

July 27 & 30, 2023



## **Dear Tim – Week #5**

### **Setting the Communion Table**

1 Corinthians 11:23-30 (NIV)

*For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. <sup>27</sup> So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. <sup>29</sup> For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. <sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.*

#### **Setting the Communion Table:**

- 1. Don’t forget to remember! (1 Corinthians 11:24)**

- Remembering God's past faithfulness is a vital key to future growth!
- Regularly remembering God's faithfulness is one of Christianity's most important disciplines!

## **2. Realize that repentance breaks the "Sorry Cycle"!**

- Repentance says, "How can I continue to live in that which Jesus died for?"
- We will either judge our own sin or God will.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)

*Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

- I can't be right with God and wrong with my brother

## **3. Rejoice because the best is yet to come!**

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)

*For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV)

*However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"— the things God has prepared for those who love him*