

Sunday Session 2 Bible Study – August 31, 2014 "Good Things to Remember" – (Matthew 26:26-29)

Matthew 26:26-29 – The First Lord's Supper

[26] *While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."*

[27] *And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; [28] for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.*

[29] *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."*

In Exodus 12 we find how the Lord's Table began. The children of Israel had grown from a family into a huge nation. The people had become captives in a strange land, where God had finally appointed Moses to lead them from Egypt to the Promised Land. There was to be a plague, in the form of a death angel, as punishment to Egypt for refusing to let the Jews go free, as God through Moses had commanded; the first-born male of every family would die in this plague. To protect the first-born of each Jewish family, the people were ordered to kill an animal, catch the blood in a basin, then spread that blood over all three sides of their front door posts. If the people obeyed this command, the death angel would *pass over* that household when he came, and that family's first-born would be spared. From that time, God told them to do this every year as an ordinance (Exodus 12:24-25). This is a *Passover shadow*, a representation pointing to a time when Jesus Christ would give Himself totally on the cross as a propitiation for our sins, *satisfying* God, allowing the judgment of God's Justice to *pass over* each believer.

The Passover Shadow

The blood meant that Jesus would die for us spiritually and physically. The last Passover observed with the disciples was the first Lord's Table. Jesus was to be the Passover Lamb; no more animals would have to be slain, no more shadow blood needed be collected in a basin ever again. His blood meant that He Himself would die for us both spiritually and physically. The animal's sacrifice was similar, but different – only a shadow of the real thing.

The animals had to be tied down, but Jesus did not need that. He laid His life down of His own accord; He gave up His Own Life. Jesus said for us to remember.

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THE LORD'S SUPPER – A Substitute for the World (I Corinthians 11:25, 26)

- I. The focus of the Lord's Supper is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- II. The Purpose is to express Occupation With Christ, and Adoration for our Heavenly Father.
- III. Every believer from 30AD until now is commanded to observe this ordinance.
- IV. The bread is a symbol and represents Jesus Christ as the Unique Person qualified to be our substitute.
- V. The cup represents the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 – The Lord's Supper

(23) For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

(24) and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

(25) In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(26) For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.