

What Disqualifies us from the Victory Cup?

Yoneq's response to help a brother who had been sharing of a great turmoil that he had been going through for weeks, even months, that caused him to refrain from drinking the victory cup. It seemed that he was under an unnecessary condemnation, fear and a heavy yoke, having a false understanding of our Master and setting an unreachable standard for himself that wasn't from our Master. He felt if he didn't live up to this standard something bad would happen to him — the evil one would get him. But actually he was not really doing anything so much that would sever and hinder his relationship with his brothers and sisters.

A relationship with our Master is to trust Him and have peace. We have to use our Master's name in confidence and trust. He's going to keep us from the evil one. When you walk across a bridge you walk trusting that it will hold you up. You don't just walk in total fear; you have to trust our Master. He is going to hold you up. Certainly, the enemy steals, destroys, and kills, but our Master gives us the abundant life.

We don't commit terrible sins here in the body. That's for the outside world. 1 Jn 1:7 — If we walk in the light we can judge ourselves, and when you feel you do something against your conscience, you confess it and His blood cleanses you. That's how you walk in fellowship.

There are two types of sin in 1 John. Sin that can be forgiven and a sin unto death. We don't commit these sins (unto death) unless we get outside the boundaries, unless we climb over the fence. The victory cup depends on how we treat one another. If we are not kind to our brothers and sisters and our family, that lets us know there is something wrong. The whole thing with the Corinthians was that they didn't treat each other right. They didn't treat each other as extensions of Messiah.

If we walk in the light and we do something wrong, we are able to confess it and we don't get out of fellowship with our brothers and sisters. We have a tremendous battle going on in our flesh and our spirit. Our Father and our Master understand this. They are saving us. They know we aren't perfect. But if you do these things and they affect your fellowship with your brothers and sisters and then you go on drinking the victory cup, that would be a bad thing. Then you have to make repairs, repent and confess. You can't drink because you didn't go soon enough to the throne of grace. Sin doesn't have to sever us from fellowship with our brothers and sisters. As soon as we see it, we repair it. As soon as we see that we are severed, we repair it. The result of being in fellowship with the Holy Spirit is not turmoil. It's love, joy, and peace — not turmoil.