

THE LORD'S SUPPER

What does it mean to 'remember the Lord'?

- The remembrance feast was instituted by the Lord at the Passover just before His crucifixion
 - Matt. 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20

In **Matthew** and **Mark** we learn that the bread and wine are emblems or symbols of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus

In **Luke** we learn the purpose of partaking the emblems

- It was revealed to the Apostle Paul to share the Lord's desire to be remembered by the Gentile believers.
 - 1 Cor. 11:23-32

CHECK THIS OUT: The Greek word here for remembrance is 'anamnesis' — used only four times in the New Testament: **Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24, 25; and Heb. 10:3**

- After a ministry in which the Lord Jesus always drew attention to His Father, He asked His disciples to spend some time in thought, contemplation and appreciation of Himself for the death He died for sinful man. In the believer's heart, this will produce worship.
 - We are not asked to remember the Lord's death, we are asked to remember the Lord
 - Our concentration, while certainly including the Lord's death, should be on the glorious person of our savior

Why do we remember the Lord every week on the Lord's Day (Sunday)?

- In the beginning of the Church Age, we learn that the disciples remembered the Lord every day
 - Acts 2:46
- The book of Acts is a book of transition. By the end of this important book, we see the disciples were remembering the Lord on the first day of the week...the Lord's Day (Read Rev. 1:10)
 - Acts 20:7
- The Lord Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week —John 20:1
- The Church began to meet on the first day of the week —1 Cor. 16:1-2

What is the correct order to observe in remembering the Lord?

- The Lord wants everything to be done decently and in order (1 Cor. 14:40), but there is no exact instruction, and little example, for the Assembly in remembering the Lord. This leaves us in dependence on the Lord to follow Him in carrying out this precious feast.
- A few things we do know about the proper order:
 - There was prayer and giving of thanks — Mark 14:23
 - There was explanation of the importance of the feast —1 Cor. 11:24
 - There was singing — Matt. 26:30
 - The sisters are to participate in silence — 1 Cor. 14:34

Who should remember the Lord?

- Every grateful believer that is not living in sin.

When the Lord Jesus gave thanks for the bread and wine, He was, in fact, thanking the Lord for His own death! Is that not a precious thought...that He was thankful to be able to die for us?

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Why don't we remember the Lord with all Christians?

- In the beginning of the Church, all believers did remember the Lord together.
 - Acts 2:46
- Very quickly, sin, error, and division infiltrated the Church
 - Acts 5:1-11; Acts 8:18-24; 1 Cor. 1:12-13, 3:3-4
- We are taught that moral and doctrinal sin is 'Leaven' that, when not judged, will bring guilt upon the whole Assembly. Therefore, we must separate from anything that dishonors the Lord
 - 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Gal. 5:1-9
- Scripture teaches that association with evil (moral or doctrinal sin) has a defiling effect upon us.
 - 1 Cor. 5:33
- Assembly fellowship is established at the Lord's Supper, therefore we are not to remember the Lord with anyone who is known to be living in moral or doctrinal sin, or is in fellowship with others that are living in sin.
 - 1 Cor. 10:1-16
- We are taught to fellowship with others that desire to follow the truth of the Scriptures
 - 2 Tim. 2:22; Amos 3:3

REMEMBER: It's not our table; it's the Lord's Table!!!

As the Israelites continued to walk in sin the **Lord's Passover** became the **Jew's Passover** — Cp. Ex. 12:11 with John 2:13

May we **NEVER** become so carnal that we consider or act like the Lord's Supper is our own.

Do we think we are better than other Christians?

- ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Who is authorized to allow someone to remember the Lord?

- The responsibility and authority to receive another believer to the Lord's Supper is given to the Assembly...never a single person.
 - Matt. 18:15-20
 - 1 Tim. 5:22

Does it really matter if I remember the Lord or not? Can't I just worship Him in other ways?

- It is the simple, dying request of our blessed savior just before He went to the cross of Calvary to die for your sins. His desire is to have you gathered together by His Word and Spirit in the company of other believers of 'like precious faith' to be occupied with Himself. Has He asked too much of us?

"This do in remembrance of me"
Luke 22:19