

# This Do in Remembrance

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*The Lord's Supper is a memorial feast that reminds us of Christ's death, but it is not a means of salvation and requires personal acceptance of Christ.*

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**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 11:23

**Topics:** "Lords Supper"

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the significance of the Lord's Supper as a perpetual memorial of the death of Christ. He emphasizes that participating in the communion without truly accepting Jesus as one's Savior is meaningless and can even lead to condemnation. The preacher highlights the importance of understanding and remembering the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and how it is through personal acceptance of Him that one becomes a Christian. He urges listeners to approach the communion table with a genuine heart and a deep understanding of the love and grace of Jesus.

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## Transcript

I want to talk to people today who are in the habit of taking a communion all over this land and all other Christian lands. From time to time those who profess to know and love our Lord Jesus Christ come together in various places and under various circumstances to obey the command of the Lord Jesus, this too, in remembrance of me. You know, I'm afraid there are a great many people who sit at the communion table, who partake of the bread and drink of the cup, who have never yet entered into the reality of it all, who have never yet known for themselves what it really means.

You follow the read of two verses from the 11th chapter of 1 Corinthians, verses most of you know well, and then say a few words on them. 1 Corinthians 11, 23 to 25. I have received of the Lord Jesus that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, was bred.

When he had given thanks, he broke it and said, Take, eat, this is my body which is broken to you, this too in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup and he said, This cup is the new testament in my blood, this do you as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye will show the Lord's care until he comes.

This was the instruction given to him. Now, you will notice that it is made very, very clear that the bread which symbolizes the body of the Lord Jesus, and the cup which speaks of his precious blood, seven

thousand strong, in each instance set forth Christ as dying for us, and with the partake of it in remembrance of him. Now, just imagine one who doesn't know Christ, who's never trusted him, and yet carrying out this service just as a mere knapper-porn.

Can't you see the incongruity of it? Do you know to go to the Lord's table and partake of the bread and the cup, and yet to reject the savior thus presented? It seems to me must be an awfully serious thing. I can't imagine anything that would add to one's judgment and to one's bitter regret by and by than this very thing. Think of looking back from eternity, and remembering how on earth you used to sit at the communion table, and partake with others of those elements, and yet you never trusted the savior who was thus remembered for yourself.

You see, the Lord's Supper was never intended to be a means of salvation. It was never intended to work as a miracle of grace in your soul, but it was to be a memorial feast. It was to be a remembrance of the savior.

Well, you should know him first, in order that you may remember him. You should be able to look back and say, I see him there in that cross dying for me, and I trusted him as my savior, and having trusted him, I love him, and I want to keep him in mind. Then you go with a good heart and a good conscience to the table of the Lord.

But, to think of partaking of the communion as though in some mystic way it was going to help to put away your sins, as though it might in some way help to make you a Christian, is to miss the real meaning of it all together. You know, there's only one thing that can make anybody a Christian, and that's the personal acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ. As many as received him, oh how I love to dwell on those words, as many as received him, to them gave his power to become the children of God.

There's no other way, no other way by which you can become a child of God, no other way by which you can become a Christian, no other way by which you can be born again than receiving him. The apostle Peter says, being born again, not a corruptible seed, but an incorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever, and this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. The Lord's Supper is the perpetual memorial of the death of Christ.

Whenever celebrated, it's a reminder of the fact that Christ died for sinners, that he gave his life on our behalf. But, if man participates in this and yet rejects him, it only adds to their condemnation. Instead of being a means of grace, instead of being a blessing to them as the Lord intended it to be, it becomes the very opposite.

It may even become a curse. It may be even the occasion of bitter, bitter memories in a lost eternity. To think I used to sit at the table of the Lord, I used to take up the bread and eat some, and yet I never took the savior for myself.

Oh, how foolish to allow oneself to be so familiar with the outward facts of Christianity, and yet refuse to take it such in now for yourself.

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