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18 Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? 19 Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. 22 Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

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And what is further emphasized in 10:18?

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Therefore...based on (4) warning examples (10:6-13), FLEE from idolatry! See the results

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1. Sanctification 2. Deliverance: (then meal) 3. Redemption 4. Restoration 5. Elijah

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It was His death, His blood, that brought us redemption under the New Covenant!

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Cup of thanksgiving (probably 3rd cup in Passover), isn't it sharing in the blood of Christ?

What is the second reminder? 10:16b; 11:23-26

Is not the communion bread a participation in the body of Christ? Not literal, in type.

And what is obvious by the use of the pronoun 'we' in this passage? 10:17; Eph.4:1-6

We (all believers) are many, yet are one body, partaking of the one broken loaf. Unity!

And what is further emphasized in 10:18?

Remember the people of Israel: Eating the sacrifices = participating in the altar itself.

What is Paul's overall point regarding Communion in this passage?

Believers commune with Christ via Communion. And w/each other (unity). It is Holy...

Second, a warning about idol worship...10:19-22

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Absolutely not! Such 'worship' and 'sacrifices' are nothing. However, for believers...??

What does he make crystal clear about believers participating in their 'sacrifices'? 10:20-21

Those sacrifices are made to demons, not to God! Believers can't do that and Communion!

And what is his rhetorical question about this? 10:22; see 11:27-32

Are you trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy?? Are you stronger than He?? Flee quickly!

So, what do you identify as 'partaking of communion in an unworthy manner...?'