

This Do In Remembrance Of Me

Introduction:

- A. How do we remember great men?
 - 1. birthday
 - 2. permanent monument
 - B. God, in His wisdom, chose an entirely different way for us to remember His Son.- Isaiah 55:8-9; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
 - 1. His death
 - 2. perishable elements
 - C. What does the New Testament teach about the Lord's Supper?
 - I. Why do we partake of the Supper?
 - A. because Christ instituted it (His dying request) - 1 Corinthians 11:23-25
 - B. because the apostles commanded it - 1 Corinthians 11:23
 - C. because the first century disciples left a binding example of its observance - Acts 2:42
 - II. What is the significance of the Lord's Supper?
 - A. It looks backward, to remember His decease.- 1 Corinthians 11:24-25 (nails in steps)
 - 1. The bread represents His body. - Matthew 26:26; cf. John 10:9
 - 2. The cup represents His blood. - Matthew 26:27-28
 - B. It looks forward, until Jesus comes.- 1 Corinthians 11:26
 - C. It looks inward, a self-examination.- 1 Corinthians 11:2'-29 (“unworthily”, “unworthy manner”, **ASV**)
 - D. It looks outward, proclaiming Christ’s death.- 1 Corinthians 11:2. (“show” = “proclaim”)
 - III. How are we to partake of the Lord's Supper?
 - A. In Truth
 - 1. Elements
 - a. essential
 - (1) unleavened bread- Matthew 26:17,26
 - (2) fruit of the vine- Matthew 26:27-29
 - b. non-essential: number of containers- Galatians 2:4-5; Matthew 26:27-29; 1 Corinthians 11:26
 - 2. Time: first day of the week (time of day and number of times on first day are non-essentials) - Acts 20:7
 - 3. Place: Assembly (where assembled is non-essential)- Acts 20:7
 - 4. Participants: Christians- Luke 22:29-30
 - a. But each person must determine for himself whether or not to partake.- Ibid; 1 Corinthians 11:28
 - b. It is not essential for all Christians in the assembly to participate.- 1 Corinthians 11:33, cf. v. 21
 - B. In Spirit- 1 Corinthians 11:24-29; cf. little boy who cried
- ### Conclusion:
- A. By this simple memorial with its perishable elements the Lord's death for our redemption and His return unto glory are tied together, imprinted upon our consciousness and proclaimed to the world throughout all time.- 1 Corinthians 11:26
 - B. Therefore, partake worthily.- 1 Corinthians 11:27