

SERIES:

SUBJECT: *This do in remembrance*

READING: **1Co 11:23-26** *For 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: (24) And 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. (25) After 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. (26) For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*

Introduction:

We read this text once a month as a part of our observance of the Lord's Supper. The church is commanded by Christ to observe the Lord's supper and Water Baptism which stand as important reminders of God's marvelous work in delivering sinners.

The latter is the first few frames in the motion picture which is our life once we turn in repentance from sin and toward a new life in Christ. Those frames picture the spiritual events which that took place before the world began when we were placed in Christ by the Holy Ghost where we were crucified with Christ, buried with Him in death, and raised from the dead with Him to walk in newness of life. **It is our visible identification with Jesus Christ! It is as the acts it pictures a once and for all and forever event never needing to be redone or repeated.**

Whereas the observance of the Lord's supper is an act repeated as often as is necessary to insure the acts it pictures are never forgotten yet not so often repeated that becomes a ritual of mindless rote!

It is to keep the work of Christ always fresh in our minds and hearts that there is no danger of it ever being forgotten!

It is a Memorial that keeps fresh before us in mind and spirit the sacrifice without which we would remain hopelessly bound by the tyranny of sin, death, and hell!

I. The Importance Of The Memorial Of The Lord's Supper;

- a. **Historically The Lord's Supper also referred to as the Last Supper took place as Jesus was preparing for the Passover and we read about it in Mark 14:22-26** *And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. (23) And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. (24) And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. (25) Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. (26) And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.*
- i. **That day Jesus told His disciples that the bread they were eating was a symbol of His Body.**
- ii. **He also told them that the *the fruit of the vine*, they were drinking was a symbol of the *blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.***
- b. **That which Jesus spoke of at the Supper took place shortly after when Judas one of the 12 betrayed Him as He was in the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and ask God if there was another way this work He was doing could be accomplished apart from brutality that He was facing. Mar 14:35-36** *And he went forward a little,*

and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. (36) And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt.

- i. His answer was already settled; His life must be sacrificed to deliver others! Mar 14:41-42** *And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. (42) Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.*
- ii. Within minutes perhaps Judas came with a great number of the servants of the High Priest and betrayed Him and Mar 14:50** *And they all forsook him, and fled.*
- iii. What took place over the next few hours is what the Lord's supper as we practice it is designed to memorialize!**
- c. To be able to fully grasp and absorb the great sacrifice that Jesus Christ did to save mankind from sin, Christians have been advised to ponder on the most excruciating pain that Christ endured the day he was nailed to the cross over 2,000 years ago.**
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**Cross of death between heaven and earth
as His sinless blood drained from His
body until all its life giving flow was gone!
Blood that soaked the soil on Calvary's
mount!**

I. The meaning of the Memorial Its Purpose
entrance into the Body of Christ!

The Lord's Supper

Conclusion;

Invitation: