Live in Remembrance



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I. INTRO

A. Remember this

2 Corinthians 9:6 (TLB) <u>But remember this</u>—if you give little, you will get little. A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much.

Remember: To bring to mind or think of again, to keep in mind for attention or consideration, to retain in the memory

Forget: To lose the remembrance of, be unable to think of or recall, to treat with inattention or disregard, to give up hope for or expectation of

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV) For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- B. When the body was broken, blood flowed, so remember the cup
 - The OT law, sacrificial system required death, required the blood of animals

Hebrews 9:22 (NIV) In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

II. LIVING IN REMEMBRANCE

A. Living in remembrance

1 Peter 1:18-19 (TLB) God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible road to heaven which your fathers tried to take, and the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver as you very well know. But he paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

- What was the impossible road?
- The problem for humanity was: how do we become right with God?
- B. What makes the blood of Christ precious?
 - Circumstances make things precious
 - The problem of humanity was unrighteousness, or, how do I become right with God? This is what makes the blood of Jesus Christ precious!
- C. Two paths

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Hebrews 10:1-2 (NLT) The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared.

Hebrews 10:11-12 (NLT) Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.

Hebrews 10:14 (NLT) For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

- D. The blood is precious because:
 - It redeemed us
 - It cleanses us

1 John 1:9 (NKJV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

III. BREAD FOR TODAY

A. Jesus the living bread

Hebrews 10:19-22 (NLT) And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and lifegiving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

B. Give us this day our daily bread

Psalm 103:1-5 (NKJV) Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good *things, So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:1-5 (TPT) With my whole heart, with my whole life, and with my innermost being, I bow in wonder and love before you, the holy God! Yahweh, you are my soul's celebration. How could I ever forget the miracles of kindness you've done for me? You kissed my heart with forgiveness, in spite of all I've done. You've healed me inside and out from every disease. You've rescued me from hell and saved my life. You've crowned me with love and mercy. You satisfy my every desire with good things. You've supercharged my life so that I soar again like a flying eagle in the sky!