

## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Int.

1. Aim: To discuss this important part of our worship and how we are to observe it.
2. Verses that show the establishment of the Lord's Supper.
  - a. Mt. 26:26-29 "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed [it], and brake [it], and gave [it] to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave [it] to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."
  - b. Mk. 14:22-25 NKJV "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. 25 "Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.""
  - c. Lk. 22:19-20 "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake [it], and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup [is] the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. "
  - d. I Cor. 11:24-26 "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.

3. The "Lord's Supper" is taken in memory of Christ -
  - a. Memory is a great factor for good or evil
    - (1) "Remember Lot's wife" - Luke 17:32
    - (2) Israel remembered Egypt, and wanted to return.
  - b. Some of God's memorials:
    - (1) Rainbow - Gen. 9:8-17
    - (2) Passover - Ex. 12:14
    - (3) Manna - Ex. 16:32-34
4. Great memorials of man
  - a. Egypt - The Great Pyramid - Erected by Khufu about 2500 B.C. - covered 13 acres, took 100,000 men twenty years to build. Inside was a tomb for the king and queen.
  - b. India - Taj Mahal - built by Shah Jehan for himself and his wife - made of white marble - it took 20,000 men twenty two years to build.
  - c. Jesus built a greater memorial - the Lord's Supper. "In remembrance"

## Discussion

### I. IN REMEMBRANCE

#### A. re·mem·ber

1. To recall to the mind; think of again.
2. To retain in the memory.
3. To keep (someone) in mind.

#### B. re·mem·brance

1. The act of remembering or the state of being remembered.
2. A memorial.

### C. Memorial

1. Something intended to honor the memory of a person or event.
2. Memorials for people - George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln
3. Memorials for Wars and Events - Iwo Jima, WWII - Twin Towers
4. This is why the Lord's Supper is to be done in remembrance of Jesus

## **II. NAMES BY WHICH THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CALLED**

### A. It is called:

1. The "bread" and "fruit of the vine" - Mt. 26:26
2. The "breaking of bread" - Acts 2:42 20:7
3. The "Communion" - I Cor. 10:16
4. The "Lord's Table" - I Cor. 10:21
5. The "Lord's Supper" - I Cor. 11:20

### B. It is never called:

1. "Eucharist"
  - a. From two Greek words - "eu" = well, good and "Charizesthai" = to show favor, thanks
  - b. It means to give thanks
2. "Sacrament"
  - a. From a Latin word meaning oath, or solemn engagement.
  - b. Never used in NT
3. "Mass"
  - a. Roman Catholics use this term and it means a sacrifice
  - b. It is an unbloody sacrifice - Never used in NT

### **III. WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER?**

- A. Jesus wanted to be remembered when he left this world.
1. He knew that his body would not be left in a tomb
  2. He also knew that if he erected a great monument that...
    - a. Only a few rich people from around the world would be able to come to see it.
    - b. That the monument would eventually be torn down by enemies or fall down from decay.
    - c. People would made an idol of the monument.
  3. He set up a memorial which could be seen by people in every nation, that would perpetually call to remembrance the sacrifice which He had made, and stir up in their hearts both reverence and gratitude. On the night He was betrayed He took some bread and fruit of the vine and made them into a memorial.
- B. Bread - Mt. 26:26 Mk. 14:22 Lk. 22:19 I cor. 11:23
1. In the Passover observance unleavened bread was used - Ex. 12:15
  2. Jesus used this bread in instituting the Lord's Supper
  3. We should use unleavened bread today in the Lord's Supper
  4. The Bread represents the body of Christ - Mt. 26:26 - "This is my body" - the Jews understood
    - a. We often show a picture of a loved one and say: "this is my wife" or "This is my son." "This is my grandchild"
    - b. The bread is a representative of the body of Christ
  5. This bread represents Jesus, the Bread of Life.

C. Cup or Fruit of the Vine - Mt. 26:27, 29

1. The cup refers to the contents and not the container - I Cor. 11:26 Mt. 26:27
2. The "cup" represents the blood of Christ - Mt. 26:28 - Not called Wine
3. "But there is so little of it - just a swallow."
  - a. That's all right, there is always enough to go around, for everyone. Every Christian has his needs supplied.
  - b. So it is with the blood of Christ. His blood was shed at Calvary, not for his sins, but for ours. His blood was enough for every person who would come to Him.
  - c. Some might say: "It's just a little cracker and a little drink of grape juice." But it means more to the Christian...

#### **IV. THE MEANING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

A. It is a Commemoration

1. It is observed in memory of Christ - Lk. 22:19
2. It is a constant reminder of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

B. It is Communion

1. With God and Christ - I Cor. 10:16 Mt. 26:26-29
2. Communion = participation or sharing - identifies one with Jesus.
3. With one another - I Cor. 10:17 - it shows we are united with one another in one body.

## C. It is a Proclamation

1. Proclaim our faith in the death, burial and resurrection
2. Proclaim our faith in redemption which is in Christ
3. Proclaim our faith in His second coming.

## D. It is a Dedication

1. The Lord's Supper represents the blood-ratified covenant between Christ and Christs - Heb. 8:6-8,12 I Cor. 11:25
2. We eat the Lord's Supper with a consciousness of our promised dedication to Christ.

## E. It is an Anticipation

1. It is given to Christians "till He come". I Cor. 11:26
2. The Lord's Supper spans the gulf between the first and second coming.

## **V. PROPER WAY TO OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

## A. Possible to observe in the wrong manner

1. We could come together to observe the Lord's Supper and our meeting "be not for the better, but for the worse." I Cor. 11:17
2. It is possible to eat bread and drink the fruit of the vine and not observe the Lord's Supper.
  - a. The Lord's Table is in his Kingdom - Lk. 22:29,30 A man outside the kingdom may eat the bread and drink the fruit of the vine in all sincerity, but is not in actual communion with the Lord.

- b. A Christian may actually eat the bread and drink the fruit of the vine, yet do it in such an unworthy manner as to not be observing the Lord's Supper at All.
  - c. There is more to the Lord's Supper than just eating the bread and drinking the fruit of the vine.
3. Failure to take the Lord's Supper in the proper way will bring about sickness
- a. I Cor. 11:30 NKJV "For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.."
  - b. This is spiritual sickness

B. The proper way is to observe in a "worthy manner"

- 1. "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." 1 Cor. 11:27
  - a. The word "unworthily" is not an adjective describing the person eating the Lord's Supper.
  - b. But it is an adverb describing the manner of partaking.
  - c. Irreverently - is the idea behind the word unworthy
- 2. Instead of thinking about whether or not he is worthy to eat the Lord's Supper, he rather should be thinking about Christ, His death, and His second coming.
- 3. The proper manner will include "self examination" I Cor. 11:28 "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." - ask yourselves these questions:
  - a. Am I Sincere? or am I laughing, talking, thinking about something else.
  - b. Do I have the right attitude of Heart? Mt. 5:21-24

- c. Did I come to keep the memory of Christ? I Cor. 11:24,25
  4. The Worthy manner will also include "discerning the Lord's Body"
    - a. I Cor. 11:29
    - b. Do I have a proper regard and appreciation of the Lord's sacrifice.
  5. This proper observance will insure good spiritual health - I Cor. 11:30
- C. On the First day of the Week
1. Acts 20:7 "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."
  2. The first day of the week comes every week - it is Sunday, the Lord's Day
  3. Not to be observed on Thursday or Saturday

## **VI. REVIEW OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

- A. It is a memorial observed in memory of Jesus
- B. It consists of unleavened bread and
- C. The Fruit of the Vine.
- D. We eat the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week - Acts 20:7
- E. We do this in the right manner or attitude.

## **Conclusion**

1. The Lord's Supper is an important part of our worship.
2. Jesus gave us the memorial the night He was betrayed.
3. It's simplicity and beauty make it a fitting memorial.
4. "In this supper we see pictured  
the sinfulness of man,  
the grace of God,  
the love of Jesus,  
a perfect sacrifice for sin,  
the covenant of grace,  
his glorious promise to come."
5. The Lord's Supper continues to live on and is observed every first day of the week throughout the world. And it will continue until Christ comes again.

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