Communion Meditation

"The Rock was Christ"

(1 Corinthians 10:4)

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"and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ."

- 1 Corinthians 10:4



Meaning

- "spiritual rock" the rock symbolized God's miraculous and gracious provision to sustain and satisfy His people
- "spiritual drink" the water signified that the people lived by God's word and His provision alone



Meaning

- "the rock was Christ"
 - What the rock symbolized (the source of God's provision for life) is ultimately fulfilled by Christ
 - Jesus is the source of "living water" satisfies our deepest and ultimate needs (John 4:14)



Implications

- Participating in the Lord's Table is not in itself saving/sanctifying
 - Eating "spiritual food" and drinking "spiritual drink" did not spare Israel form God's judgment
 - Do not overestimate the power of communion as a saving sacrament



Implications

- Participating in the Lord's Table should cause us to flee idolatry
 - In eating and drinking by faith we nourish ourselves on the blessings purchased by Christ's death
 - When you are nourished on the benefits of Christ's death, idols lose their attraction