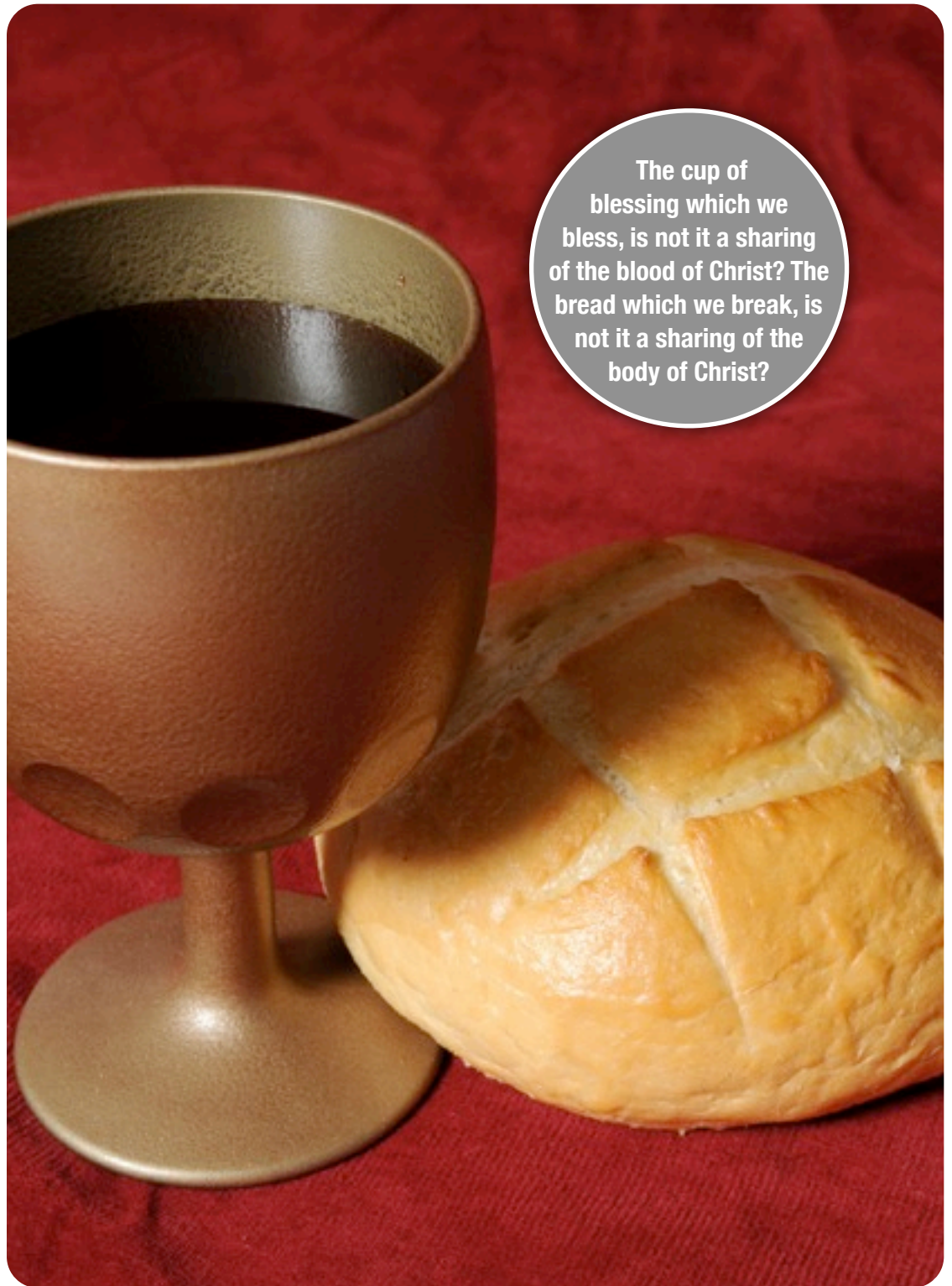


COMMUNION



The cup of blessing which we bless, is not it a sharing of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is not it a sharing of the body of Christ?

BREAD

Long part of worship, bread is the common name for sustaining food of all kinds. The lack of "leaven" was always metaphorical and not crucial to the metaphor.

WINE

Even in the Old Testament, the fruit of the vine was a symbol of rejoicing and merriment. This is not the ordinary drink of everyday meals, but of parties.

WORDS

Jesus reformed the Passover into something new. Without words and context, Communion is not Communion. Christ's minister should preside.

ONE GOES HUNGRY...



Paul is Not an Innovator

1 Corinthians 11 is not novel in it's condemnation of divisive practices in the Church. Amos 4-5 decried Israel in the 8th century B.C. for trampling the poor and bringing unacceptable sacrifices. They did not heed God's rebuke.




Traditions, handed down by Jesus and the Apostles, are meant to unite us

The Corinthians, for all their troubles, got Gender Roles right and Paul commends them for it. But the other tradition -- The Lord's Supper -- had gone horribly wrong. Just as they were suing each other and being factional, so too were they coming together for Communion and excluding one another. Judiazers had come in and further exacerbated divisions among them. The Corinthians had written Paul about the intense issue of food-sacrificed-to-idols. Some said it was okay, others not. Paul



condemns it, but insists we must all forfeit our individual rights for other believers. Nevertheless, it is evil, and provokes harsh rhetoric: the physical descendants of Israel are intended as a negative example. Christian baptism, on the other hand, unites them into one body. The Spiritual Gifts, intended for the good of all the saints, had also become a source of schism. Paul then expounds on charity in one of the greatest chapters in all of Holy Scripture. Love is the greatest.

HEAD COVERING FOR WOMEN	HEAD	NATURE VS FALL	SHAVING, VEILS	UNIVERSALITY
	<p>Not Source "Head" in English can mean <i>source</i> or <i>authority</i>, but not in the Bible: <i>seuree</i>.</p>	<p>Genesis 2 Paul is arguing from Creation, so headship is not a result of the Fall.</p>	<p>Cultures' Ways Paul mentions specific means we don't use to indicate authority. Do they apply?</p>	<p>Application Corinthians got the practice right but he wanted them to understand.</p>