

CALL to PRAYER -

Lord's Prayer / Model Prayer / Disciples Prayer

Intro - One of the many joys of weekly gathering together is when we observe the ordinances. Jesus commanded that His followers observe this meal **often**. He didn't say how often just that it was to happen "often." This meal is a time for reflection & celebration. We reflect back upon our sin and what Jesus did to save us from our sin. We eat & celebrate because the Son of God completed His saving work in our behalf. We eat because it is complete. We can't earn it, add to it, take away from it. We just accept it, embrace it and celebrate it. This meal is a memorial meal where we proclaim some great truths about His death - *There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus*. We symbolically partake of His body in these elements because, by faith, we have partaken of Him. *Christ in you the hope of glory*. The text I am about read compares the OT sacrifices (which were constantly repeated) to Jesus' sacrifice which is *Once & Done*. And the Body of Jesus is focused upon in this text. When we partake of this meal there is a requirement that we be able to *discern the body* = to understand what is represented in this dramatization within a meal. This meal tells us: God became flesh. He earned our salvation in the flesh. His flesh was broken so we could be forgiven. And...His completed work can be had by faith

**Hebrews 10:1-7 - The Incarnation Dramatization****THIS MEAL IS A REMIND, NOT A REDO**

- The Lord's Supper is to be often repeated only because we need to be often reminded.
  - "*Do this in remembrance...*" We repeat to remind...not to redo
  - This meal is NOT a sacrifice. It is symbol & a reminder of a *once & done* sacrifice
- Repeated sacrifices cannot save (Heb. 10:1-4)
  - OT sacrifices were repeated to show that something sufficient was needed
- This meal reminds us that Jesus is sufficient. *Jesus paid it all and all to Him we owe*
  - Jesus accomplished it all, paid it all, finished it all, completed it all
  - We eat because it is complete Heb. 9:28a Heb. 10:10, 12, 14
  - We can't earn it...add to it...subtract from it...we just embrace it and believe it and partake of it. We eat because there is no condemnation in Christ! - Rom. 8:1
    - We eat because it is complete!
  - We eat and proclaim a finished redemption by our sufficient Savior
    - This meal is REMIND, not a redo

**THIS MEAL REMINDS THAT ONLY ONE BODY CAN SAVE ANYBODY**

- The bodies of animals won't do. Our bodies won't do. Nobody's body will do except 1
  - Only Christ's body will save anybody. discern the BODY..... no other body will save anybody
- God took on a Body
  - Heb. 10:5 Gal. 4:4 John 1:1, 14 Phil 2:6-7
  - The only body that can save anybody is the body of God who became flesh

### **JESUS EARNED OUR SALVATION IN A BODY**

- ❖ God became flesh and earned our salvation in the flesh. He was made like us to redeem us
  - Heb. 10:5-7 a body prepared to do God's will in a body
  - Gal. 4:4-5 He came to live as Man – be a perfect Man in our physical world
    - Jesus fulfilled the law perfectly in a body like ours Matt. 5:17 Heb. 5:5-6
    - God not pleased with bulls & goats – but well pleased with Son Matt. 3:16-17
    - only Jesus did God's will on earth as it is done in heaven
- ❖ Jesus was tempted in all ways like us yet without sin
  - Jesus was tempted with appetite physical cravings (we struggle with the lust of the flesh)
    - Tempted with food – by Satan - in wilderness – after 40 days with no food
  - We failed with food (Garden of Eden). Jesus prevailed with food
    - Jesus went hungry so we could be filled as we eat – remember He didn't
    - We failed in a garden. Jesus prevailed in Garden – “not My will but Your will...”
- ❖ Jesus endured hunger, thirst, exhaustion, frustration...to earn our salvation
  - Jesus was at His “best” when He felt His worse physically (Jesus has no best - is perfect)
    - Up all night (I am trash after an “*all nighter*” Jesus was tremendous)
    - Exhaustion, sorrow, forsaken, betrayed, beaten, spat upon, scourged, crucified, mocked....think of the emotional & physical agony – Is. 53:3
  - Jesus earned our salvation with a human nature in a human body (discern the body)

### **HIS BODY WAS BROKEN SO WE COULD BE FORGIVEN**

- Hebrew 10:5-7 is quoting Psalm 40:6-8 (with a small twist of an explanation)
  - “*a body prepared*” is exchanged from “*my ears you have opened*” (pierced)
  - Ex. 21:5-6 a slave who chose to be a permanent slave – pierced his ear
- The Son of God willing became the Servant of Lord Heb. 10:5-7 Phil. 2:6-8
  - He was pierced to provide for us an eternal redemption...freedom
    - The Servant of the Lord set us free by being willing pierced for our transgressions
  - Do you know that Jesus will forever have a pierced human body
    - “Behold My hands...side...imprint of nail” John 20:20, 25-28 Rev. 5:6
    - for all of eternity we will discern the BODY
- We come today to remember Him...His broken/pierced body
  - This is remind not a redo Only one Body can save anybody
  - Jesus earned our salvation in a body – His body broken so we could be forgiven

Open/Close Communion  
Discern the Body

Fence the Table  
Celebrate

Examine yourself  
We eat because it's complete

Man of Sorrows

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