

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

Sunday February 28, 2010

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which 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 He took the cup also 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.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

I want to keep things simple this morning because I want to give us a single focus: and that focus is *Christ* and what He has accomplished for His people through His death on the cross!

That is, of course, the focus of the Lord's Supper we'll be sharing later this morning. I'm sure you understand that. As we eat this bread and drink this cup together, we are doing so in order to remember Christ! (1 Cor 11:23-25)

But *what* are we supposed to be remembering about Him? Are we supposed to remember His smile? Or is it His teaching? What about His power to heal? No! The thing we are called to remember as we celebrate His Supper is the nature of His *death* for us! We're called to remember what *He* did: that it is His death that saves us; that it was His body that was given in place of ours and his blood that was spilled as an atoning sacrifice for our sins!

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

That's the reality that lies at the center of the Gospel: what Christ has done for sinners like us!! And that's what I pray each of us will be able to see in a new light this morning. I want to see you rejoicing in what Christ has done as we hold the reality of His death before our eyes through the symbols of this Supper, where bread and wine point us, once again, to His body and blood!!

May He Be Gloried in by His Saints!

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