

THE CHANGELESS CHRIST

Scripture: I Corinthians 11:23-26
Hebrews 13:8

Introduction

The Lord's Supper should hold a very special place in the life of every Christian. Communion is not just another ordinance, but should be considered a regular, vital, Christian experience.

Christ intended the communion table to be a place of remembrance, of consecration, and of expectancy. It can be an experience of its own, with great value to the Christian.

I. Attitude of remembrance--Past

This do in remembrance of me.

I Corinthians 11:24

A. Remember his birth

1. Foretold by angels

And behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luke 1:31

2. Heralded by angelic choir

3. Visited by shepherds and Magi

B. Remember his ministry

1. Compassion

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

2. Love--The rich, young ruler (Mark 10)

Then Jesus beholding him loved him.

Mark 10:21

3. Mercy--Woman taken in adultery (John 8)

But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

John 8:6

CHRIST WASN'T CONCERNED WITH THE FORMITY OF HER GUILT, HE KNEW THE MAGNITUDE OF THE FATHER'S MERCY

THE LETTERS
IN THE SAND

II. A time of consecration—Present

C. Make necessary consecrations

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

1. To be acceptable in God's sight
2. To be useful to the Master

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

II Timothy 2:21

III. A time of expectation—Future

Ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

I Corinthians 11:26

A. Christ's return a certainty

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:3

B. Expect his return momentarily

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35

C. Prepare for his return

And they that were ready went in...and the door was shut.

Matthew 25:10b

I. A time of remembrance—Past

B. Remember his ministry

3. Mercy--Woman taken in adultery (John 8)

And Jesus said unto her, Neither do
I condemn thee: Go, and sin no more.

John 8:11

4. Healing

Who went about doing good, and healing
all that were oppressed of the devil.

Acts 10:38

C. Remember his death

1. His mock trials

2. Stripes

3. Buffeted

4. Crown of thorns

5. Cross bearing

6. Crucifixion

7. Ministry on cross

II. A time of consecration--Present

But let a man examine himself....

I Corinthians 11:28

A. Dire consequences of partaking unworthily

For he that eateth and drinketh unworth-
ily, eateth and drinketh damnation to
himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

For this cause many are weak and sickly
among you, and many sleep.

I Corinthians 11:28-29

1. Weakness

2. Sickness

3. Death

B. Do some self examination

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in
the faith; prove your own selves.

II Corinthians 13:5

But let every man prove his own work.

Galatians 6:4

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