



GROW IN GRACE NEWSLETTER!

PLEASE USE the Grow in Grace Newsletter for your own spiritual growth; and **AS A RESOURCE** to help equip you to MINISTER to others! **Volume 47, No. 14, April 12, 2022** / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. **"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD**

JESUS CHRIST!

JESUS CHRIST— COMING to HIS TABLE to WORSHIP!

As the LORD permits, we come to THE LORD'S TABLE on April 17 to climax the morning worship service, which begins at 10:45am. WE WILL COME REJOICING in the Crucified, Risen, Ascended, Reigning, RETURNING LORD JESUS CHRIST.

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST was/IS God's, "Amen!" To Christ's, "IT IS FINISHED!" Without question the Resurrection is exceedingly critical! (1 Cor. 15) **However, IF Jesus HAD FAILED to make sufficient propitiation— there would have been no resurrection! AND, the Word of God reveals that when it comes to celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ— New Testament Christians simply obeyed Jesus and celebrated the New Testament Passover or LORD'S SUPPER!** (Luke 22:19; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)

The Word of God reveals that the LORD'S SUPPER has a singular FOCUS— *Christ's DEATH, with His resurrection and second coming clearly implied!*

THE LORD'S SUPPER is profound beyond words to describe! However, there is no POMP, no grand ceremonies— just the simplicity of a piece of bread and wine or juice. IT MAY BE A SHOCK TO US; **BUT New Testament Christians DID NOT remember or celebrate Christ by** Lent, Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Fourteen Stations of the Cross, **Service of Darkness, or Service of Shadows, Holy Saturday,** Easter egg hunts, Easter Sunrise services, Passion Plays, GRAND performance based musical productions, and/or Easter Sunday! **THESE ARE ALL** manmade religious customs and traditions— **NONE OF THESE ARE IN OR FROM THE BIBLE!**

QUESTION: How is it that there is such profound loyalty to that which is NOT from the Bible?

[1] The masses do not know what is in the Bible.

[2] They simply have loyalty to their denomination, traditions, and/or pastors.

[3] And multitudes of pastors accommodate ministry to please the people, just like Aaron did, as recorded in Exodus 32!

NEVERTHELESS, JESUS STILL CALLS HIS CHURCH to genuine, profound, and ultimate CELEBRATION of the most significant of all events in history with His words,

"...This do In Remembrance of Me!"

I PLEAD WITH ONE AND ALL:

LET US 'MAKE MUCH OF' THE LAMB OF GOD!

AS we come to the LORD'S TABLE— since the resurrection of Jesus is core, critical truth of genuine Christianity, this

seems surprising: Jesus DID NOT ask us to do anything special to remember His resurrection! FOR EXAMPLE,

THE Holy Spirit DID NOT move Paul to write— God forbid that I should glory, save in the resurrection... BUT RATHER— PAUL TESTIFIES: GOD FORBID THAT I should glory, SAVE IN THE CROSS!! (Gal. 6:14) AND JESUS CALLS US TO REMEMBER HIM at the LORD'S TABLE... or the New Testament fulfillment of PASSOVER! FOR, CHRIST IS OUR PASSOVER! **THEREFORE, New Testament Christians simply obeyed Jesus and celebrated the New Testament Passover or LORD'S SUPPER!** (Luke 22:19; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:23-26) **AND: JESUS STILL CALLS HIS CHURCH to genuine, profound, and ultimate CELEBRATION of the most significant of all events in history with His words: "...THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME!"**

IN PREPARATION for the LORD'S SUPPER on April 17, 2022, please meditate on the following:

ONCE! ONE! (Hebrews 9:26)

What Christ meant to do on the cross, He accomplished. He did not die in vain. He died with no part of His work left undone. JESUS did not die that sin's penalty and life dominating power might be vanquished by what He did PLUS some effort of our own! He died to vanquish sin Himself— once and forever.

One death. One sacrifice. One atonement. One cross. *The whole gospel was hung on the cross.* One price and purchase. One cross and crown. One death and deliverance. One, and only once. *The Savior said victoriously, "It is finished!"*

One Person — "HE!"

Who was He? He was very God of very God. He was commissioned by the Father to vanquish sin (John 6:4). He was the Messiah, pledged by God's covenant to deliver His people (John 1:41). He was chosen (1 Pet. 1:20). God didn't send a mighty angel. He didn't send a mighty army. He didn't send a mighty man. He sent **His Son**— Himself.

One Period — “Appeared Once!”

He appeared as a babe in Bethlehem; the infinite linked with the Infant. He who laid out the heavens, now lay upon a woman's breast. He invaded time and history. He came as the God-Man. He was unique. No one was like Him in the past. No one was like Him in the present. No one would be like Him in the future. *He appeared once.*

He is **“Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace”** (Isa. 9:6). He is King of kings. He chose not to stay on His throne. He came to earth for one brief period of time.

Grand Purpose — “To Do Away with Sin!”

A. Sin and Its Presence: Sin is a reality for fallen man (Rom. 3:23).

B. Sin and Its Price: Sin cannot be tolerated by a just and holy God, as sin is contrary to His perfect nature.

1. Separation and reconciliation. Sin, producing enmity between God and man, requires atonement for the restoration of man's relationship with God (Rom. 5:10).

2. Condemnation and satisfaction (Rom. 5:18; 6:23; 8:1). Sin's satisfaction is what we celebrate as we gather at His Table. As we partake of the elements, representing His body and blood given in

atonement for our sin, let us receive with assurance the benefits of His grace. As believers we have been redeemed and restored in our never-ending relationship with the Prince of Peace.

One Payment — “Once for All . . . the Sacrifice!”

In the Old Testament, the sacrifice was a personal, spiritual encounter with God. Sacrifices were offered to satisfy God, who was present in judgment and mercy. A blood sacrifice was demanded. This had to be repeated time and again.

Jesus’ perfect sacrifice accomplished “once for all” all God demanded as the payment for our sin. No longer would other sacrifices be required. In Holy Communion, we remember all Christ has accomplished for us in His sacrificial death. (This section, Edited from Jim Henry, *In Remembrance of Me.*)

PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Whenever we come to the Lord's Supper, **we should remind ourselves of why we come and what we expect to find here. In short:** The Supper is a remembrance of Him. [Luke 22:19] The Supper is our communion with Him. [1 Cor. 10:16] The Supper is our fellowship with the body of Christ and especially the local body. [1 Cor. 11:18, 20] The Supper is a commemoration of His death. [1 Cor. 11:26]

WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER? The Lord's Supper was instituted by the Lord on the same night in which He was betrayed. It is to be observed in His church to the world's end, for a perpetual remembrance of Him and to show forth the sacrifice of Himself in His death. It was instituted also to encourage saints in the belief that all the things stemming from Christ's sacrifice belonged to them! In the supper the body and blood of Christ are present to the faith of believers, **not in any actual physical way**, but in a way of calling us to remember the once and for all sacrifice of our LORD at Calvary.

Our faith is called upon to focus upon the COMPLETE work of redemption—the cross is empty, the tomb is empty, Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven and HE IS COMING BACK!

WHY SHOULD I, as a CHRISTIAN, COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE? Christ commands us to come! With this command He gives me this promise:

- As surely as I see with my eyes the bread broken and the cup given, so I know for certain that Christ became a real human being and poured out His blood on the cross.
- As surely as I take the bread and cup in my hand and taste them with my mouth, so I know for certain that Christ nourishes and refreshes my soul with His crucified body and blood. [Mt.26.26-28; 1 Cor. 11.23-25]

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME TO EAT AND DRINK THE LORD'S SUPPER? **It means that** I accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ for me. **It means that** by believing I am forgiven all my sins and now have eternal life. This is not magic. Eating the bread and drinking the cup does not wash

away my sins. Only Christ can remove my sins, and that happens when by His grace I put my faith in Him.

WHAT BENEFITS THEN DO I RECEIVE BY COMING TO THE LORD'S SUPPER? **My sins are exposed** for what they really are before a Holy God. **My heart is inflamed** with love for Christ. **I am reminded** of all that He suffered for me. My faith in Christ is strengthened. My hope that one day I will live with Christ is made more certain. Although His resurrection body is in heaven at the right hand of the Father and I am still here on earth, the Lord's Supper reinforces His promise that **He is coming back AND that** He will one day raise my mortal body and take me home to heaven to be with Him.

WHAT IF I KNOW THAT I'M NOT PERFECT?

I may come when I know myself to be a sinner and am displeased with myself because of my sin, yet come trusting in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of my sin.

I may come when I know myself to be weak and in need of Christ to strengthen my faith and when I desire Him to enable me to live a better life.

WHY DOES JESUS USE BREAD AND DRINK?

Jesus is teaching me that, just as bread and drink nourish my temporal life here, so His crucified body and poured-out blood truly nourish my spiritual life. Jesus uses this visible sign and pledge to assure me that all He has done for me in His perfect obedience, suffering, and death is certainly mine. I take the bread and the cup in my own hand and with my own mouth and am freshly assured **that what Jesus accomplished for sinners at Calvary is given to me personally.**

WHAT SHOULD I THINK AS THE ELEMENTS ARE DISTRIBUTED? **As I take the bread, I remember to thank God that** Christ took up a human body; that He was tempted just as I am; that He was willing to suffer for me; that He lived a hard life in a poor family and that He was willing to be misunderstood. **As I take the cup, I remember to thank God that** Jesus poured out His blood for me; that He saves me from the guilt of my sin; that He sets me free from the power of sin; that I now have the righteousness of Christ and that I will live and reign with Christ forever.

MORE RESOURCES FOR PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER: SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION: The Penitential Psalms: Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143 // Isaiah 53, 55, 59 // Gospel of John 13-17 // Romans 3, 6, 8, 12 //

Second London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689), [Chapter 30](https://founders.org/library/1689-confession/chapter-30-the-lords-supper/) [https://founders.org/library/1689-confession/chapter-30-the-lords-supper/] *(Portions of the above article is edited from an article by Pastor John Olson)*

IMPORTANT FINAL NOTE: PARENTS— are your children saved, baptized believers? Spend time HELPING THEM to be prepared for

SACRED WORSHIP at the LORD'S TABLE! Are they yet outside of Christ? MAKE SURE you help them to know that THE LORD'S TABLE is ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST! SHARE the gospel with them!

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NEWS NOTES:

SUNDAY SERVICES, APRIL 17, 24 ... / 2022

1. ***** Sunday School at 9:30am:** Nursery, Children's classes, Youth, and Adult classes.
2. ***** WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45am!**

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY SERVICES:

1. **4/17/22 ... The climax of the service: THE LORD'S TABLE**
2. **4/24/22 ... FOURTH SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE at 5PM.** (Adam, Bradley, and others give specific preparation for this Service.... and, this month, James Poteete scheduled to preach.)

EVERY SATURDAY*** 8:00 AM, — Men's Bible Study! (*Doors open by 7:30am... coffee, juice, donuts, and Hardee's Biscuits are available!*)

***** NEXT Ladies Bible Study, April 19, @ 11:00 AM**

TUESDAYS: WEEKLY Youth Group Meeting, ages 12 and up ... Tuesdays a 7:15pm... at Jaden and Rhi's home...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: 6:30pm— come in back 'double doors' under the Drive Thru awning! ** Adult Prayer Service, BACK AT

CHURCH BUILDING ** *Young FAMILIES Prayer Service [ADAM or Jaden weekly communicate as to LOCATION]*

***** LOVE OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD BY MAIL or by ONLINE GIVING:**

SUCH funds, (if checks), make out to Southside Baptist) — MAIL TO: Southside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1594, Gallatin, TN 37066/ *OR... TO GIVE via ONLINE GIVING: <https://southsidebaptist.breezechms.com/give/online>*

HEALTH REMINDERS as to CHURCH SERVICES AND as to Responding with WISDOM and NOT fear IN SEEKING TO KEEP AS HEALTHY AS WE CAN— SO AS TO BE ACTIVE IN THE KINGDOM BUSINESS OF THE LORD!

1. IF YOU ARE SICK... [OR if you are in a state of high immune deficiency or if (at home or work) you are caring for one who is sick; or if you have • Fever; • Coughing; • Chills; • Headache; • Sore throat; etc.], Please stay home!]

2. IF YOU ARE HEALTHY and well... you may or may not choose to wear a mask... WE CONTINUE to encourage FREEDOM as to ‘social distancing’... masks ... vaccine choices, etc. — PLEASE HONOR THE LORD, by continuing to give sensitivity and respect one to another.

3. In addition to carefulness, good hydration, good nutrition, and sleep— ALSO: SEEK TO BUILD UP A STRONG IMMUNE SYSTEM! I PERSONALLY TAKE ELDERBERRY, VITAMIN C, ZINC, GINGER, VITAMIN D, Quercetin, and a good multi-vitamin that includes fiber... And Ivermectin.

DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH! BE PROACTIVE! BE PREVENTIVE! LET each of us DO OUR PART IN personal hygiene — *please wash your hands with SOAP; and use nearby SANITIZER.*

4. HERE IS AN EDUCATIONAL resource from ... FROM Doctors who successfully treat covid-19 patients! => <https://breggin.com/covid-19-home-treatment/> //// Peter McCullough, MD, BRIEF. EXCELLENT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAHi3lX3oGM>

The PDF booklet: A Guide to Home-Based COVID Treatment can be downloaded ... **focus is on PREVENTION and early treatment:** [COVID Treatment - Truth for Health Foundation](https://www.truthforhealth.org/patientguide/patient-treatment-guide/)<https://www.truthforhealth.org/patientguide/patient-treatment-guide/>