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## **The Cup of Thanksgiving**

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**I Corinthians 10:14-17** <sup>14</sup>Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. <sup>15</sup>I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup>Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. (NIV)

**Intro:** There are three applications of the terms body and blood of the Lord.

\*The literal body and blood of Jesus Christ is **His earthly body**.

\*The symbolic body and blood of Jesus Christ is the **bread and juice** used in communion.

\*The figurative body and blood of Jesus Christ is the **church** and the **Holy Spirit** interacting through our relationships with one another.

I. Here are the key details of this passage.

**A.** We are to **flee** from idolatry. V.14

**B.** When we participate in the **cup of thanksgiving** we are participating in the body and blood of the Christ. V.15-16

**C.** A healthy **unity** should come out of our communion services. V.17

II. How should this affect us?

**A.** We must **renounce** all forms of idolatry.

**B.** We must **confess** our sins and seek restoration in our human relationships.

**C.** We must **receive** the unity of our local church that God wants to give us.