

Daily Bible Study

“Do This In Remembrance of Me”

Selected Scripture

September 25 – October 1, 2011

THE LORD'S DAY –As we lead up to next Lord's Day where we will partake of The Lord's Supper together, I thought we would again take the time to stop and speak on this subject of The Lord's Table. If you recall, we have had several messages on this theme (find them archived at the website) and we want to look this week at another truth we find in and around the partaking of The Lord's Supper. We will be speaking on the fact of “remembering” or actually partaking as Jesus said, “...*in remembrance of Me*”. Read: **Luke 22:14-20**.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to teach you from His Word this week.

MONDAY –If you read Jesus words from yesterdays Scripture or if you were to read the Apostle Paul's directions concerning the Lord's Supper (which he received straight from Christ Himself-**1 Corinthians 11:23**), you will run in to the phrase which we are using for this weeks lesson—“...*do this in remembrance of Me*”. There is a mental work that is to take place alongside a physical action as we eat and drink The Lord's Supper. Jesus tells the disciples they are to do this in “anamnesis” (remembrance) of Him. This Greek word means “a remembering, a recollection”. We are to recollect and remember as we partake of The Lord's Supper. Tomorrow we will start to get into this in more detail. Read **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: O God, help me as I partake of The Table to always do so, as You commanded us Jesus, “in remembrance of You”. Teach me what this truly means that I may honor You fully Christ.

TUESDAY –How easily as sinful, fallen humans we forget what we should remember and remember what we should forget. We are prone to forget and minimize the significance of important things, so here we receive a Divine command to “remember” when we come to The Table. This mental action is designed to help us place our minds on Jesus and His sacrifice on the cruel cross where He suffered the punishment for our sin and in our place as believers. When we lift the bread and cup to our mouths and chew and swallow the elements, we are to consciously

call to mind the person and work of Jesus Christ our Savior; in His life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension to Glory. Read **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Christ Jesus, may I put my mind often on You and Your sacrifice on the cross for me. Help me to "see" You, the suffering Servant in Your horrible pain and anguish as my substitute.

WEDNESDAY –Every time we come to The Lord's Table we are reminded that this pure and true religion of Holy Scripture is not some fantasy or new age type of mysticism. It is not about experiencing some feeling of "spirituality" or ecstatic "channeling" or hypnosis. We are called rather to come to The Table and remember; not dream, fantasize, imagine, just remember. The very reason that we can remember is because the Gospel message is rooted in historical fact. Jesus lived, He suffered, bled as He died, He was flesh and blood, 100% man in His agonizing experience of Calvary. When we partake of the elements we are brought "face to face" if you will, in some sense to that reality our suffering Lord. We eat real "physical" elements which remind us of our real "physical" Lord. Read the lament of the psalmist in **Psalm 22** where we see prophesied the crying out of the Messiah on the Cross.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Dear Christ, may I never forget that You as a real, physical man were nailed to the cross to experience the full measure of God's wrath for my sin so that I might be saved and delivered.

THURSDAY –I do not want to overdue this truth of remembering as opposed to other "mind altering" states, but it is very important to get this fact hammered down. We live in an age when people want to do a lot of things with and in their minds that are completely without self control or guided thought. Jesus did not say to "let yourself go" as you participate in The Lord's Supper. He did not say to "put your mind in neutral" and relax. He purposefully said to "... *do this in remembrance of Me*". He wants us to consciously direct our minds back to Christ as revealed to us in Holy Scripture. This Sacrament of the Lord's Supper brings us mentally to place our minds on the essential details of Christ and His work which are pictured for us in the elements; bread and wine, flesh and blood, life, suffering and death. Read **John 1:1-4, 14, 1 Timothy 3:14-16**.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to help you to think, meditate, and understand this great mystery of God becoming flesh in the person of Jesus to bring the Gospel message and to live out the Gospel for us.

FRIDAY –As we have seen in earlier messages from The Lord’s Supper sermon series, there is more than just mental remembering that goes on at The Table for those who are truly saved. Anyone can come, sit down and eat the elements and “remember”; even Satan himself. But as the Scripture’s tell us there is a “*participation*” or “*communion*” (Greek “*koinonia*”) that goes on at the table (**1 Corinthians 10:16-18**) between Christ and the true believer. If you remember our past message from this text, we looked at the illustration of the Old Testament Jews who identified with the sacrifices that were being offered (**vs-18**). They experienced the benefits of the sacrifice as they were identified with it, just as we as believers by faith share in the benefits of the cross when we “*koinonia*” (joint participation, partner, share) in the Lord’s Supper spiritually with Christ by faith. . Read **1 Corinthians 10:14-22**.

What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to not just remember You at the Table but also feed spiritually on You by faith exemplified by both trusting and treasuring You.

SATURDAY –A horrible tragedy in life is that we can so easily be manipulated by emotions and feelings while at the same time walk right away from the truth without being changed by it one bit. This is so often the case when the Word of God is preached and proclaimed as well as when it is visibly illustrated for us as is the case in The Lord’s Supper. You can rant, preach, teach, huff, puff, and say “amen” & “hallelujah” all you want about “doing” the Word of God and **until** you “DO IT”, you are DECIEVING YOURSELF. Manipulation, guilt and emotion won’t bring about any real change; transformation that delivers in practice and that is not just talk is only achieved through The Holy Spirit to a truly repentant and contrite heart. May we not come and go from The Lord’s Table unchanged. Read **James 1:19-25**.

What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: God, help me by Your strength, guidance, and through Your Word to never cease living life “in remembrance of You”.