

Sermon: Communion What we Should Remember

I. The Passover with the disciples. Luke 22:15–18

1. Jesus longed to see God's _____ fulfilled. (15-16) Exodus 12:5-7; 12-13; 1 Peter 1:18-19

2. Jesus longed to eat this particular Passover because of what it would mean for us. (15). 1 Corinthians 6:7-8

II. The institution of the Lord's Supper. 22:19-20

A. The bread is a symbol that represents the body of Christ. Biblical references to the body. Things we need to remember.

1. We are _____ by his body Isaiah 53:5-6;10

2. We must believe Jesus died on the cross for our sins. John 3:14-15.

3. We must remember that Jesus willingly bore our sins on the cross. 1 Peter 2:24-25. John 10:11, 17-18

B. It is his blood, poured out to forgive sins

1. It is a _____ blood. Romans 5:9

2. Purging blood. Hebrews 9:14

3. Precious redeeming blood. 1 Peter 1:18-19; Hebrews 9:12

4. Cleansing blood. Cleansing we receive at salvation. Revelation 1:5
1 John 1:7-9

5. Access to God through His blood. Hebrews 10:16-22

III. By remembering Christ we enter into _____ with him. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Thought for the day Today is a very special day of worship and praise for our Lord Jesus. Most believers love the song the Old Rugged Cross and realize that because of the cross we have eternal life. Life gets so busy and during these days of Pandemics, natural disasters and protest we often lose sight of what the cross means for us. We have healing from sins scars, salvation from spiritual death, return to shepherd and bishop of our souls, justification, conscience purging, redemption, cleansing and an invitation to the throne of glory all because of the cross. Today can be for us a day of reflection. Am I taking Jesus for granted unintentionally? How much time am I spending in prayer and reading the Bible? Am I allowing God to use me to reach people still living in darkness? **Hebrews 12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame**, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Could the joy be days like today when we remember how much Jesus endured for us and just how much he loved us? As author he provides the means for our faith to truly experience a relationship with God. As finisher he provides the joy of living and abiding in His love. That is what we should remember and celebrate. **Pastor Bruce**

Communion Service

I. We should look within. 1 Corinthians 11: (27-28; 31-32) **Wherefore** whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.....For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to settle a sin question with the Lord. We should ask ourselves is there something coming between us. **Time of silent meditation.**

II. We are to look around. 1 Corinthians 10:17 **For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.** The key idea here is tarry one for another; look after one another. Communion should be a celebration of being part of the body of Christ. Look around with discernment. Is there some way I can help my brother or do I need reconciliation? **Meditation, Prayers for each other.**

III. We are to look ahead. (26b) **For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come** This means we believe in the second coming.

IV. We are to look back. 1 Corinthians 11 (23-26a)

1. The Body. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.. **Prayer of thanksgiving.**

2. The Cup. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. **Prayer of thanksgiving.**

3. Silent meditation reflecting on Jesus love and praising Him for changing your life. Partake the elements.