

Communion – “Remember Me”...

Let us consider the words of the criminal, who was hanging on a cross next to Jesus as He hung from the cross of Calvary, and the reply from Jesus.

Luke 23:42-43 ... “And he (the criminal) was saying, “Jesus, **remember me** when You come into Your kingdom!” And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise”.

- The criminal’s condition reflects that of every one – powerless to help ourselves. We are all in need of a Saviour.
- The criminal’s condition could not be alleviated by any fake gospel. A message of good works is useless. His condition called for the only Saviour there is – and He was right there on the tree besides him.
- The Lord’s presence caused conviction and a call for mercy ... “Jesus, **remember me** when You come into your kingdom”...
- In dying there on the tree Jesus was bearing his sin and making that mercy possible
- The gospel of Christ meets man’s need immediately, opening the doors to heaven.

Luke 22:19-20 ... “And when He had taken *some* bread *and* given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**” And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the **new covenant** in My blood.

When we gather to partake of His Body, the bread, and of His blood, the cup, let us hear those words of Jesus ring in our ears “**do this in remembrance of Me**”.

What is it that He wants us to remember?

- We remember – that we were, and we are, powerless to help ourselves – we are all in need of a Saviour. Apart from Him we can do nothing.
- We remember – that no amount of good works will see us through. Our dependence is upon the one and only Saviour of mankind, Jesus, and His finished work on our behalf. And He is in us and with us all the time. He is right here right now; ready to come to your aid. He “remembers you”. He says, “*I will never leave you or forsake you*”.
- We remember – He bore away all our sin in His body and by His mercy we are forgiven. By His grace we are made new. He has come to give us life and life abundantly – now and forever.
- We remember – His blood, the cup, was shed by the Man, Jesus Christ, on behalf of mankind so that we could enter into a new and eternal covenant with God our heavenly Father. We are heirs of the Father and joint heirs with the Son. Jesus is saying, remember your great heritage and rejoice!