TWO*FOUR OR MORE CUPS**BUT NOT INDIVIDUAL CUPS IN SERVING THE COMMUNION?

Some claim that it is permissible to use two or more cups in the communion service,But to use individual cups is not permissable ,because dividing into individual cups is done before the giving of thanks and is a violation of the command by example given by our Lord in Lu.22,17 when He took the cup,and gave thanks,and said,Take this,and divide it among yourselves.--If that reasoning is true,Why would it not be scriptural to divide into individual cups? --But they contend that a command by example is broken if divided before thanks.We have the command by example,given by our Lord,that the dividing was to be done by the disciples.He took the Cup,and gave thanks,and gave it to the disciples,saying,Take this and divide it among yourselves.The same that He took and gave thanks for,He gave IT to the disciples,and a plain undeniable command,to DIVIDE THIS AMONG YOURSELVES.--And they obeyed as Mt.26,27 records,And He took the cup,and gave thanks,and gave it to them saying,Drink ye all of it .And Mark 14,23 And they all drank of it.And He took the cup,and when He had given thanks,He gave it to them,and they all drank of it.--

How could any one having faith, offer such arguments,or wrest the plain scriptures unless their understanding is darkened.? Could it be a lack of faith? Faith cometh by hearing,and hearing by the word of God. The word of God says absolutely nothing about dividing into two,four or individual cups after thanks is offered,Nor does it give the slightest inference or example of such being done.Except by drinking of it.

The argument is offered,that we have the liberty to divide the cup as we are to,LET ALL THINGS BE DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER.Now did Christ set an ordinance in order that was indecent?or as some argue,UNSANITARY?

Jn.13,21--27 Jesus informed the disciples that one of them would betray Him,John leaned on His breast and asked Him which of them would d do this,He answered,He it is to whom I shall give a sop when I have dipped it,And when He had dipped the sop He gave it to Judas Iscariot.Were they eating out of the same sop,all of them? Indecent?--They fell on Pauls neck and kissed Him Ac.20,37.--Salute one another with an Holy Kiss Ro.16,16.--1 Cor. 16,20.--2 Cor.13,12.Was it unsanitary or indecent to do this?Did Christ ordain and practice things that people in this day and time term indecent or unsanitary?Is it indecent,of un sanitary to obey Christ's commands?

Tit.1,15 Unto the pure all things are pure,But unto the defiled and unbelieveing is nothing pure;but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

1 Tim.4,1,2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly,that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith,giving heed to seduceing spirits, and doctrines of devils;speaking lies in Hypocracy;having their conscience seared with a hot iron.

1 Tim.6,3 If any man teach otherwise,and consent not to wholesome words,even the words of the Lord Jesus Christ,and to the doctrine that is according to Godliness;he is proud,knowing nothing,but doting about questions and strife of words,whereof cometh envy,strife,railings,evil surmisings.--The words of the Lord Jesus .Take this and divide it among yourselves.--A plain undeniable command.

LIBERTY--Some try to tell us that Christ said Go teach,but did not tell us how to teach,Leaving us the liberty to teach as we see best. Sunday school,classes,or through Colleges.--But the command is given to the parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.And we are to give attention to reading,Study,and These things teach and exhort.What things? The things thoust heard and learned of me among many witnesses,the same commit to faithful men,that they may be able to teach others also.---Ac 20,28 Unto the Elders at Ephesus,Take heed unto yourselves ,and to all the flock,over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers,to feed the church of God,which He hath purchased with His own blood.

Some tell us that we have the LIBERTY to use instruments of musick in our worship.As it is helpful and desireable.--But Paul said for us to sing with the spirit and the understanding,Speaking to yourselves in hymns and spiritual songs,Making melody in your hearts to the Lord And we have no example or command supporting musical instruments inthe worship.

Yes man thinks he has LIBERTY to use his own judgement on some things But we read that,All scripture is given by inspiration of God,and is profitable for doctrine,for reproof,for instruction in righteousness,that the man of God may be perfect,thoroughly furnished unto every good work.And again,According as His divine power hath given us all things that pertain to Life and Godliness,through the knowledge of Him who hath called us to glory and virtue2 Pe.1,3.--Also,It is not in man that walketh,to direct his own steps,But a good mans steps are ordered of the Lord.1 Cor.1,27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise. Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard,lest at any time we should let them slip.

In love and respect for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. J.H.Lackey.