

Remember Me Exodus 12:1-27

Instituted By Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25

First century Christians observed it weekly

Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

Consider its significance and purpose

Remember Christ's Sacrifice

In memory of Christ's death, burial & resurrection

Luke 22:19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Heart of the Gospel - **1Corinthians 15:1-4**

Man easily forgets: the reason for pictures, tombs, etc.; Best memories fail, people forgotten

Jeremiah 2:32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me Days without number.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them";

Admonished to remember

2Peter 3:1 This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

Revelation 2:5 Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.

It is a constant reminder of the Lord's death, burial and resurrection

Unleavened bread for the body

1Corinthians 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

Matthew 26:17 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

Matthew 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Fruit of the vine for the blood

1Corinthians 11:25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Matthew 26:27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;

Matthew 26:29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

By faith we see Christ's sacrifice for us in Lord's Supper

We Are Sharing In Christ's Sacrifice

Cup & bread are communion of body & blood of Christ - "Koinonia" means sharing with

1Corinthians 10:16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

Brings us to the realization of our union with Christ

Paul's argument - eating idolatrous meat in idol's temple unites eater with idol, and proves by

showing eating of Lord's Supper identifies Christian with Christ - **1Corinthians 10:14-29**

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Lord's Supper is a two-fold communion

With Christ

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With one another

1Corinthians 10:17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

We Are Proclaiming Christ's Sacrifice

Show the Lord's death till he come

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

In observing the Lord's Supper every Christian can proclaim his faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ to the world.

If improper observance makes weak

1Corinthians 11:30 *For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.*

What will proper observance do for us? What will no observance do for us?

We preach as we observe - On God's love, grace, salvation, etc.; On Christian's faith courage and zeal

It Reminds Us Of Our Great Responsibility

Covenant of my blood

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Reference to ratifying or sealing of an agreement

Exodus 24:5-8 records the sealing of the covenant of God with Israel. The animal was slain and its blood sprinkled on the people. The blood sprinkled on the contracting parties solemnly bound them to their agreement. God promised to bless Israel and Israel promised to obey God

The Lord's Supper represents the blood-ratified covenant between Christ and the Christian -

Hebrews 8:6-12

Christ promised to bless with forgiveness, peace, hope, and spiritual blessings

Ephesians 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,*

In eating the Supper we bind ourselves to Christ

Exodus 24:7 *Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"*

We must eat the Lord's Supper with a consciousness of our promised dedication to Christ. He will keep His part; will we? Liberality: we promised, do we perform? Purity of life, we promised, are we true?

It Reminds Us Of Our Great Hope

We are to observe "till he come"

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

While we eat the hope of the second coming fills our hearts

John 14:3 *If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.*

Acts 1:11 *They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."*

1Thessalonians 4:16 *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*

The Lord's Supper spans the gulf between the first and second coming of our Lord, "Until he come"

Great blessing to be received at His Second Coming; Should desire, anticipate and rejoice in this thought; Hope & anticipation rekindled each week as observe L. S.

Thus Remember Me

These thoughts should convince us of the extreme need for observing this memorial feast

There is more to this supper than meets the eye of the casual observer, as is the case with all our worship. That's because our worship proceeds from the heart and the thoughts of the heart cannot be seen except as they are acted upon. Note definition again Communion is "Koinonia" means sharing with

If observed properly it will result in greater love, appreciation, faith, zeal, obedience, hope and joy

Mark 15:16-16:8

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