**EXPRESSION, EXPLANATION, EXPECTATION, EXAMINATION, ENCOURAGEMENT.**

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WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE MEMORY?

I Corinthians 11:23-33

With five words, I want to attempt to make a lasting **impact** on your mind concerning the Lords Supper.

**I- EXPRESSION: V-24**

***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.***

We are expressing our Love for Jesus, for it is a way we can say to Jesus, we love you, we remember what you did for us.

**On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, 350 Japanese war planes bombed Pearl Harbor. 18 battle ships were sunk or destroyed. 200 airplanes were put out of commission. 3, 581 servicemen were either killed or wounded.**

**Because of that America’s war cry as she entered World War II was this motto: “Remember Pearl Harbor”.**

This Morning, we too have a battle cry and it is: “Remember Jesus Christ.”

**We are to remember the high cost of our salvation**. What’s free to you and I, cost Jesus dearly, his body and his blood. He paid it all with his very life.

In Psalms 34:20, it says that no bones of Jesus Christ would be broken. And it was fulfilled when the soldier came to break His legs and found him already dead.

Yet Jesus said, this is my body, which is broken for you. We are to remember His body was broken in many ways.

His back was broken by the whip.

They broke his bow with the crown of thorns.

They broke His cheeks when they ripped his bread from His face.

They broke his hands when they drove the nails through them.

His side was broken when they thrust the spear into His side.

We must never forget that the body of Jesus Christ was broken on the cross for you and I.

**II-EXPLANATION: V-26**

**For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord’s death till he come.**

The word “show” means to tell, to explain. Thus every time we gather at the Lord’s table, we are preaching a sermon that Christ is the Savior of the world through His death on the cross.

**The owner of a large warehouse was concerned about his profit margin, and he decided to make an onsite inspection. He saw a young man leaning up against a wall apparently not working. The owner said to him, "How much do you make per week?" The young man said, "$320." The owner reached into his pocket and pulled out $320 and handed the man the money and told him, "You can leave. We don’t need you around here anymore." As the young man walked away, the warehouse supervisor arrived and the owner asked him, "How long has that fellow been working for us?" The supervisor looked as the young man drove away and replied, "He doesn’t work for us; he was here making a delivery."** **Moral of the story: DON’T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS.**

**Don’t be like the little boy who said to his dad, I am glad we having the Lord’s supper tonight. I guess that means we want have any preaching?**

**Well he was jumping to the wrong conclusion, for the Lord’s is preaching at its best.**

**III- EXPECTATION: V-26B**

**For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord’s death till he come.**

When we come to the Lord’s table, we are testifying that one-day we will be caught up together in the air by the Lord.

The Christ who was born at Bethlehem, the Christ who was crucified on the cross, the Christ who arose from the grave, the Christ who we fellowship with today; this Christ is coming again.

As we look around at the world this morning, we see some bad things. Crime is everywhere, in cities and in countryside; Alcohol and drug consumption is destroying people’s lives; Families are being torn apart by the devil; All types of sins are abounding everywhere.

But as we come to the Lord’s table today, we can still be joyous in the midst of a troubled world for Jesus one day will take us out this world to a better place in heaven.

**IV- EXAMINATION: V-28**

**But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.**

Some people say, I will not take of it, for I am not worthy. In saying that, they don’t realize that they are saying, God you are not able...You wasted the death of your son. You are really saying...I AM NOT WILLING

**I believe there are two ways a person can take of it unworthy.**

1. One would be that a lost person should never take the Lords Supper verse 29 says, they **“drinketh damnation to himself”.**
2. Also I believe a Christian can be guilty if there is unconfessed sins in their life. Verse 3 says, **” For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.”**

But notice what verse 31 says, **“For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.”**

Like the disciples at the first supper, when they said, **Lord is it I?**

**When a person who is a Christian refuses to take the Lord’ s supper, they are saying, I refuse to examine my-self, I refuse to repent of my sins.**

For the commandment is for all to take of it.

Now it says a man is to examine him-self

Examine you self.

Listen, if you are here today without Christ, you are standing on the brink of eternity gambling with your soul. And where you will land is a place called hell. You will plunge to your eternal death. My friend don’t gamble with your soul. Don’t guess; take the test. Receive Christ today.

Christian, what about you. Examine yourself before the table. What’s your temperature? Hot or Cold?

**V-ENCOURAGEMENT: V-33**

**Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.**

In these verses, five times, Paul says, “come together.” He is saying when you come to the Lord’s table, not be only thinking what you will get out if it, but thing about others also.

I can’t imagine taking the Lord’s Supper alone. I need every one of you. I need your presence to encourage me.

A little boy was taken to an orphanage after his parents were killed. The first need was to find him a new set of clothes. He was given a new pair of pants, a new shirt, and a pair of shoes that shinned as he saw his face in its glow. Lastly, he was offered a new hat. But he refused to take it. He hung on to his worn out and dirty hat. Finally, the Sister was able to coax him into trying on the new cap. He tried it on, liked it, but then did something very funny. He reached inside his old cap and tore the lining out and placed it in his pocket. Noticing the Sister had a puzzled look on her face, he said, **"Mom put the lining in my cap... the lining is a part of her dress; it’s all I’ve got left of her and somehow it seems to bring her back."**