enjoyed. We don't get much rain here in Yuma. Brother Mick Boen, Brother Keith Boen and Brother Walkingstick are doing a great job there. We were shown around the town of Van Buren by Mick and Janice Boen during the time that we were there. We were with Brother Rex and Sister Tina Mickey to hear some more of his wonderful lessons. We all had

a very good time while we were there. There are so many things to see there that are within just a few minutes of their home. There are many historical sites and that's one of my very favorite ways to pass my time. Susie and I would like to thank them for their gracious hospitality, all of the great food, but most of all the great times just sitting there visiting with those of a like mind in Christ. The congregation is small as ours is here in Yuma, like so many congregations, but we felt the intensity of their faith and love.

The congregation here in Yuma is doing fairly well as of today and are praying daily for the health and strength of our group and of those across the country. I think that every one knows how easily Satan can make dissension among a group of people; strength and faith are what we must use to fight him. We are going to have our Brother Harry Booth back this week. He has been up in Washington State visiting with his sister up there. It will be nice to have him home again. My sister Diane and her husband Bruce will be home this week too. They have been on a trip to St Marten's Island and then to Virginia Beach to have Thanksgiving with their daughter. (Don't tell her, but I really did miss her.)

It is the beginning of nice weather down here in Yuma, and I would like to invite everybody that can, and is so inclined, to come down and visit us at any time of the year. As hot as it gets here, we all have air-conditioning in our cars and houses so a person wouldn't have to suffer the heat too much. Another invitation that I would like to mention is our yearly meeting that we hold in March. This year the dates are going to be from Sunday March 20 to Sunday March 27. Again if you are able to, set aside some time, come down here and be with us. I can guarantee some wonderful lessons and some of the most beautiful singing that you could possibly imagine. We all love to visit, so come down a little early so that we can have some extra time to be together. We have seven or eight trailer spots and we will do our utmost to accommodate anyone that would like to come down.

With Christian Love,
Denny and Susie Davis
and the Yuma congregation

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Brethren;

Winter is upon us and we are scrambling to make it through the holidays. We have had some beautiful weather, sunshiny days but cold nights. It has been in the teens a few times and more is forecast. I spoke to some of the brethren in the Yuma area, and their temperature at night is about the same as our highs in the daytime.

We have received a lot of mixed news this month. We are pleased to report that Sister Barbara Paseman's (Springfield, OR) last tests showed that she was doing well and holding her own.

Brother Rex Mickey had to cut his time short in Arkansas and Oklahoma as he came down with some virus that affected his eyesight and hearing. I spoke with Tina the other day and she said that Rex has pretty well gotten his sight back, but still couldn't hear.

I have been told that Sister Doris Ridlon (Aztec, NM) has to be on oxygen all of the time now.

Brother Harry Dye (Citrus City) reports that he is doing pretty well with keeping his diabetes under control and that Brother Bill Martin is doing great. He also told me that Brother Charlie Johnson's cancer seems to be completely gone.

Brother Harry Davis (Yuma) says that he can see the light at the end of the tunnel concerning his health and that Sister Alice is doing better also.

Brother J.D. Logan (Glenwood, WA) reports that he has some scarring in a lung but is over his pneumonia.

As we reflect back over the past year, we remember that it was only 15 months ago that Al, Charlotte, Veda and I were on our trip back East and during the course of that trip were able to visit with Sister Barbara Boen and Brother Dan Teague. (Among many others.) It still doesn't seem possible that they could be gone.

Brethren, we need to keep each other in our prayers and

take every opportunity that might come our way to keep in contact with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Who better could we possibly visit with?

We haven't come up with a time or speaker for our 2005 meeting yet, but plan to attend the Yuma meeting if the good Lord wills and we keep our health. Please come and visit/worship with us any time that you possibly can.

Yours in Christ,
Bill McCay Sr.

BIRTHS

Aiden Miranda, born to Art and Amber Miranda
October 21st - Citrus City, AZ

Molly Dallman, born to Derrin and Helen Dallman
Citrus City, AZ

Belle Aimee Davis, born to Jeffrey and Aimee Davis
Chula Vista, CA

BAPTISMS

Amber Miranda	Citrus City, AZ

MEETINGS

March 20-27	Yuma, AZ	Guest Speakers
July 16-25	Beaver's Bend, OK	Camp Meeting

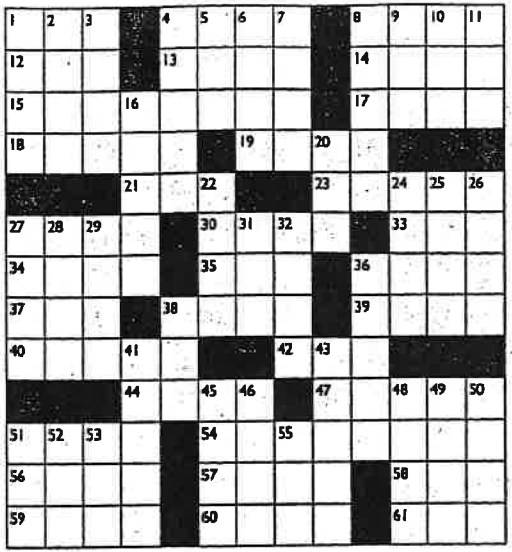
PUZZLE 56

ACROSS

1 Polished, precious stone (Rev. 21:11)
4 Every (Gen. 6:20)
8 King of Amalekites (1 Sa. 15:8)
12 Physicians' organization: abbr.
13 Liver liquid
14 Summoned
15 Moses' wife (Exo. 2:21)
17 Father of Zechariah (Ezr. 5:1)
18 Intentionally-set fire
19 Sea east of Judah (2 Ki. 14:25)
21 Affirmative oral vote
23 Customary behavior (Rom. 12:13)
27 Sharp part of a plow (1 Sa. 13:21)
30 City of David; Jerusalem (2 Sa. 5:7)
33 Beer-like beverage
34 One of Lamech's wives (Gen. 4:19)
35 Complete; stop (Exo. 9:28)
36 Group of relatives (Gen. 36:17)
37 Normal; customary: abbr. (Exo. 5:18)
38 Passed-on practice: abbr. (Joh. 7:22)
39 Flower garlands
40 King David's choir leader (Neh. 12:46)
42 Small Business Administration: abbr.
44 Piece of tree foliage (Gen. 8:11)
47 Prevaricators (Psa. 12:3)
51 Son of King Rehoboam (2 Ch. 11:18-20)
54 Jewish governor; returned exile
56 Single facial spasm: 2 wds.
57 Related to Confucians' beliefs
58 Acute care admission: abbr.
59 Open wide, as jaws (Job 16:10)
60 Make a long, narrow cut (1 Sa. 24:4)
61 Once owned

DOWN

1 Strip of land in western Israel (Gen. 10:19)
2 Arabian governor
3 Journey guides (Psa. 119:19)
4 Dark, valuable wood (Eze. 27:15)
5 Atmosphere (Psa. 140:5)
6 Clothed
7 Foolish giggle
8 Son of Midian (Gen. 25:4)
9 Hebrew tribe (Num. 34:14)
10 Augment (Deu. 4:2)
11 Related to the earth: pref. (Gen. 10:31)
16 Take game by trespassing
20 Army health nurse: abbr.
22 Jewish cattle rustler (1 Ch. 7:21)
24 Bundled hay
25 Famous warrior (1 Ch. 11:26, 29)
26 Groups of 10 (Exo. 18:25)
27 Son of Zerah (1 Ch. 2:6)
28 Middle of month in ancient Roman calendar
29 Long, heroic narrative
31 "Like peas ____ pod"; 2 wds.
32 Probabilities; chances (Jdg. 5:13)
36 Legal right to a settlement (Gen. 20:16)
38 Particularization pronoun (Gen. 1:1)
41 Specific location (Gen. 2:21)
43 Generations "forever shall call me ____ of God" (Luk. 1:48)
45 Diligent insects (Pro. 6:6)
46 Faithful; loyal: arch.
48 Rizpah's father (2 Sa. 21:8)
49 ____J; city (1 Sa. 30:27, 29)
50 Fish spawning upstream
51 Counterpart to zig
52 Lighter, slanted type: abbr.
53 Fast, energetic movement
55 ____ poloi



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Puzzle 55.