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The Lord's Table Meeting - To Remember the Lord (221)

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3. zhè bǐng zài cǐ yě shì zhǐ míng nǐ nà ào mì de shēn tǐ
 这饼在此也是指明你那奥秘的身体；
 jiè cǐ yǔ zhòng zhī tǐ jiāo tōng jiàn zhèng shēn tǐ de hé yī
 借此与众肢体交通，见证身体的合一。
 zhè bēi yě shì shén shèng fú bēi wǒ men xiàn zài suǒ zhù fú
 这杯也是神圣福杯，我们现在所祝福；
 jiè zhe nǐ xuè wǒ men jiāo tōng yǔ nǐ suǒ yǒu de shèng tú
 借着你的血我们交通，与你所有的圣徒。
*By this bread which signifieth Thy one body mystical,
 We commune with all Thy members In one bond identical.
 By this holy cup of blessing, Cup of wine which now we less,
 Of Thy blood we have communion With all those who faith possess.*

4. nǐ shì wǒ men yǒng yuǎn de fēn zài cǐ yù cháng hé yǒu fú
 你是我们永远的分，在此预尝何有福；
 wǒ men děng hòu nǐ de guó dù nǐ de xiǎn xiàn wǒ cuī cù
 我们等候你的国度，你的显现我催促。
 dāng nǐ xiǎn xiàn zài nǐ guó dù tóng zhe dé shèng de shèng tú
 当你显现在你国度，同着得胜的圣徒，
 chóng xīn xiǎng shòu nǐ de zì jǐ zuò nǐ xīn ài de xīn fù
 重新享受你的自己，作你心爱的新妇。
*Thou art our eternal portion, Here we take a sweet foretaste;
 We are waiting for Thy kingdom, And Thy coming now we haste.
 At Thy coming, in Thy kingdom, With all saints that overcome,
 We anew will feast upon Thee And Thy loving Bride become.*

马太福音二十六章二十七至二十八节 (Matthew 26:27-28)

yòu ná qǐ bēi lái zhù xiè le dì gěi tā men
 又拿起杯来，祝谢了，递给他们，
 shuō nǐ men dōu hē zhè ge yīn wéi zhè shì wǒ lì yuē de xuè
 说，你们都喝这个，因为这是我立约的血，
 wéi duō rén liú chū lái shǐ zuì dé shè
 为多人流出来，使罪得赦。
*And He took a cup and gave thanks, and He gave it to them,
 saying, Drink of it, all you, For this is My blood of the covenant,
 which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.*

The Lord's Table Meeting (2)

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:24-26; Matt. 26:27-30

Memory Verse: *And He took a cup and gave thanks, and He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you, For this is my blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.*

Matthew 26:27-28

Memory Verse: *Similarly also the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My blood: this do, as often as you drink it, unto the remembrance of Me.*

1 Corinthians 11:25

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4. To remember the Lord:
 - d. By drinking the cup—1 Cor. 11:25:
 - 1) To review the redemption of the new covenant—Matt. 26:27-28.
 - 2) To receive God's blessing.
 - 3) To have fellowship in the blood of Christ—1 Cor. 10:16a.
5. To display the Lord's death—1 Cor. 11:26.
6. To express our desire of the Lord's coming back—1 Cor. 11:26b; Matt. 26:29.
7. To worship the Father—Matt. 26:30.

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Focus: The real remembrance of the Lord is to receive and enjoy Him as our life supply by eating and drinking Him and by sharing Him one with another in the fellowship of His Body.

In this lesson we want to continue our fellowship on the Lord's table meeting. In the previous lesson, we saw that the focus of the Lord's table is the Lord Himself. We also saw that we remember the Lord by breaking the bread to apprehend with appreciation and thanks the Lord's physical body being broken for us. Now we want to consider more points concerning our remembrance of the Lord.

We also remember the Lord by drinking the cup (1 Cor. 11:25).

d. By Drinking the Cup

1) To Review the Redemption of the New Covenant

Our drinking the cup is to review the redemption of the new covenant. For this point it would be good to read Matthew 26:27-28: "And He took a cup and gave thanks, and He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

2) To Receive God's Blessing

To eat the bread is to receive life; to drink the cup is to receive blessing. In the Bible, the bread is called the bread of life (John 6:35a) and the cup is called the cup of blessing (1 Cor. 10:16a). Thus, to eat the bread means to receive the life supply and to drink the cup means to receive the blessing.

The cup indicates a portion—either a portion of wrath or a portion of blessing. If we are condemned under God's judgment, the cup is a portion of wrath to us (Rev. 14:10). If we are forgiven and redeemed, the cup is a portion of blessing to us. The Bible does not say that we drink the blood but that we drink the cup. This means that the redeeming blood of the Lord Jesus becomes our cup, our portion.

When we drink the cup, we not only review the redemption of the new covenant but also receive God's blessing. This blessing is God Himself. Adam's fall caused man to lose God, but Christ's redemption brings God back to man. The losing of God in man's fall was the greatest loss. Now our gaining God back in Christ's redemption is the unique blessing. The cup as a portion is God Himself as the unique blessing to us.

Through this fellowship we can see how much the Lord's table implies. To remember the Lord is not merely to remember how He was God and how He became a man. To remember the Lord is to break the bread, to eat the bread, and to drink the cup in the reality of all their deep significances.

3) To Have Fellowship in the Blood of Christ

Drinking the cup also indicates that we have fellowship in the blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16a). We have a joint and mutual participation in the drinking of the one cup. Both eating and drinking indicate oneness and fellowship, communion. This is why we have only one loaf, not many loaves, and only one cup, not many cups, at the table. One loaf and one cup indicate the oneness and the fellowship, the communion. This communion, this fellowship, is in both the mystical Body of Christ and in the redeeming blood of Christ. Because we all are redeemed by this one blood, we have the one communion, and through this we receive the unique blessing.

5. To Display the Lord's Death

At the Lord's table, we do not remember the Lord's death, but we declare, proclaim, display, the Lord's death. First Corinthians 11:26 says, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you declare the Lord's death until He comes." Here we have the bread signifying the Lord's body, and we have the cup signifying the Lord's blood. On the Lord's table, His death is displayed, because the cup is separate from the bread, that is, the blood is separate from the body. We eat the bread and we drink the cup to display the Lord's death, because whenever the blood is separate from the body, that is death. Whenever we eat the bread and drink the cup, we do not remember the Lord's death but we display His death to the whole universe, especially to the principalities and powers in the heavenlies.

6. To Express Our Desire of the Lord's Coming Back

We also remember the Lord at His table to express our desire of His coming back. First Corinthians 11:26b says that we display the Lord's death until He comes. While we display the Lord's death, we express our desire of the Lord's second coming. In Matthew 26:29 the Lord said, "I shall by no means drink of this product of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father." This is the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens, in which the Lord will drink with us after His coming back. When we remember the Lord and display His death, we express our desire that the Lord will come back soon.

7. To Worship the Father

After all of this, the Lord will lead us to worship the Father. This is based upon Matthew 26:30, which says that after the Lord finished His supper with His disciples, He and the disciples sang a hymn. That hymn was sung by the Lord with His disciples to the Father. In the Lord's table, the Lord takes the lead to praise the Father, to worship the Father. At the end of the Lord's table meeting, we need to worship the Father with the Lord. We must follow the firstborn Son to worship the Father as His brothers. The Lord as the firstborn Son takes the lead to worship the Father (Heb. 2:12), and we as His many brothers follow Him.

We need to remember the focus of our fellowship in this message. The focus is that the real remembrance of the Lord is to receive and enjoy Him as our life supply by eating and drinking Him and by sharing Him one with another in the fellowship of His Body.