

CALL to PRAYER

2 Cor. 9:15

Let's do it and memorize it

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 - Proclaiming His Death until...

Intro - Many people do many different things to memorialize someone. Special dates are remembered. Tattoos. Words in stone. Special ceremonies/gatherings. Famous people get whole holidays set aside. Jesus ordered His followers to do one thing in remembrance of Him - "*Do this in...*" We come on this Lords Day to observe the Lords Supper. We come to proclaim His death - declare/shew forth/ herald/ preach/ teach...His death. Today I want us to ponder & proclaim some things about His death before we partake of His supper. History can tell us that Jesus died but scripture tells us why He died and what He accomplished when He died. Jesus' death was - *For Sin... as a Substitute... Propitiation... Atonement... Accomplishment*

FOR SINS

1. Jesus died for our SINS "our sins" were the reason He died
 - a. 1 Cor. 15:3 this is of first and utmost importance
 - i. Jesus died for sins as the scripture defines it and describes it
 - b. 1 Peter 2:24 God became flesh in order to bear our sin in His flesh
 - i. The bread as representing His body is key to understand The Supper
 - c. Rom. 6:23 we sinned therefore He died
2. Jesus died for our sins not for our self esteem
 - a. We shouldn't look at the death of Christ as a testimony to our great value
 - i. We are not the *Peal of Great Price*
 - b. Jesus died not because we were worth it and all that great.....we had a great debt
 - c. If someone pays a great price for a great work of art...
 - i. ...it's not a gracious payment...it would be an investment
 - d. Rom. 5:6-8 The cross is not a stroke to our esteem
 - i. our sin is on display & Gods great grace that is greater than all our sins

AS A SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE

- Christ died for OUR sins 2 Cor. 5:21
- Passover lamb sacrificed in the place of another. A life taken so a life could be given
 - 1 Cor 5:7b "*For Christ our Passover has been sacrifice*" (memorial meal to mark)
- Scape goat/lay hands on Lev. 16:21
 - Lay on hands...confess sin...sins transferred to substitute... sins paid for & taken away
- We come to a *memorial meal* to lay our hands on a *symbol* of our *substitutionary sacrifice*

PROFITIATION

1. This is a good Bible word that needs to be taught and proclaimed
 - a. Propitiation = to turn aside the wrath of God Heb. 2:17
 - b. Laser guided missiles.....or..... ones that take *picture, picture, picture* of the target
 - c. Gods wrath was pointed directly at us sinners....*picture, picture, picture*...

2. God's wrath was propitiated - it was pointed in a different direction/ different target
 - a. *Picture, picture, picture* of the Substitute for sinners
 - b. This meal is a picture of propitiation 1 John 4:10

ATONEMENT

- Atonement = a payment to make amends
 - An atonement covers a debt and reconnects separated parties
 - Blood shed in order to shield an offender and to cover an offence
 - *I've got you covered* Now there can be *AT - ONE - MENT*
- Atonement brings forgiveness Heb. 9:22
 - God forgives when the debt is paid
 - We can't pay so Jesus *has us covered* and reconnects us to our Creator Rom. 5:10

ACCOMPLISHMENT/ EFFICACIOUS

1. Jesus died not to just make salvation possible...Jesus died to make it ACTUAL
 - a. When we proclaim Christ's death, we proclaim something that is done & sure
 - i. Not a "*hope so*" or "*might be*" ... but a... "*sure thing*" & "*done deal*"
 - b. Jesus finished and accomplished salvation
2. John 19:30 When we receive the sweet wine...remember His sour wine..."IT IS FINISHED"
 - a. Heb. 9:12 Heb. 9:26
 - b. Col. 2:13-14
 - c. Rom. 8:1-2 Rom. 8:33-34
3. This memorial meal is a testimony to a done deal Acts 4:12
 - a. We proclaim that Jesus' death was:
 - i. For sin
 - ii. Substitutionary sacrifice
 - iii. Propitiation
 - iv. Atonement
 - v. Efficacious accomplishment. He did what He set out to do
 1. His resurrection is the exclamation
 2. 1 Cor. 11:26

Open Communion	Fencing the Table
Examining yourself	Discerning the Body
Remembering and Celebrating in the Supper	

"What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus...."