WHAT DOES THE LORD SUPPER SAY?

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The Lord's Supper was instituted on the night of His betrayal, Matthew 26:26-29. Let us examine the mighty message that is sent by the memorial of His death.

Kingdom is established. "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:29) Paul's instructions to the church at Corinth tells us they were observing that supper-thus the kingdom is here. 1 Corinthians 11:23-33.

Jesus did die. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8}Christ's death on that cruel cross of Calvary gave us an opportunity of everlasting life. No forgiveness is possible without the shedding of blood, Hebrews 9:22.

Man is forgetful. "And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me. In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." {l Corinthians 11:24,25} This is the only memorial our Lord left for us to remind us of Him. This reminds us of His death on the cross that provided true remission of sins.

Need for self examination. " But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." {l Corinthians 11:27,29} When one partakes of those sacred emblems we must be sure our minds go back to the cross.

The Lord's Supper is a very important part of what we do each Lord's day. It reminds us of the high price paid for our salvation. It also shows us the love God has for the world and His hatred for sin. Such a great price was paid on that tree so long ago. Yes, it may have been many years ago, but that sacrifice truly changed the world! Dear reader - have you been listening? ***