



The Lord's Table

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

Remembering Is a Main Theme In the Bible (v.24-25)



- ▶ Exo. 2:24 God **remembered** His people
- ▶ Exo. 3:15 We are to **remember** who God is
- ▶ Exo 20:8 We should set aside time to remember God **together** (also see 12:14, the feasts)
- ▶ (1 Cor. 11:24-25) Specifically we are to remember what Jesus has done for us on the cross on a regular basis.

In Practice



- ▶ The **cup** on the Lord's table represents **Jesus' blood** that was shed for us (Heb. 9:22)
- ▶ But was it juice or wine? Back in those days it was rare to have grape juice. And wine was plentiful.
- ▶ Nevertheless what is in the cup is not significant, rather what it **represents**—the blood of Christ.
- ▶ (Rom 14:13; 1 Cor. 8:9) This principle applies here as well; why cause problems for brothers who had alcohol problems when we can easily avoid it?

As for bread

- ▶ The **bread** represents the **body** of Christ that was broken for us.
- ▶ As for the choice of bread, unleavened bread is preferred, since yeast represents **sin** in the Bible (1 Cor. 5:6-7) but it is not necessary.
- ▶ Note: what we need to remember is that “remembering” is the key. The method is secondary. (ill: missionary)



Other Confusions

- ▶ The bread and wine do NOT **become** the body of Christ. They only **represent** Christ.
- ▶ Our salvation is by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). Therefore, this is NOT a sacrament.
- ▶ The ordinance is “holy” because **God is holy** and it is representing God, just like we are holy (Col. 1:22; 3:12) since we are representing God.

