

## “THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME...” (2)

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So, what day and how often do we partake of the Lord's Supper?

The Jews understood that when they were told to "Remember the Sabbath" (Exodus 20:8-11), it meant every Sabbath, or seventh day of the week. Anyone who disobeyed was to be put to death. (Exodus 31:14)

When Jesus died on the cross, the Old Law was taken away, "Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross." (Colossians 2:14) Today, as Christians we do not keep "the Sabbath", but we are to keep the Lord's Day, or the first day of the week.

Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week (Matthew 28:1-8), and the church was established on the first day of the week (Acts 2). We are not to set one day a year apart, as the denominational world does, for days such as "Easter". Rather, we are to keep each and every Lord's Day as a remembrance of what Jesus has done for us. If it is humanly possible, every first day of the week we should be meeting with other Christians to: Sing, Pray, Partake of the Lord's Supper, Give, and Learn from God's word. How do I know that this is the correct worship of God's people today? **THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO!** (Colossians 3:17)

How do I know that God determined, before the world was even created, to give His Son as a sacrifice for sin to redeem sinful men? **THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO!** (Ephesians 1:3-5)

How do I know how often we should partake of the Lord's Supper? **THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO!**

"Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight." (Acts 20:7) Here, we have an apostolic example of early Christians meeting together on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper and hear God's word.

Some have taken it upon themselves to observe the Lord's Supper monthly, quarterly, or even yearly. Some also try to rationalize that by doing it every Sunday we lose the significance of what the memorial is for. How could we be reminded too often of Jesus' death on the cross? If partaking of the Lord's Supper every week seems like too much, ask yourself this question: **CAN IT EVER HURT ME TO BE REMINDED OF THE GREAT DEBT I OWE GOD-FOR HIS GREAT LOVE FOR ME?** If so, my friends, you really have not come to a proper understanding of what Jesus' death on the cross truly did for you!

If the Jews who didn't remember the Sabbath were worthy of death, how can we hope to please God if we choose not to remember His Son through the memorial He established? "Anyone who

has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?" (Hebrews 10:28,29)

Sadly, men today try to justify failing to take the Lord's Supper every week for many different reasons. Yet, one who truly loves the Lord, respects His authority, seeks to have obedient faith, and understands the great love shown by His death on the cross, how could we fail in remembering that sacrifice every Lord's Day? Consider Jesus, my friends. (Continue in Part 3) \*\*\*