

# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## The Lord's Supper is...

by Lee Snow

### INTRODUCTION

Each Sunday, the churches of Christ across the globe enter into a period of worship that is completely different from many of the denominations of the day. Not referring to the song worship, in that the churches of Christ worship without the addition of instrumental music. Not the point in which a man stands in front of the congregation and leading the people in a prayer toward God the Father, or standing before them and presenting a message from the Word of God without teaching the traditions and doctrines of men. But rather the time in which everyone stops whatever they are doing and seems to be thinking deeply on something. Many of the people seem to be praying, or reading from their Bibles. This is often the setting during which the Lord's Supper is begun.

This portion of worship has become diluted to the point where many claiming and professing Christ do not even attempt to take part in its symbolism. It is almost impossible in the world today to find a denomination of "Christianity" that takes part in the Lord's Supper in the way and with the ideas that are instituted by the Almighty God. This way being the simple fact that the Supper is a remembrance, a requisite, and a reward to those that are seeking to follow the inerrant commandments of the Lord.

### A REMEMBRANCE

When partaking of the symbolic dinner, Christians are to remember what has been done for them. This is in direct obedience of the Scriptures, in that 1 Corinthians 11:24 tells those that are partaking to do so in the...

*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).*

## VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & Pew Packers on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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...remembrance of Christ himself. What are Christians to remember? That Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for the sins of the world and those that are taking of the juice and bread are forgiven of their sins. Jesus went through something that no one else is forced to do. Genesis 3:6-13 tells of the fall of man. Because of the sin of Adam and because of this sin there was a plan in order to suffice for the need of a Savior from the everlasting repercussions of sin. All those that are outside of salvation have sinned and therefore have fallen short in God's wonderful eyes (Romans 3:23) and because of their sins are in danger of spiritual death (Romans 6:23).

Within the Lord's Supper, one attribute is that of the juice that is taken. As has been addressed, there was the need for salvation from the sins of the world. From what did that salvation come? The shedding of the blood of the one true living God, the builder of all creation, the second Person of the Godhead, Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:28, John 1:1-14). This blood was shed in that the Christ was tortured and hung upon the cross of Calvary.

During the ministry of Christ, the government under which He submitted was that of the Roman Empire. These people have been known throughout history for their ability to take the human body to the very brink of death, and pulling it back just enough to keep the subject from falling into an unconscious state. Matthew 27:26, 30 tell us that Jesus was not only scourged (the act of taking a whip embedded with sharp objects and slashing the back of the victim often until the bones were visible), but also beaten with a reed in order to drive the thorns into his head that had been made into a makeshift crown. This is the very thing that all Christians are to remember upon the first day of the week, that Jesus Christ suffered and died so that people could even become Christians.

#### A REWARD

By the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ came salvation to mankind. What a wonderful thought that our Lord thought it necessary to give His life so that we one day may be received back to Him and live eternally in His abode (John 14:1-4).

What is so important and wonderful about taking of the Lord's Supper with the brethren of the Lord's Church? Mark 6:21 records a feast prepared by Herod for his birthday in order to fellowship with the greatest among his people. The word translated supper is the same word used in describing the Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:20. And so it is that Christians can understand the magnitude of the Supper beyond the awe inspiring fact that Christ died for their salvation, this being that the Lord's Supper is a meeting and fellowship of those greatest among His Kingdom -- all Christians.

If there is a correlation between a feast provided by a very powerful dignitary, how much higher are we to think of the Lord's Feast? Many today seem to detest the time in which those plates are passed, seemingly thinking of it as just a ritualistic time that has no meaning. Let all mankind remember that Jesus Christ, the only God-Man, died so that that Feast can be taken.

### A REQUISITE

As often is the case, a portion which brings Christians great joy within the worship service is also a command for them to do so. Within the text under consideration today is one simple word that brings the obligation to take part in the memorial of Christ's death -- the word "do." Within this one word consisting of just two letters is something that overshadows every will of man throughout history. John recorded a woman saying something that encompasses all of Christianity and its teachings. John 2 is the context in which Jesus of Nazareth is attending the banquet of a marriage between two people. When it is realized that there was no more drink for the people gathered, Mary the mother of Jesus says that there is no drink, obviously entreating the Lord to take care of the problem. The Lord answers her by saying that the time for Him to begin is not yet come, and following this statement comes the embodiment of the entire New Testament. Mary says to the servants gathered around "Whatever He says for you to do, do it."

Because of the meaning of those two letters recorded in 1 Corinthians, Christians are to follow and obey the command to remember the Lord Jesus Christ and His gracious gift unto all mankind. There is no greater word to show Christians what they are to obey, and to act out, than our King saying for His followers to "do" what He is doing.

### CONCLUSION

Are all those willing to follow Christ to take of the Lord's Supper? Without a doubt. But why is this? Because at that time during the service toward our God, we are rewarded the opportunity to remember the Son of God died for us so that we can one day spend eternity with Him in Heaven. Let us remember these things when beginning to approach the table of the Lord God Almighty.

#### *Sermon Review*

##### ***Treasures in Heaven***

(Matthew 6:19-24)

- I. The Purpose of Storing *Treasures in Heaven*.
- II. The Path to Storing *Treasures in Heaven*.

##### **The House of God**

(Gen. 28:10-22; 1 Tim. 3:15)

- I. A place of God's presence (13,16).
- II. A place of God's residence (16,17,22).
- III. A place of reverence (17).
- IV. The Gate to Heaven (17).
- V. A covenant is brought to mind in this place (13-15).
- VI. Assurance is given by God in this place (13-15).
- VII. Jacob has great respect for this place (18-22).

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

So great to have so many feeling better after being sick recently.

**Wiley & Betty Tuggle.**

**Far East Missions**

**Open Door Ministry, Tim II, and family.**

**Fishers of Men**

### Sympathy:

To the Collums & Bland Families, in the loss of Clay Collums, brother of Terry Bland.

To the Sowell Family, in the loss of Mary Ruth Sowell, grandmother of Adam Sowell.

### Family & Friends

**Harvey Tuggle**, brother of Wiley, having serious heart problems.

**Charlie McAllister**, co-worker to Caleb Baker, has 2 brain tumors, scheduled for surgery Nov. 22, and then 4 months recovery best case scenario.

**Renee Wright**, daughter of Wiley, recovering from 2nd degree burns.

**Luke Finchman**, in loss of grandmother and other trials.

**Hannah O'Brien**, pregnant with twins.

**Renee Loya**, (cousin of Elizabeth Baker), has MS.

**Wes**, brother of Deb Peeler, has cancer.

**Norman & Brenda Mahan**, tragic motorcycle accident.

**Virginia Mayfield** -- friend of Bren, has leukemia.

**Ray Maples** -- undergoing chemo-therapy for leukemia.

**Janie Brister** -- has multiple health problems.

**Cathy Thompson** -- has lupus.

**Carl Hounshell; Peyton Harville; Linda Lentz; Josh & Maggie Farrow; Charles Easley; Jeff Nichols; James Angel; Steve Angel; Gloria Angel; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg; Kelly Ann Cooper; Carla Carlson.**

### *November Birthdays*

Kara Johnson -- 11/14

Shirley Yarbro -- 11/14

Timothy Wilkes, Sr. -- 11/18

Wiley Tuggle -- 11/25

Virginia Sowell -- 11/26

### *November Anniversary*

Jeremy & Mindy Moore

## Get Involved!

### **Providence Place Devotional**

Today -- 1PM

### **Sunday Night for the Savior -- Today**

Contacts & Finger Foods

### **Area Wide Youth Devo -- Nov. 19**

@Looxahoma -- 5PM

### **Ornament Exchange -- Dec. 16 -- 6:30PM**

### **Coldwater Youth Lock-in -- Dec. 16**

### **Christmas Party at the Staten's**

December 17 -- 6PM - 9PM -- all invited

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, November 13

#### *Morning*

Prayer Before Class

Johnny Bayless

Announcements

Jim Jackson

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Lord's Supper:

Preside

Wiley Tuggle

Andy Ratliff

Assist

Jeremy Moore

Opening Prayer

Payton Jackson

Sermon

Caleb Baker

Closing Prayer

Clifton Angel

Shane Staten

#### *Evening*

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Opening Prayer

Jason Bayless

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Lord's Supper

Andy Ratliff

Closing Prayer

Payton Jackson

Jeffrey Ferrell

### Wednesday, November 16

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Prayer

Jerry Davis

Invitation

Clifton Angel

Prayer

Timothy Wilkes, Sr.