

"THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME"

1 Cor. 11:24 - 26

Intro: We are commanded to observe the Lord's Supper often.

- The purpose of the Lord's Supper is to keep the Person and work of our Savior constantly before our hearts and minds.

- The bible is very clear about the Lord's Supper: It is to be simple, a service of remembrance, a time of fellowship, and not to be perverted.

I. IT WILL BE PROFITABLE FOR US TO REMEMBER MANY THINGS

The main thing to remember is Christ, Himself. We must let nothing turn our minds from him. But there are other things that might help us in remembering Him.

1. Let us remember **OURSELVES WHEN WE WERE WITHOUT CHRIST.**
2. Let us remember **THE FIRST TIME WE CAME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.**
3. Let us remember **OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS WITH WHOM WE OFTEN KEPT THIS SUPPER.**
4. Let us remember **EACH OTHER IN THIS ROOM AS WE BREAK BREAD TOGETHER.**
 - What God has done for us.
 - What each has contributed to the Lord and His work here.
 - What needs to be done and what we can do to help.
5. Let us remember those **who have left us, like Judas, WHO ONCE SAT HERE WITH US.**
 - Let us not become presumptuous.
 - Let us thank God for His Grace.
 - Let us consecrate ourselves anew to Christ.

II. THIS SERVICE IS DESIGNED AND INTENDED TO TURN OUR MEMORIES TO CHRIST HIMSELF

1. The Bread and the Fruit of the Vine set before us are Representative of our Savior's Person.
2. Placed here on this table, in our very presence, the Bread and the Fruit of the Vine suggest our Lord's Nearness to us and His knowing us personally.

3. The Broken Bread and the Fruit of the Vine poured out show the suffering of Christ as **our Substitute.**
4. The Bread, the Fruit of the Vine, the Body and the Blood, **Separated, declare our Savior's Death.**
5. Eating the Bread and Drinking the Fruit of the vine are **pictures of Faith..receiving Christ ...and living upon Him.**
6. The Fragments that remain, the Bread and Fruit of the Vine that are left over are significant:
 - Christ is an Abundant, All Sufficient Savior! There is **plenty in Him for all.**
 - Every particle of this Supper points to Christ. Here we **behold the Lamb of God Slain for us sinners!**

III. THIS REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIST IS VERY NEEDFUL

It is shameful on our part that we should need this reminder, but our Lord is gracious that He gave it to us.

1. He gave it to help **Sustain our Faith.**
2. He gave it to **Stimulate our Love.**
3. He gave it to **Strengthen our Hope.**
4. He gave it to **Call us to Him.**

By this Supper our Savior calls us away from care, away from strife, away from labor, away from the world, away from ourselves to Him. The objective is to keep the Savior's name engraved upon our hearts.

IV. THIS REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIST, WHEN PROPERLY OBSERVED, DOES EXACTLY WHAT IT IS SUPPOSED TO DO

1. It links that which is **material** with that which is **altogether spiritual.**
 - There is a tendency to over emphasize the material too much or the spiritual too much. Christ is directly connected to Bread and the Fruit of the Vine. God (spiritual), did actually assume human flesh (material). We (material) shall dwell with Him in Heaven (spiritual).
2. Christ, knowing our forgetfulness, appointed this Supper of Love to keep our hearts clinging to Him...**to keep us from forgetting Him.**

3. While reviving the memories of His Family, this Supper has also been used by Christ **to draw the unsaved to Himself.**

CONCLUSION

1. It is our privilege and duty to observe this blessed Supper often. It is our **wake up call.** It calls our hearts up to heaven. It is the prelude to that great marriage supper of our Lord. It is the glorious celebration of being redeemed. Yet, **it also reminds us of Christ.**

2. **"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.' 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.' For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come..." (1 Cor. 11:24-26)**

3. Let us now partake of this Supper which the Lord left for us.