

Intro

- Last week dedication of window
- Finished up our Series on Prayer= Get Your Prayers Answered-love
- Today is World Communion Sunday
 - Churches all over the world
- Celebrate Communion today as we do each 1st Sunday of the month
- Too often I think communion is looked at as 'something we do' in church, it's just one of those things like lighting the candles, singing the songs, and the preacher getting up to talk
- Communion is so much more and the Lord has laid it on my heart to do a better job of conveying that to you, so each 1st Sunday, when we do communion, I am going to have a sermon on Communion and we will examine this sacrament in great detail as long as I am here on the 1st Sunday of the month
- This month= Remember

Luke 22:14-23 14 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. 21 But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. 22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" 23 And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

THEME: REMEMBER

- v. 19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
- This remembering is one of the most familiar, yet most powerful purposes of the Lord's supper
- Who would think that we would have to be reminded of God's grace in Jesus Christ, but we do

Psalm 77:11-12 11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. 12 I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- So when we meet at the Lord's table we are reminded of his command to remember: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Things to remember:

1. Jesus' Life

- Often I think we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross and his willingness to give his life for our sins
 - That is important and definitely something we need to do when we take communion
 - That is not all we need to remember though
 - Words
 - Sermons/Parables
 - Words are powerful- I am the way the truth and the life no one comes to the Father but by me
 - Paw-Paw= anniversary of his death Wednesday= last convo with him 'I'm ready to go home'
 - Jesus' teaching and words are important
 - Actions
 - How he looked at the outcast of society- Samaritan woman, lepers, sick, possessed
 - Meme on FaceBook this week about snapping beans on Grandma's front porch, Granny= 4 year anniversary of death Thursday- snapping beans on the front porch

- Those things that Jesus did we are to remember and DO
 - Praying and miracles
 - Resurrection
 - Jesus isn't on the cross anymore
 - Raised from the dead
 - Coming back
2. Remembrance is commanded.
 - We have authority for doing this—ordained by Christ himself.
 - We are commanded to remember
 - 1st thing that goes when you age?
 - Is it really or do we tend to remember the things we want to remember
 - Do you tend to remember the good or bad?
 - Coach= It is never as good as you think, or as bad
 - Watch the film
 - Remember
 3. Remembrance is visible and represented in the bread and cup
 - "This is my body" and "This is my blood."
 - We pray before we take communion for the Lord to change these ordinary elements
 - Christ Body and Blood
 - Remember his sacrifice
 4. Remembrance strengthens us.
 - Our faith is strengthened and built up through eating, drinking, and remembering.
 - Zwingli said, "Eating is believing and believing is eating."
 5. Finally, that while this remembrance is historical, it is also personal.
 - Jesus doesn't ask us to remember the date, place, etc. We are never told to "Do this in remembrance of my death."
 - The command is "Do this in remembrance of me." Our relationship with Christ is a personal one: "Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

RESPONSE TO This

Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old (Ps. 25:6).

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord (Ps. 25:7).

"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel... For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more (Jer. 31:31,34).

The Lord is gracious and compassionate. He remembers his covenant forever (Ps. 111:4-5).

- Remember the gracious love of our Father in heaven who made us children of his own possession.
- Remember Jesus Christ, sent by the Father to share our human nature, to live and to die as one of us, and so to move us from the alienation of sin and death, to reconcile us to God our Father by his perfect sacrifice, and through his suffering, death, and resurrection to save all who put their trust in him.
- Remember the Holy Spirit, who teaches us these things and makes the effects of Christ's salvation real in our lives.
- Remember, Remember, Remember