

## HOWe THINGS ARE... April 2014

"This is Christ's body broken for you." "Christ's blood shed JUST for you."

I noticed the goblet with the cloth over top of it on the communion table at the Methodist church where I'd chosen to attend Maundy Thursday service. I was mildly concerned it was going to be a everybody drinks from the same cup and they wipe off the person's spit before you with the cloth. It wasn't. It was a dip your piece of bread in the cup kind (which they explained pre-communion). And THEN, the guy offering the cup said "just for you". I can hear him say it: "Christ's blood shed just for you". Struck me as so profound, I forgot to check the communion cup for the sparkling light. The first time I can recall not looking and finding the light reflected there. I always notice the sparkle in the juice from the lights. It's a thing with me. Every now and again, I'm someplace where it's dim when they're serving communion and I think, "oh, maybe there won't be enough light to reflect a little sparkling light". I'm prepared to be disappointed and then I'm so pleased when I see the light sparkling. I'm assuming most people in the world do not check their little communion cup for sparkling light. I've just liked that feature of communion for as long as I've taken communion. And now I'll have this kind gentleman's voice softly saying just to me, "Christ's blood shed just for you".

I'm assuming most believers DO share how cool communion is: that it's both profoundly personal and it's deeply connecting. There you are having an intimate moment (checking for reflected light in your cup or listening to someone state "this is just for you") and it's shared with the people in the room with you and everywhere in the world and throughout time, back to well, Maundy Thursday, when it was Him saying those words.

Trust you enjoyed this Easter season too! And looking forward to the day when everyone has access to hear those words (God's Word) in their own language...

### **And how is work?**

Great! (like I-feel-almost-guilty-that-I-get-to-have-such-a-cool-job great). A few things you could pray for:

- Praise God for productive work: that work has been productive as of late and that there is a part for each of us to play in God's work. (I could drone on about several fun-to-me work topics if you give the slightest hint of interest... including my new office with a window... and a door!)
- Not so fun things at work: Heartbleed\*\* bug. Good reminder to pray for not another week like that. Because we needed everyone to change their compromised passwords, we set a "require password reset" flag on every user, which had the unanticipated consequence of locking every user out of our HelpDesk at the same time people needed help to change passwords. Also a good reminder to thank God that typically things work really well, amazingly well.
- Thank God for a good visit to Dallas connecting with people on my team. Also thank God for interns coming this summer and a short term volunteer here now.

And how might I pray for you? I'd love the opportunity (and to hear from you!)

\*\*[Heartbleed bug](#): serious vulnerability in the security that's supposed to keep sensitive things safe, affected about 2/3rds of websites (facebook, gmail, yahoo, ...us), big pain to cleanup, involved asking everyone to change passwords

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