

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

HOW THE LORD JESUS SAID TO BE REMEMBERED

*"Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you:
this do in remembrance of me."*

~ 1 Corinthians 11:24

1. Today, We Eat in Communion

- a. The day is not holy. The food is not sacred. The reason for eating *together* is both.
- b. The reason for our communion together is the Lord Jesus Christ:
 - i. What he gave us (His body and blood), who he made us (saved as His body)
- c. In 1 Cor 11:20-22, they had come together for shame, not remembering the reason.

2. Received of the Lord

- a. *"I [Paul] have received of the Lord"* - 1 Cor 11:23, When? What?
- b. He received from the resurrected Lord from glory - Gal 1:12
- c. He received the mystery of Christ, disp. of the grace of God - Eph 3:1-4, Col 1:25
- d. He received what happened "that night" - Peter added nothing - Gal 1:1, 2:6
- e. He received the Lord's record, a full record, a special revelation - 1 Cor 11:23-26
- f. 1 Cor 10:16-17 - Our communion is Pauline - one bread = one body (us).
- g. *"this do in remembrance of me"* "as oft as ye eat/drink" "till he come" is Pauline.

3. In Remembrance

- a. *"in remembrance of me"* - The Lord wanted a remembrance. (He only mentions one)
 - i. Remembrance ~def. Keeping in mind; to possess and preserve in memory, a memorial; also, a notice of a thing in the past now absent.
- b. How we remember Jesus matters for the ground of the truth - 1 Tim 3:15-16
 - i. Are we to hold remembrance of the crib, the crowds, or the cross? (1 Cor 2:2)
 - ii. The remembrance is shown in 1 Cor 11:26 = "the Lord's death"
- c. What he gave us - It is not the bread and drink, it is "my body" and "my blood"
 - i. His body was given and broken in death for others - 1 Cor 15:2-4
 - ii. His blood was shed in sacrifice to remit sins - Rom 3:25, Heb 9:18, 22
- d. What he made us - According to what Paul received ... one new man in Christ.
 - i. His blood is what brings salvation to all, makes peace - Col 1:14,20, Eph 2:13
 - ii. His body is the church, the body of Christ - 1 Cor 10:17, 11:22, 29, 33

4. This Do

- a. What were they to do? "Take, eat" - Breaking bread and drinking = eating together.
 - i. Why eating? It shows fellowship, unity, order, love, peace, identity, honor
 - ii. 'That night' they ate Passover, Jesus changed its meaning - Luke 22:15
 - iii. Instead of Passover or Gentile sacrifices/altars/libation - 1 Cor 10:18-21
 - iv. When they came together in Corinth, they wrongly divided - 1 Cor 11:20, 21
 - v. Paul says to "eat this bread" and "drink this cup" of the Lord - 1 Cor 11:26
- b. *There is only one thing the Lord instructs the church to eat in remembrance of ...*
 - i. Bread=body of Christ; Drink=blood of Christ; our common union - Eph 4:3-6
- c. What we do: When we eat, we all partake, all together, all filled, all saved by His blood, all His body, in remembrance of the reason we're all one: the cross of Christ.
 - i. Whether we eat, drink, or whatsoever we do all to the glory of God