

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

I love when we take communion together as a church family. Also when I got married last year, it was during Covid, and my wife and I took communion after we said our vows, and the few people who could attend, as well as many who were watching our wedding online (Once again because of Covid) took communion with us.

But as we were taking communion this last Friday at our Good Friday service, one thing stood out to me, and that is what Jesus said, and that was "*do this in remembrance of Me.*" Notice I underlined the word "*this*". Why?

We seem to do so many different things in remembrance of what Jesus has done for us. We sing songs, post scripture on social media, write or post poems or stories that are meant to touch the heart. We read the bible, and pray and have special programs at church. We witness and tell others about Jesus and so on... Now don't get me wrong, these are all wonderful things to do for the Lord and we shouldn't stop doing them.

But to do "*this*", is more than the things that I just mentioned that we tend to do to remember, or glorify the Lord. What is different when you take communion, is you are being a part of Jesus' death and all the pain and shame that He took on the cross when we take communion. That I believe is the "*this*" that Jesus is talking about, because I know when I take communion, I remember how His body was ripped to shreds when I take the bread, and how His blood was shed for all of my sins. Those are the things we rarely think about, but we remember them when we take communion, and it causes us to appreciate all that He went through on the cross for us even more each time we do.

But the question is, are you being obedient and taking communion? I think the answer would be yes. But have there been times where you felt like you just were not worthy because of something you may have said or done, therefore, you didn't take communion that particular time? Well, if you do that, then you really are not taking *this in remembrance of Me* (Jesus), but you are taking it in remembrance of what you have done.

Now, I don't know if you realize this, but you never were worthy in the first place, no matter how good you think you were that day or week or month. That's why we do it *in remembrance* of what Jesus has done and in remembrance not only what He has done, but who He is.

Yes we are to remember what Jesus did for us on the cross, but hasn't Jesus done so much more for us as well! He could have stopped at just saving us, and then make us fend for ourselves until we get to heaven, but instead:

Hasn't He released you from the bondage of sin that you were in

Hasn't He saved so many of your family, friends and loved ones?

Hasn't He healed others and even you?

Hasn't His word pierced your heart and is changing you day by day?

Haven't you felt His love even during those times when you blew it to the point that you never thought He would forgive you?

Hasn't He loved you even when you thought that no one else could or would?

Doesn't He still love you after all you have been through?

Isn't He preparing a place for you in heaven right now as you read this?

Isn't He God come in the flesh to die for all your sins, not some of them, but ALL of them?

Isn't He right now at the right hand of the Father interceding for each one of us a believers?

Isn't He still your Lord and Savior?

So many things to remember the Lord for. But I think it sums it all up in one thing that we as believers should remember Jesus for when we “*Do this in remembrance of Me*” And it's simply that **He loves us**, and always has loved us, even when we didn't love Him.

† **Romans 5:8** *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

So next time you “*Do this in remembrance of Me*” Remember His dying (not undying) love for you.

† **1 John 3:1a** *Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!*

† **1 John 3:16a** *By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.*

† **1 John 4:10** *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*