

“Remember”

‘And Never Forget’

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Introduction:

1. As we go through life, each and every one of us create special memories of family members, events in our lives or some great event in our life that we wish to remember, such as our wedding day, a new baby born into the world or just some great time that we all have had together.
2. From our history we are taught to remember certain things, such as ‘Remember the Alamo’ a battle which was fought for Texas independence in March of 1836, “The day of infamy” the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, “911” or September 11, 2001 a date of the terrorist attack on the United States with the killing of 3,000 innocent victims.
3. But, the greatest ‘**REMEMBRANCE**’ that we, as Christians, can do is **Remember** Jesus Christ for what He done for you and I.
4. As He was about to be betrayed (v23), denied by His followers, rejected, falsely accused, beaten, whipped, publicly humiliated and nailed to a cross on Calvary between two criminals, (for you and I) he sat with His disciples and instituted the Lord’s Supper and told them to ‘do this in remembrance of me’.
5. The Lord’s Supper was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and to be taken upon the first day of the week (*Sunday – Today – Remember each week has a first day of the week in it – means every week*) – As for Christians today we are to partake of His Supper and these are the reasons why.
 - a. “On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread” **Acts 20:7** – This verse **gives us the frequency** of taking the Lord’s Supper – **ONCE A WEEK**.
 - b. “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” **Acts 2:42** – this verse **tells us that we are to do it continually every first day of the week the rest of our lives**.
 - c. Listen to this statement very closely, “So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves**. “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” **John 6:53-54** – we partake of His body and blood symbolically in the unleavened loaf and the fruit of the vine (*non-alcoholic*) and these Scriptures give us one of the reasons why that we are to partake of the Lord’s Supper each and every first day of the week and that is to have **LIFE**.
 - d. As we take the Lord’s Supper, we are to examine ourselves to see if we are taking it in a worthy manner. (v27-28)
 - e. We are to take the Lord’s Supper as a **command** from the Lord Himself, “**do this in remembrance of Me**” (v24,25).

Jesus said, “Remember Me when **you** take of My Supper”

From the Scriptures of our text this morning, we will see what Jesus Christ wants us to **REMEMBER** when we partake of **His Supper**.

I. Remember Me, Because My Body Hung On The Cross For You.

(v24)

- A. It was for yours and my sins, that Christ took a beating, and died such a horrible death on that cross of Calvary, *“But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.”* – **Isaiah 53:5**
- B. He did it for His love for you and me.
- C. He suffered the wrath of God, in order that we might not have to.
- D. He hung on the cruel old cross in our place.
- E. He was wounded for our transgressions – and yet He was without sin.
- F. **Remember and never forget** for what He done for you on His cross.
- G. He was the Perfect Sacrifice, the Perfect Lamb of God, for He was God in the flesh and it is He and He alone who sacrificed Himself in order that we might have peace with our God with the forgiveness of our sins, and in obedience to His gospel, we can have eternal life because of Him – **NEVER FORGET**.

II. Remember Me, Because My Blood Was Shed For You and The Institution Of The New Covenant Between You And My Father.

(v25)

- A. Without blood there is no forgiveness *“And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”* **Hebrews 9:22**
 1. Jesus said as He sat with His disciples as He was about to be crucified, *“for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.”* – **Matthew 26:28**
 2. We come in contact with His blood when we are baptized for the remission of our sins.
- B. The Old Law was nailed to His cross to bring in the Law of Grace *“He canceled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and **nailed it to the cross.**”* – **Colossians 2:14** (NCV) – *“for you are not under law but **under grace.**”* – **Romans 6:14**
- C. Jesus Christ became the mediator between you and I and the Father because of His blood that was shed on the cross, *“For this reason He is the **mediator of a new covenant,** so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance”* - **Hebrews 9:15** – **NEVER FORGET**

III. Remember Me, For “I Have Risen” From The Dead Never To Die Again.

- A. Old Testament prophecies, prophecy spoken by Jesus Christ Himself spoke of rising from the dead, even though those in the Old Testament and His disciples could not comprehend this miracle, *“For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they*

will kill Him; and when He has been killed, **He will rise three days later.** But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.” – Mark 9:31-32

- B. As the angel announced to the Mary’s that were at His grave upon the first day of the week, “He is not here, for **He has risen,** just as He said” – Matthew 28:6
- C. The apostle Paul is telling us that Jesus having risen from the grave, “is **never to die again;** death no longer is master over Him.” – Romans 6:9
- D. Jesus Himself took death captive by His resurrection from the grave.
 - 1. Every since Adam and Eve’s sin in the garden with the results of death brought upon mankind, death no longer has a strangle hold upon man.
 - 2. Christ Himself defeated death, “***DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?...The sting of death is sin...but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***” – 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
- E. Because of His Death, His Burial and His Resurrection from the grave **we can have salvation through His blood in obedience** to His gospel message.
- F. Because of His resurrection, we have the **promise of the resurrection never to die again,** and we are to proclaim this until He comes again – **NEVER FORGET.** (v26)

Conclusion:

- 1. **REMEMBER** and **NEVER FORGET** in what Jesus done for us on the cross of Calvary, nearly 2,000 years ago.
- 2. **REMEMBER** and **NEVER FORGET** that it should have been us on that cross suffering the wrath of God, for He was without sin.
- 3. **REMEMBER** and **NEVER FORGET** that as a Christian we are to partake of the Lord’s Supper weekly.
- 4. **REMEMBER** and **NEVER FORGET** that we are to examine ourselves to see if we are worthy to take of the Lord’s Supper.
- 5. **REMEMBER** and **NEVER FORGET** that each and every one of us who take of the Lord’s Supper must examine what we ourselves **have done in the Body of Christ.**
- 6. **REMEMBER** and **NEVER FORGET** that it is a command from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ **“do this in remembrance of Me”**(v24)
- 7. **REMEMBER** and **NEVER FORGET** “**unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.**” John 6:53 – Note this is speaking figuratively and not literal – the emblems that we take in the Lord’s Supper (the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine) represent His Body and His Blood.
- 8. **REMEMBER** and **NEVER FORGET** that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is communing with us in His Kingdom today, as we take of the Lord’s Supper every first day of the week according to His promise for He is told His disciple prior to His death that He would “**drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.**” – Matthew 26:29
- 9. The question’s that I leave you today are the following and very pointed:

Do you remember?

Do you remember what Christ done for you?

Do you remember to "Do this in Remembrance of Me" every first day of the week as stated by Jesus Christ?

For, you see if we *do not partake* of the Lord's Supper according to what He has commanded, He has told us that we have **NO LIFE!**

THE CHOICE IS YOURS AND MINE TO MAKE!

JESUS SAID REMEMBER ME!!!