

THE WAY OUR LORD WANTS TO BE REMEMBERED
1 Cor. 11:23-26

Intro: One thing that the Bible teaches is the value of repeating things that are good.

We have four Gospels.

The Israelites had the Law repeated for them a second time.

The history of Israel is given twice in the books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles.

Some of the Psalms are very similar.

Ephesians and Colossians are alike in many respects.

Remember how Peter began his second Epistle -- 2 Peter 1:12-15.

There are other examples of this in Scripture.

Tonight we come to the observance of the Lord's Supper. It seems that this was observed for a time daily in the early Church.

It is a remembrance feast which the Lord intended for His people to observe repeatedly -- a certain freedom given as to the frequency. Out of all of the things that the Lord could have used, this was the way that He chose to be remembered.

Many of us could not say how many times we have come to the Lord's Table, but it has been many, many times. And there is always the danger that our very acquaintance with it will cause us to lose sight of the importance of it, and it will not have the meaning for us, nor the impact upon our lives, that the Lord intends for us to have.

Thus, along with the frequency of observance there should be a frequency of instruction -- and so I want to go over truth tonight which most of us know, and yet which we need to be reminded of continually so that we will profit from doing this which is so important to the Lord.

We have the heart of the teaching in the verses which we have read tonight. Note what Paul says about the Lord's Supper:

- 1) It was given to him by special revelation (when he could have received it from the other Apostles).
 - 2) The time of the original Supper, and the One Who instituted it.
 - 3) How it was to be observed -- very simply, with only bread and wine.
 - 4) Why it was to be observed: "in remembrance of Me."
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"In Remembrance of me"

The Revelation -

The Institution -

The Observation -

The Frequency and
Duration -

See Prospect

What do we need to be reminded of?
Of Himself as a Person - the Gospel.

The uniqueness of His
ministry - not One of

many, but the only way
John 16:

His love - in what we were
Rom. 5:

His grace - in what we have
become 1 Cor. 15:10 -

His power - in making us
what we will be.

The outside comes last
Phil. 3:20, 21. Contrast with

2 Cor. 4:16. Also 2 Cor. 3:18.

- 5) Its frequency -- apparently because the Lord wanted this to come from the heart.
- 6) The message which it proclaims.
- 7) When it will come to an end as we know it now: "till he come."

Out of all of these truths, let me center our thoughts upon one: "in remembrance of me."

How unusual for the Lord ^{to want} to be remembered in this way! You would think that it would have been more encouraging to us to remember Him in those times when the crowds were flocking around Him as He taught, or as He performed His miracles. But, no, He took the time when He was to be humiliated and when one of His own disciples turned traitor to Him -- humanly speaking, the worst time in His life.

Why did He institute this Supper as a remembrance of Himself? Obviously because:

- 1) We would be inclined to forget Him.
- 2) We might be inclined also to remember other things -- as much of the Church is doing today.
- 3) We need to focus our praise on this.
- 4) There is rich benefit for the child of God in doing this.
- 5) It is a part of our witness to the world.

But let me take it a step further and ask: WHAT DO WE NEED TO BE REMINDED OF ACCORDING TO WHAT THE LORD DID IN ESTABLISHING THIS SUPPER?

- I. WE NEED TO BE REMINDED OF HIM PERSONALLY -- AND ESPECIALLY OF HIS DEATH.
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