

**The Cup Of The Lord
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- Lack of common sense causes some to argue for the container rather than the contents.
 - The Lord requires that we use common sense while reading the Scriptures. *Luke 10:25-28*
 - We are not to go beyond what is written. *1 Cor. 4:6; 2 John 9*
 - We are not to be too strict nor too lax in our application of the Scriptures. *Josh. 1:7*

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- **What the issue is and what the issue is not:**
 - The issue **IS NOT** if it's lawful to use one container in the distribution of the fruit of the vine during the Lord's Supper.
 - The issue **IS NOT** if Jesus took a cup with fruit of the vine when He instituted the Lord's Supper.
 - The issue **IS NOT** if it's more hygienic to use individual containers during the Lord's Supper.

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- **What the issue is and what the issue is not:**
 - The issue **IS**, is it lawful to use individual containers for the distribution of the fruit of the vine during the Lord's Supper.
 - The issue **IS**, if the container (cup) plays an indispensable role in the observance of the Lord's Supper.
 - The issue **IS**, if this is a matter of judgment or of doctrine.

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- **What The Cup Is And What The Cup Is Not**
 - The cup is the fruit of the vine. ***Matt. 26:27-29***
 - The fruit of the vine is not the container.
 - Therefore, the cup **IS NOT** the container!

- The cup is the blood of Christ. ***Matt. 26:28***
- The drinking vessel is not the blood of Christ.
- Therefore, the cup **IS NOT** the drinking vessel!

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- **What The Cup Is And What The Cup Is Not**
 - The cup is the blood of Christ. ***Matt. 26:28***
 - The fruit of the vine is the blood. ***Matt. 26:29***
 - Therefore, the cup **IS** the fruit of the vine!

 - The cup is the fruit of the vine. ***Matt. 26:27-29***
 - The fruit of the vine is what we drink.
 - Therefore, the cup **IS** what we drink!

The church in Corinth used a plurality of containers.

1 Cor. 11:21

- Hungry and drunk is used to contrast quantities used.
- Proves that not all used the same container or all would have drunken the same amount if so desired.

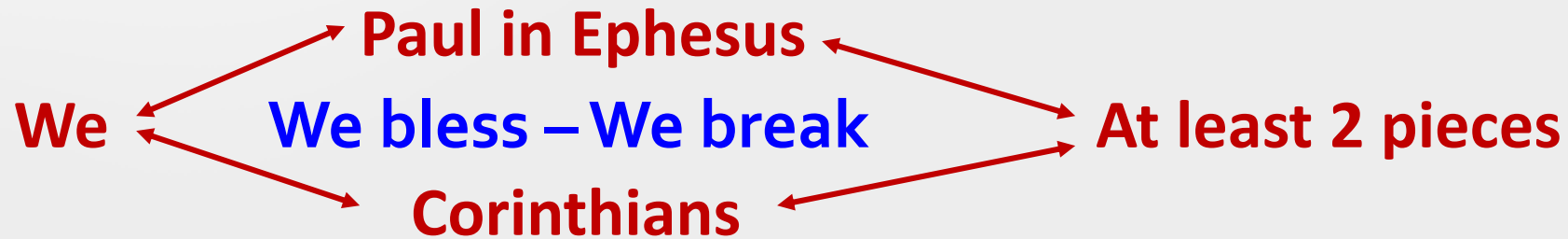
The teaching:

- Paul condemns the MANNER in which the partook of the Lord's Supper. ***1 Cor. 11:27***
- In such a manner it was their own supper and not the Lord's. ***1 Cor. 11:20, 22, 34***
- Notice that Paul **DID NOT** condemn what they were eating nor the fact that each was bringing **their own** elements.

The Cup (One Cup).

1 Cor. 10:15-17

Vs. 15 – I speak	- - - -	Paul in Ephesus.
Vs. 15 – You judge	- - - -	Church in Corinth.
Vs. 16 – We bless	- - - -	Paul and Corinthians.
Vs. 17 – We break	- - - -	Paul and Corinthians.



Yet, only ONE cup and ONE bread

Necessary conclusion:

**One bread/one cup refers to the element to be eaten/drunken:
unleavened bread and fruit of the vine.**

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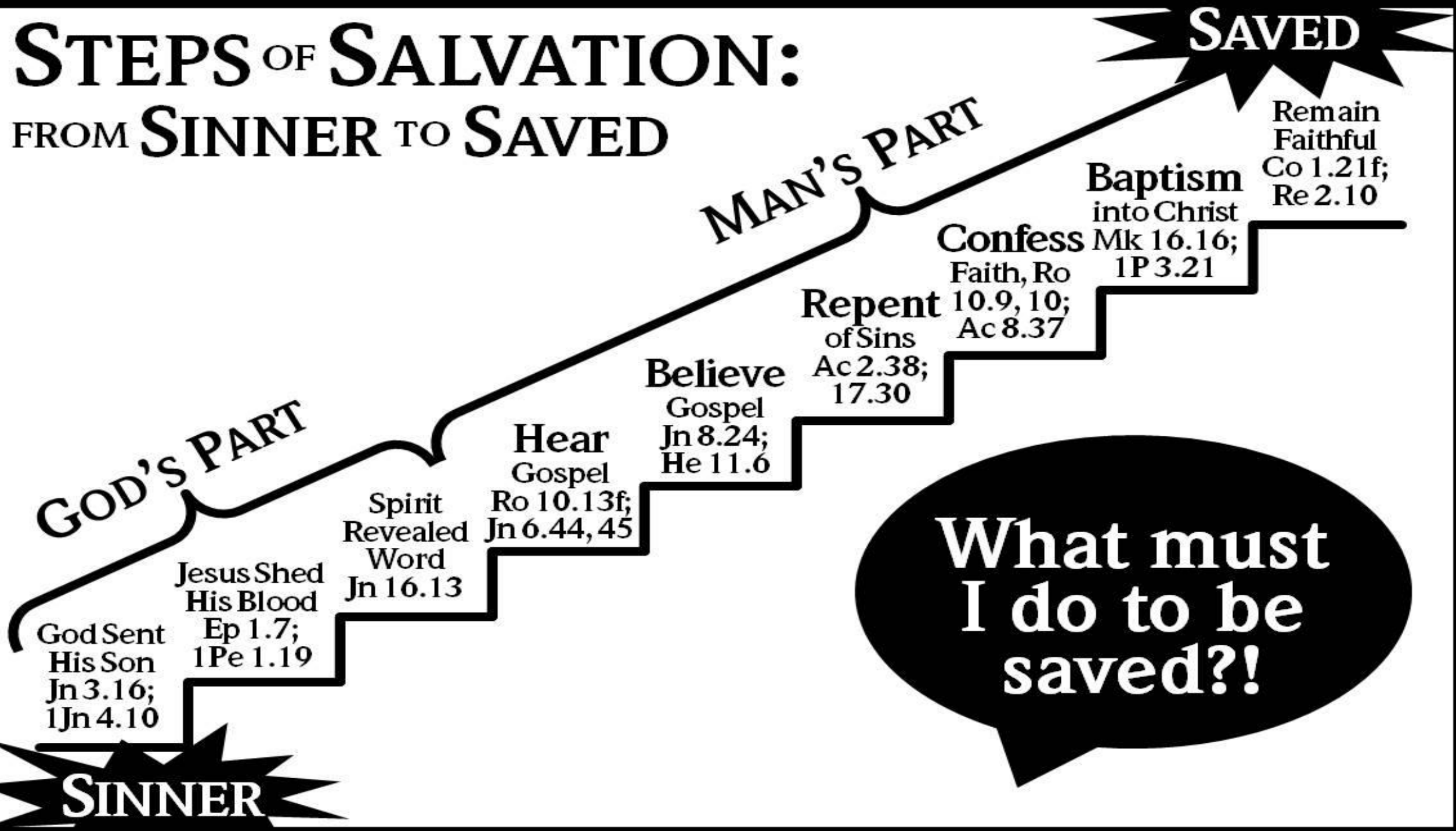
- **1. a drinking vessel, a cup; ... 2. Meton. A cup for the contents of cup, cup-full, e.g. a cup of wine; so of the wine drunk at the Eucharist, Luke 22, 20 et 1 Cor. 11, 25... (Greek and English Lexicon of the N.T. - E. Robinson)**
- **A cup, a drinking vessel;... of the thing with which the cup is filled:... by meton. of the container for the contained, the contents of the cup, what is offered to be drunk, Lk. xxii. 20b (Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the N.T.)**

Cup Means Fruit of The Vine (By Metonymy)

- **Metonymy: A change of name; use of the name of one thing for that of another associated with or suggested by it. (e.g., “the White House has decided” for “the President has decided”). Webster’s Dictionary**
- **This Proves that the literal thing mentioned does not have to be present to be metonymy.**
- **1. Heb. 11:7 “Noah... prepared an ark to the saving of his house” KJV**
- **2. Luke 22:17 “And he took the cup... Take this, and divide it among yourselves” KJV**
- **In #1, there was no literal house, yet it is a metonymy according to Webster’s Dictionary.**
- **In #2, if a literal cup was present, it had no more significance than the house of #1**

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**



What must I do to be saved?!