

## Remembering Jesus in the Lord's Supper

Luke 22:14-20

On the night when Jesus was betrayed, and taken before Pontius Pilate to be executed on a cross, Jesus took time with His disciples -- eating the traditional Passover meal. Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. He took bread (see v.19).....this do in remembrance of me.

v.20 "and likewise the cup.....

Bread--- this is my body, which is given for you...

Cup-- this cup that is poured out for you.....new covenant in my blood

### **Do this in remembrance of me.**

Bread - the Passover meal had unleavened bread. No yeast in the bread. No leaven which causes the dough to rise.

CUP - fruit of the vine (see v.18 "I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until....) grape juice. No refrigeration... fermentation

In his commentary on the Gospel of John, Albert Barnes wrote, "The wine of Judea was the pure juice of the grape, without any mixture of alcohol. It was the common drink of the people and did not produce intoxication." When we speak of wine in the context of the Lord's Supper.... Forget about the wine at the winery, or that which is purchased as an acholoic beverage. It's the fruit of the vine.

Jesus said - **do this in remembrance of me.** It is as Charles Spurgeon called it - A FEAST of REMEMBRANCE.

Our eyes are drawn to Jesus. Our minds are thoughts of Christ. In a tangible way we visualize, and think most deeply of the Lord Jesus Christ. Who He is. Why He came. What He did. What blessings of salvation He has bestowed upon us. WE REMEMBER JESUS.

We don't need to ADD anything to distract from the simplicity of this occasion. We don't need to have great displays of pictures to enhance this memorial. There are some churches, and we have done this in the past, where we had a white cloth that covered the vessels containing the elements. Two men would in a solemn fashion lift up the cloth, and fold it neatly, almost like the folding of the American flag.

No fanfare is to be added....we are not to garnish the event with something cute and appealing of the flesh.....Jesus simply

- Took bread
- Gave thanks
- Broke it
- Gave it to his disciples
- Likewise the cup He gave for them to drink

- The BREAD represents HIS BODY....broken upon the cross....wounded, bleeding,
- The CUP represents the BLOOD he shed.... The cup of suffering, Jesus drank of that cup which was His suffering and death for all the redeemed.

Notice

1. **The PEOPLE. He gave it to them** - For Whom is this Feast for? It's for those people who know the Lord. It's a feast of remembrance.

**You can't remember someone you've never met.**

**(memorial service....**picture of the deceased, a table might hold some items that were dear and precious to the departed... opportunity to speak, share fond memories....

**It would be disrespectful** if some stranger spoke up and said things as if he knew the departed loved one....when he never met the person...

For a person who is not saved to take the bread and cup.... It's saying outloud in a visual way...yes, This Jesus belongs to me... He bore my sins... and I'm a part of the community of believers..... yet that person does not KNOW Christ...

It is blasphemous for a person to partake and have no interest in Christ.

They would be eating and drinking judgment to themselves, not discerning the Lord's body.

If you don't know the Lord, you can't **do this in remembrance of Him.** YOU CAN'T remember someone you don't know. You might know something of what Jesus SAID, or DID. You might know the historical Jesus. But do you know him? know him as Lord and Savior. Is he precious to you?

If he's nothing to you, then it will be a sad and tragic day when the Lord says, I NEVER KNEW YOU.

These are the words of Christ -

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.' **Matthew 7:21-23**

2. **The Purpose.** To remember Jesus.

Do this in remembrance of me. I have never read where our Lord commands us to remember where you can find the listing of the 10 commandments. It's found in Exodus, chapter 20. It's good to know that. But the most important matter to remember is JESUS, HIMSELF.

It's good to remember such things as the doctrines, the teachings like the teaching regarding justification, sanctification, and the teachings of the Holy Spirit, the teaching of END TIME Events...but it's no good if I forget JESUS.

When Jesus was at the age of 12, along with his parents they attended the Feast of the Passover....and on the way home....they had supposed Jesus was in the caravan.... They traveled in large groups.....after a day's journey they discovered Jesus missing.....found him 3 days later back at the temple in Jerusalem. They had all the smaller children, but forgot Jesus....forgot to do a head count.... They traveled in a big group....had all their stuff together....but where's Jesus...

If we forget Jesus....it doesn't matter what you have, you're not going to go far.

The Lord's Supper – serves for the purpose to REMEMBER JESUS>

**A. Savior** - Remember me, says Jesus, I'm your Savior.

Remember me who came to seek and to save that which was lost. There's no Savior like Jesus.

He's mighty to save. We recall. **1John 4:14** We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.

He's the Savior of the World.....doesn't mean every single person in the world will be saved; but it means this..... Jesus is the ONLY Savior FOR the World.

**Acts 5:31** He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Jesus is NOT a Political Savior. He does not promise to save you from inflation, recession and depression. He does not promise to give things of this world; a life of comfort, and ease...

He's NOT a MEDICAL Savior to solve every medical condition. And free you of every pain and discomfort.

JESUS is the Savior – who came to save us from the greatest disease—the disease of SIN; He's the Great Physician... who saves all who come to Him in faith and repentance.

**Acts 4:12** And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Jesus ALONE... saves from sin.... From judgment....from Hell... from the wrath to come.

## **B. BEST FRIEND**

I have called you friends (John 15:15) Not only is Jesus a Mighty Savior; He's GREAT Friend.

A friend of sinners. (Matt 11:19)

You need a friend....and you have no better friend than Jesus. He sticks closer than a brother, or sister. He's there when you need him....and we always need him.

In your dark moments...your lonely moments..... your sad moments...

In times of despair....in times of discouragement

Jesus gives what only a friend can give.... He give you not only the shirt off his back....He gave His back to the tormentors on OUR BEHALF.... Jesus laid down his life for his friends.

**C.** He is Your Strength.

### **Psalm 28:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.<sup>8</sup>The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

**There's no strength** like what comes from our Lord Jesus. His strength and power has not diminished one bit. He is the same yeste..today..and foreer..

Jesus has repeatedly demonstrated his strength... by giving strength to the LAME; eyes to the blind; hearing to the deaf; life to the dead..

This strength and power... is in us in the Person of the Holy Spirit... as Paul said...

**Eph. 3:20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

We drink from the streams of God's sustaining grace. We come this morning to remember the SOURCE of this STREAM...it's fountain-head...it's none other than Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Psalm 62:11** God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

### **D. Interceder**

Jesus intercedes for us. How is that? ON the cross Jesus intercedes....

We the sinner....have offended the Holy God. God is the offended One.

Jesus stood between God, the offended One; and Us, the sinners the offending party

Thief on cross.... will you remember me? Today...

Jesus died, rose again...ascended.....NOW..... intercedes for us .....

At the right hand of the majesty on high... He's ALIVE! He, who has his eye upon the sparrow, has his eyes upon you.

He who stood up at the right hand of the Father at the stoning of Stephen.....stands up with great interest and concern anytime his dear children are mistreated and abused.

Jesus...at the right hand... pleading our case! The devil comes to accuse.... But if the Lord be for us, who can be against us.

If you ever think the Lord has abandoned you, remember He intercedes for you. He has not given up on you... He told us about the trials of life...

But remember..... He who began a good work in you....bring ti to completion..

## **E. Soon-coming King**

v.16,18

Remember Jesus - He's coming back... Our Lord told John on the Isle of Patmos - Behold, I come quickly.

We are living in the last days.... We've been in the last days since the times of the early church...

What's taking the Lord so long... we are impatient... He is patient...not willing that any should perish but all come to repentance.....

Jesus keeps his promise.... He will come... I go to prepare a place for you....

### **Romans 13:11**

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

One day...and nothing is preventing his coming..... Catch the church away....

## **3. The Picture - Bread and Cup**

### **A. Picture of the Lord's Death -**

**1Cor. 11:26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

We have the bread in one container; We have the fruit of the vine (the grape juice) in another container. We don't soak the bread in with the juice. We don't mix it together. We take it separately. The juice does not serve as a dipping sauce for the bread. It is separate.

The bread- which represents the BODY of Jesus is here...

The cup – which represents the Blood of Jesus is here...

The Lord's death is seen....because the Body does not have the blood in it. When you separate the blood from the body.... You have death. Jesus blood was shed from his body by a violent, cruel death. His murder was from the guilty hands of sinners.... All humanity were participants in the murdering of God's Son.

**Acts 2:23** *Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

**Smitten of God** - is what the prophet Isaiah tells us. We meant it for evil just like Joseph said to his brothers who sold him into slavery in Egypt...

### **Genesis 50:20**

But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

## **B. Picture of Grace**

**v.20** new covenant in my blood -- you have the new covenant... There was the old covenant...

There was the covenant made with Adam..... if only Adam had obeyed God...not taken of that forbidden fruit.... we would have enjoyed the blessings of God.....Adam failed... He sinned...and all humanity plunged into sin....

Another covenant was made with the Second Adam... the Lord Jesus Christ.... Jesus obeyed. He kept the Father's will. He never sinned.

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. **(Philippians 2:8)**

"As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive"

All in Adam died.... And all who are in Christ are made alive.... Jesus perfectly obeyed. His obedience ....His righteousness is imputed to us.

We operate NOT on the covenant of law keeping.... It's the new covenant of GRACE.

## **C. Picture of Salvation Received.**

**Jesus said...**take this....take this bread..... take this cup.... It is for you... it's broken for you....it's poured out for you..

We don't bring our own cup, this morning.

We don't bring our own bread from the house ...

We don't bring our own juice.

IT's all been provided for you. You simply, take it....eat freely... drink freely...

It's provided FOR YOU.

You don't bring to the Lord something you've done to MERIT salvation.

You RECEIVE the FREE Gift of Salvation.

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**We receive the Bread freely..... The Bread of Heaven.... No other place to find nourishment for our souls....**

**We receive the Cup freely..... The Blood of Christ....sufficiently, powerfully, permanently washes away every sin...**

The thief on the Cross had no ability to do anything to earn his way into Paradise.

He was totally helpless.... He freely received mercy from the Lord, and was given the promise of eternal life in Heaven.

Let the Lord Jesus do What ONLY He can Do For you.

Is your heart cold, ...you have small feelings and affections for the Lord...? receive what He has offered....let Christ fill you with His love.... You feel like you have nothing to offer the Lord...

Let the Lord offer you something....Let Him give you His salvation... The Bread is free...the Cup is free...

Come with a hunger for Jesus... blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.