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This Do In Remembrance Of Me

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1 Cor 11:24-25

24 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.

25 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.

To fully understand what Jesus was saying I believe it imperative to break this phrase into 3, 2-word parts. This is part 2.

In Remembrance

The word "remember" occurs in the Old Testament 121 times and the New Testament 27 times. From reading a lot of these passages it's easy to see that God wants and expects us to remember things.

At the court house in Adair County and most court houses across the nation, are set up Memorials to the soldiers that gave the ultimate sacrifice. Many men and women have given their lives for this great nation.

But the greatest Memorial of all is right here in front of us. This memorial was set up by the person who gave the ultimate sacrifice, Jesus Christ. This sacrifice was and is still given to the entire human race.

Why did he do this?

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Isa 59:1-2 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

But Jesus died to take away my sins!

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

He did it so we wouldn't have to die the second death, so that we could live eternally with him.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

So what are we supposed to remember?

The body broken on calvary. The blood shed for my sins. Follow me to the cross.

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Matt 27:27-51

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers.*

28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *him.*

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof,* he would not drink.

35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

36 And sitting down they watched him there;

37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him,* with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that,* said, This

man calleth for Elias.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a spunge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

So what are you thinking about when the loaf and cup are passed to the church?

Are you thinking about

The latest piece of gossip that you need to tell the person beside you

The 10 point buck running in your back pasture

The 20 lb. catfish you caught yesterday

The old car you and your son are fixing up

The 300 yard drive you hit at the golf course this week

YOU SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT THE CROSS!!!

Your heart should be broken, knowing that he took your place.

It's a memorial so we can remember our Saviour.

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Thought for the Month

A man once told a group I was in, "If you take care of your pennies, your dollars will take care of themselves." Not necessarily a Christian saying, but it can still apply.

As 'young' Christians, we should probably avoid praying for those loftier, more complicated things. True wisdom (knowledge + understanding), for example, takes a lifetime of devoted study, so perhaps praying for the motivation to study and learn, just an hour an evening, preferably with those more wise than us, might be more appropriate. And if we're lucky, that true wisdom will develop itself along the way.

So start small in your talks with The Lord... He knows what your true needs are, which is exactly what He's going to help you with anyway. The right frame of mind may help us from losing our enthusiasm and burning out.

Love & Blessings
Bro. Jesse Warford



Milk of the Word

The Apostle Andrew

The Apostle Andrew was one of the twelve main disciples of Jesus Christ and the brother of Simon Peter. Andrew was the first apostle Jesus called and the first apostle to claim Jesus was the Messiah.

Andrew is only mentioned 12 times in the New Testament—and four of those times are when the 12 Apostles are listed. He is mentioned early in the gospels, but only plays a minor role. However, he was important.

Andrew's most famous feature is that he's Simon Peter's brother. Each of the gospels refer to him as Peter's brother—but Peter is never referred to as Andrew's brother. Peter is always listed before him indicating that Andrew may have been younger.

As Peter's brother, Andrew was also the son of Jona (John 1:42). Like his brother Simon Peter and several of the other disciples, Andrew was a fisherman. In Matthew 4:18–20 and Mark 1:16–20, Jesus first encounters Andrew when he's fishing near the shore of the Sea of Galilee with Peter.

Luke 5:1–11 gives a similar account, but doesn't actually name Andrew among the fishermen. It does, however, add that James and John (also brothers), were Peter's partners.

In all three accounts, Jesus tells the fishermen some variation of, "Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people." They all drop their nets and follow Jesus. Interestingly, the Gospel of John tells us that after the resurrection, Simon Peter went fishing with several of the other disciples—but Andrew is never mentioned.

Robert & Christina Fuson



Voices from the Past

Baptism

by Howard McCay

I. Is baptism essential?

A. Mark 16:15-16, "*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*"

B. Acts 10:48, "*And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.*"

II. What is baptism for?

A. Remission of sins. Acts 2:38, "*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*"

B. To walk as a new person. Romans 6:3, "*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*"

C. To put on Christ. Galatians 3:27, "*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*"

D. To wash away our sins. Acts 22:16, "*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*"

III. Who should be baptized?

A. Those who are taught. Matthew 28:19, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*"

B. Those who believe. Mark 16:15-16, "*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*"

C. Men and women. Acts 8:12, "*But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*"

D. How about infants?

1. Acts 16:33-34, "*And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.*"

2. Matthew 18:3, "*And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*"

3. Must first be able to believe.

a) Mark 16:16, "*He that believeth **and** is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*"

b) Acts 8:12, "*But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*"

IV. Mode of baptism.

A. Matthew 3:16, "*And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:*"

B. Acts 8:38-39, "*And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.*"

C. John 3:23, "*And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.*"

D. Colossians 2:12, "*Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.*"

E. Romans 6:4, "*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*"

F. John 3:5, "*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*"

G. Ephesians 4:4-5, "*There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism,*"

H. 1 Corinthians 12:13, "*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*"

Bulletin Board

Those in need of our prayers

Bro. Joseph	Katesh, Africa	Malaria & U.T.I.
Jon Rawlins	Ottawa, Canada	Needs heart transplant
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Wilkister Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Malaria
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Vicki Camp Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex - nerve tumors
Beason Family	Broken Bow, OK	Unexpected loss of wife - mother
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
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Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Parkinson's disease
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Bruce Cumming	Yuma, AZ	Heart Issues
Fred Cummings	Yuma, AZ	Congestive heart failure
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues - Kidney trouble
Tom Stratton	Gleed, WA	Very ill
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Cancer surgery

Gospel Meetings

Labor Day Meeting	Stilwell, OK	Aug 30 - Sep 1	Duane Bixler

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News from Abroad

Happy Lord's day brothers and sisters,

We greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We had a good church service today.

As always, we had much traveling to most places teaching the good news. We once reported about a Pentecostal group which was abandoned with their leaders and as we traveled to that village it happened that this group welcomed us to their home. Their leader invited his fellow members and we had a good discuss, when we left they promised to join us. The good news is that today we worshiped with them. They were eager to know how we partake the Lord's Supper. In fact, they did not know how to break bread because according to them this is something they were not taught. We still have a work teaching them on how to break bread.



They were astonished when we break the bread. However, they did not partake with us because they still need to be taught. We told their leader that in Acts 19: 1-6, Luke explains what Paul told those who were baptized with the baptism of John. They were baptized again. We pray that in this week they will be baptized for the remission of sins.

I talked with brother Ebamba in Congo and he said that they are doing well with the work. The bicycles they have are making they work easier. He told me that he is going to come next month of August.

Brethren, continue to pray for us and the work because Satan is out there. As we tell people about the good news he is not happy.

God bless you all.

Sadat

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Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 1:11-12

Bro. Paul Warford

Rev 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last

Here we go back to the phrases that was used earlier, *Alpha and Omega*, the Greek letters of the alphabet the 1st and the last of the beginning and the end and the question still remains is this God or is this Jesus Christ.

What thou seest, write in a book,

Here the instruction is given to John, "what you see right in the book". Now we understand that this is going to be symbolic language. Think if you will, of the Indian pictographs that are written on cave walls or the Incas or Mayans that wrote in the pyramids. Their stories were written in pictograph form, this is the way John reveals what he saw.

and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Here John is told to send this to the seven churches which are in Asia which we've already discussed and believe that it's talking about the whole or complete church. So I believe that his instruction is to send this to all the church throughout all nations for all time.

Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me

In the previous verse we found out that the voice was behind John so in this verse it says he turned to see the voice that spoke with him. We would only find that natural.

And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

So, John turned looking for the voice that he had been hearing but instead of seeing it he saw seven golden candlesticks. Here I hate to ruin the story, but at the end of this chapter it tells us that these seven candlesticks are the seven churches. Now we've come to the conclusion already that the number seven is symbolic of perfection, so when John turned instead of seeing the voice, he saw the complete, whole, perfect church.

Mexico Mission

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