

Quidnick Baptist Church COMMUNION SERVICE 05 March 2023

John 14:1-11; John 1:14

One night in an upper room in Jerusalem, the Lord Jesus Christ celebrated a last Passover meal with His disciples and that meal became the very first of many millions of Communion Services.

Two of the most memorable statements Jesus made that night went as follows:

1. *This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.*

2. *This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

Memory is a very important function within the thought life of the soul related to our capacity for life, love and happiness and it's also related to our ability to process biblical truth.

At the Communion Table, we recall through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, our memories related to the uniqueness of Jesus Christ and His work on the cross and that causes us to overwhelmingly appreciate His part in our entrance into the eternal plan of God.

If there wasn't a place in Heaven for Peter, Jesus would have told him, Jesus doesn't lie. *Even though Peter will fail miserably and follow through in his reactionary rebellion with three denials of His Master whom he's promised to die for, the Lord Jesus is departing to Heaven to personally make ready a room or dwelling place for him!*

By His death on the cross, Jesus has completely satisfied the Father, reconciled mankind to Him and guaranteed the right of every believer to live in Heaven with Him forever.

Once a person becomes a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and neglects, rejects or becomes negative toward God's truth, he becomes confused because he's in rebellion.

Disorientation to the plan of God results in disorientation to everything else in life; Jesus has just said in a previous verse that Peter knows the way but Peter failed to apply what he knew.

Thomas is ignorant of the way and we cannot apply what we do not know to any situation and come up with anything worthwhile.

The more we live in rebellion, the more complex the questions in our soul become and the amount of wasted time in rebellion produces even more questions which cannot be answered so we must look for someone else's answers.

And so, to do what we are about to do effectively, we must be prepared to do it in remembrance of our Lord and that requires a high level of understanding as to what grace and truth are.

Grace is all that God is free to do for man based on what was accomplished at the cross of Christ which allows for God to freely express His love to sinful creatures without ever compromising His integrity.

The first Adam through his own choosing, sinned; so, Jesus Christ, the second Adam had to become a human being to resolve man's predicament.

The first Adam lost the victory through his fall and the second or last Adam wins the victory through His cross!

Only God's amazing grace could find a way to take man, created lower than the angels and make him superior to the angels!

And now, we celebrate our Lord's life, death, burial, resurrection, ascension and session by remembering

His Person by saying "Thank You Lord for coming to earth for me and His work by saying "Thank You Lord for dying in my place."

John # 72

"Very Truly I Tell You"

John 5:18-19

Jesus was a relaxed person on the Sabbath because He had biblical truth in His soul, an unquenchable inner happiness and the filling of the Holy Spirit.