

# *Mt Lebanon Church*

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal unto you that which he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Remembering

## 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 24

What does it mean, when in the word of God, we are told to remember. Like everything else in our life, memories are a part of Gods purpose and plan for us. Our memories are meant to help us to structure our identity in becoming a part of the family of God. So, what are we to remember? Most would say that memories are facts that we have stored within our mind, when actually our memories are that which allow us to embrace the true meaning of our experiences in life. We exist in time, which means that we are born, we grow, and we become older day by day, and it is our memories that allow us to embrace the meaning of our experiences during this time. We are fashioned by the experiences of our life, according to those memories which mold us and affect our identity. Therefore, to remember does not mean to go back in time, or to live in the past, but it is retaining the experiences that we have in our life with God. Memories are meant to help us to prepare for our life in Christ. God uses our memories to strengthen our faith, and also to increase our awareness of him in the midst of circumstances that arise in our life.

**Genesis 9: 16,....**and the bow shall be in the cloud, and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth....

The word of God speaks of the importance of being remembered. It gives us a sense of self-respect, and reminds us that life goes well beyond ourselves, and that we are created to be a part of something greater than what we see in the world around us. Through this process, our eyes are opened to the characteristics of God, and we are able to see the ways in which he remembered us, through all things, daily in our life in his Son, Christ Jesus, so that our relationship with him may not fail, but that we might be mindful of those things in our life that brings us to a sense of wholeness and completeness in him. As believers, God ask of us, through his word, to remember him, and to discover that he is a God who never forgets. Therefore, we maintain our faith in him by remembering how he remembers us.

So, this morning we want to look to the word of God and see the importance of remembering.

**1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26,....**for I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus that same night in which he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, take eat, this is my body, which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of me....after the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood, this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me....for as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lords death till he comes....

So, we ask ourselves this morning, what is to be remembered, how are we to remember, and why are we to remember? So, in order to understand these questions, let us first start with:

**Exodus 12: 12 – 14,....**for I will pass through the land of Egypt....and....I will execute judgement, I am the Lord....and the blood shall be to you....and when I see the blood, I will pass over you....and this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it....

**Hebrews 9: 22,....**without shedding of blood is no remission....

**Matthew 26: 28,....**for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sin....

**1 John 1: 7,....**and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin....

Now, even though many will tend to disagree, memories from worldly experiences are purposeless, for they have no eternal value. Memories from a life of sin are not worthy to embrace, for they are only a hinderance to achieving a right relationship with God. But when by faith believing we confessed the Lord Jesus Christ, God gave unto us a new beginning, and this new beginning was to become more important to us than anything else. Our whole reality in our life was redefined around our new beginning, which became that which was to reshape us. This new beginning must never be forgotten. This new beginning, which was first celebrated with the children of Israel, when God brought them out of the captivity of Egypt, and was also celebrated by Christ with his disciples the night before his crucifixion, when he explained to them, and to us through his word, he explained the importance of this day of memorial, and also the importance of carrying it out often, so that the memory would stay first and foremost in our life in Christ. For this reason, the Holy Spirit was given to indwell within us, so as to bring to our remembrance this most important event in our life.

**John 14: 26,....**but the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost....he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you....

In our life in Christ, there is no way for us to fully grasp the understanding of Gods teaching until after those things have been accomplished. Therefore, our experiences are crucial, for they are needed so that the Holy Spirit might influence our life as a believer, influence us through our memories. Therefore, the Holy Spirit will not only teach us through our memories but will teach us so that we in turn can teach others. We must never forget that whatever we are facing, the Holy Spirit that is within us, is facing it together with us, by strengthening us in our faith, and trusting in God through the memories of our new beginning in Christ, which comes by the shed blood of Jesus Christ for the remission of our sins.

**Ecclesiastes 12: 1,....**remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, now the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them....

As believers, we are encouraged to remember our new beginning in Christ, which is the day of our salvation, for one day we will be judged by God for the choices and the decisions which we have made in our life. Decisions that affect our perspective concerning our life of obedience or disobedience according to the word of God. Our perspective concerning our spiritual life in Christ is the way that we remember the one who created us and gave unto us life.

**Proverbs 10: 7,....**the memory of the just is blessed, but the name of the wicked shall rot....

The memory of the unjust becomes more unpleasant over time, and eventually fades away, for those whose memories are worldly are only known for their worldliness. But for those who are just, our memories are blessed, for our memories began, and they are continuing, and they will end according to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Therefore, are we commanded to participate in the communion of the Lord's supper as often as we would, in remembrance of his sacrifice, which was the shedding of his blood, which paid the penalty for our sin debt.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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