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COMMUNION SERVICE
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1st Thessalonians 4:13;

1st Corinthians 11:24

Ecclesiastes 3:4 “a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,”

Like the disciples, we can remember the death of a loved one with sorrow that is now changed into joy.

There should never be any bitterness with regard to the death of a loved one who is now in Heaven.

For the mature believer, life goes on occupied with Jesus Christ, without bitterness or regret.

When we remember that our loved ones who have believed in Jesus Christ are now in the place of perfect happiness, it lessens our sorrow.

“Praise God, the rest of the story!”

Philippians 2:9-11

“...this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

Take off the turban, remove the crown. It will not be as it was: The lowly will be exalted and the exalted will be

brought low.” Ezekiel 21:26

EVERYTHING JESUS CHRIST DID ON THIS EARTH WAS FOR THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER!

The 11 disciples’ dreams were shattered as darkness fell on the earth that day, when their Master’s head dropped to

His chest one last time!

Without the exaltation of Jesus Christ, there is no good news Gospel, no reason for hope, joy or even living.

He stooped so low to bring us on high with Him!

We are part of a Kingdom where the last will be first, the poor in spirit will enter Heaven, the meek shall inherit the earth, the weak become strong, the humble are exalted and the suffering Servant is

Lord of all!

It is impossible for the believer with his sin nature to execute the plan of God, so He has provided through His grace policy, the Word and the filling of the Holy Spirit.

In believing Satan, Adam and Eve followed his lead, choosing to exalt themselves rather than humbly allowing God to do it for them.

Believers rejecting biblical truth are in a state of arrogance by thinking they can get along just fine without their daily spiritual food that God has provided.

Promotion is a matter of biblical inculcation and grace-orientation which glorify God through the execution of His plan for the Church.

The greatest testing and pressure in life is encountered just prior to cracking the spiritual maturity barrier.

Success demands intimacy with Jesus Christ and sharing the happiness of God the Father via living grace support in the face of great adverse pressure.

God in His time will exalt you and that's demonstrated in the life of Jesus, who humbled Himself with no reservations in becoming a man and dying on a cross and God the Father exalted Him without reservation.

Paul emphasizes the fact that

Jesus Christ's humiliation, suffering and sacrifice are the greatest ever and His exaltation is the highest ever!

To work with the reward in mind is NOT being humble.

Fear of punishment motivates children; gaining rewards motivates adolescents but unconditional virtue love motivates God and His friends.

At this time, we will be in resurrection bodies and we will know Him even as we are known and so, the obvious response to His presence is universal genuflection!

This will be the acknowledgement from the royal family in resurrection body; all of whom will recognize the Headship of Jesus Christ.

Everyone will be aware at that time of the unique royalty of Jesus Christ.

This is the royalty that brought about the Church Age, placing us in union with Jesus Christ's royal family forever.

God is perfect and His plan is perfect and the Father is the author of the plan.

I must endure in this life so that He may exalt me in due time if He so chooses.