

Lord's Supper Service - Romans 8:1 - No Condemnation

Intro - Today is a special day. On this Lord's Day we get to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Supper is a solemn celebration that is commanded by our Lord. "Do this in remembrance of Me." Religion has added trees & presents...bunnies & eggs...but Jesus never say to do that, He said to do this... A meager meal with a magnificent message; eaten in memorial love to the One who laid down His life so we might live. We are not directed how often we are to observe this ordinance just that it is to happen "often" ...as often as you eat the bread and drink the cup...^{1Cor. 11:26}. At CBBC we celebrated the Lord's Table every other month. We also try to build the whole service around the Meal and in preparation for partaking of this Sacred Supper. We can do things a little different at times...and today I am going to preach in a different style. I want to flavor our preparation with an analogy. I want us to consider being on death row & having a last meal before we take of this *memorial of a last meal*. Stir an atmosphere of anticipating our own execution.

WE ARE ALL BORN ON DEATH ROW

1. Death row is where convicted criminals go to await their sentence of execution.
 - a. They may be there for years before the death penalty is applied. (average 18 yrs.)
2. I want to submit to you that all of humanity is on death row.
 - a. Gen. 2:17 Ezekiel 18:4c Romans 6:23a
 - b. We are all guilty of Adam's crime and are serving our time - Romans 5:12
 - c. We are born on death row - Psalm 58:3 Conceived in crime (sin) Psalm 51:5
 - i. Rom. 5:18
 - d. From conception we are under condemnation. Rebels from birth - Is. 48:8 - born sinners.
3. Humanity is not in a neutral position before God.
 - a. The decision to go one way or the other has already been made. crime already committed.
 - b. Humanity already stands convicted and is awaiting execution.
 - i. Average time on death row - 70-80 years (some more some less)

JESUS CHRIST IS A SUBSTITUTE FOR CRIMINALS

- Jesus Christ was executed in the place of a criminal named Barabbas.
 - A notorious criminal was scheduled to be crucified that day ... but Jesus took his place
- Jesus did not just commute his sentence...He endured & absorbed his sentence.
 - Julius Jones case. People cheered when the governor commuted his sentence.
 - What if the Governor didn't just commute the sentence but pardoned/forgave?
 - What if the Governor had left the executive chamber and traveled to the execution chamber himself.....willing received the lethal dose into his own arm?
 - What if Stitt had included Jones in his will....to shared in family fortune as a son?
 - What ifappointed Julius to a high position in Oklahoma government? ruler
 - What if Julius' crime was actually against Stitt and Stitt's only begotten son?
 - That couldn't really happen among sinners, could it? Is there such a Savior?

- Jesus Christ was executed in the place of a criminal named Tim. not only one named Barabbas
 - All my crimes were perpetrated against my Creator.
 - I sinned against the Son.
 - The same Judge who sentenced me is the One who saved me. He left the bench and descended to the place of execution Himself. The Creator is the Savior & Substitute
 - The Holy Father included sinners in His will and made them heirs with the Son
 - The Sons slayers are made brothers & sisters and fellow rulers.
 - “*Alas and did my Savior bleed....Was it for crimes that I had done.....*”
 - “*There is a Fountain....The dying thief rejoiced to see....*”
- Romans 8:1
 - Romans 5:19 2 Cor. 5:21
 - “*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain....*”

THE LAST MEAL

- In our land those on death row get a last meal before execution
- Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper/Last Supper as His *last meal*.
 - This *Last Meal* is a memorial meal for us to remember the One who redeemed us.
 - His *last meal* was eaten so we could have life
 - Bread - reminds us of His body. Perfect humanity bearing the sins of humanity
 - A body broken because of our sin 1 Peter 2:24
 - Cup - His precious blood. Heb. 9:22
 - An execution must happen is there is to an expiation of sin
 - This meal reminds us of His Last Meal before absorbing our execution
- This last meal is also eaten in anticipation of a future meal.
 - Matt. 26:27-29

THIS MEAL

Open Communion

Fencing the Table

Examine yourself.

Enjoy this Memorial *Last Meal*

MAN OF SORROWS - 56

verses 1-4 as people gather the elements

verse 5 after the supper

Matthew 26:30

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