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We have all admired teacups, the fine china luster, the artistry, and their intricate designs. Have you

ever thought about what happens to the one's that are not quite so perfect?

I know a favorite of mine has a crack on the inside corner. Most the crack is hidden from the eyes, unless

someone was looking for it. It's rose design, a little

faded from the years of service. If it were to be bought or sold for antique value, it wouldn't bring much because of its imperfection. Yet,

the memories of secrets shared over tea with this cup are priceless.

This simple cup, flawed as it may be, has a message

uniquely its own. Beauty is not dependent on what the

eye can see; it's a matter of the heart. What is

stored in a treasure in the cupboard of the heart can never be bought or

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sold for any price.

I went to a doctor one time that told me I was not whole. Infact, I was broken. I had to learn to live with missing parts that could never be added. When God created me, he left out the most important part of my reproductive system, my ovaries. I remember how I felt that day. Is there no hope for a normal life I would ask myself? I would cry. No one will ever understand my pain. My cracks were secret, hidden deep inside, except for the keloid scar on my neck. A cracked teacup that best describes what I am.

I began to remember the lesson of the teacup. God I said, "I never asked to be a cracked cup. Please tell me why?" I never thought that taking care of a diseased thyroid would result in such an ugly scar. Even after three plastic surgeries. I wondered would any man ever love me, the imperfect vessel that I am?

"Ok God, I am a cracked cup now what?"

God never did tell me why. He promised instead His unfailing love and His grace, which the Bible says is sufficient. Some how, those promises didn't seem like enough to bring understanding to my grieving heart. I ached for the children I would never have and a body, which at least to me, would never look normal.

Healing like after healing line seemed to lack power.

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It made me cry out all the louder. "Lord, Father,

Almighty in heaven where is Your power?"

Remember me, I never asked to be a cracked cup. Faithful to his word
the Son of Righteousness arose with healing in His wings. A miracle you
ask, I think so.

I am learning to come into His presence to hear His
heart and allow Him to draw me into that solitary
place with Him. There he speaks comfortable to me the
words of life that sustain my soul. You are darling,
my beautiful one. You are my beloved. My banner over
you is love. The word of God to me, which is as ointment poured on to my
hurting heart.

Sometimes, when I look in the mirror I still see a cracked cup. When I
ask the Father what He sees, He
whispers in my ear, "I see Jesus."

The p.s. to this story, in this world and in our cupboards is, there are
many cracked cups. Some have been cracked by their own hand, some because
of circumstances and some it was the way they were created. So when you
choose your next teacup and notice a crack hold it gently to the Father
and ask Him what He sees.

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Communion Is Not Just Juice And Crackers!

By Verona Raymond

What is Communion? We do know that it originated from the night Jesus and his disciples were at the Last Supper, the night before Jesus is crucified:

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 23For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come

When we are receiving the juice and crackers at church, it's important to know what communion really is. We are remembering Jesus and giving thanks for our redemption. At the same time we are also embracing the common bond that we share with fellow believers. But the Bible also warns us of participating in communion without knowing Jesus and what this holy tradition really is about:

1 Corinthians 11:27–29 27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Some Churches have communion on a weekly basis and announce it at the end of the service. In their announcement, they don't even say to the congregation "If you are a believer and have given your life to the Lord, receive your communion. " They really need to convey this message to their congregation each time that they have communion. There might be new comers there or young children that may not understand what communion really means, that will participate.

Remember to not take the real meaning of communion lightly. Rejoice in the Lord and the precious blood he shed on the cross for our sins. And if you have Christ in your heart, then gladly participate in the wonderful holy tradition from the Last Supper called communion.

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