

Do This In Remembrance Of Me

(1 Corinthians 11:24-25)

- Introduction:
1. This weekend is "Memorial Day Weekend."
 2. It was first called "Decoration Day" (1882), but came to be known as "Memorial Day."
 3. On this day, we are to remember men and women who gave their lives in military service to their country.
 4. Yet, it's easy to forget the original purpose of memorials.
 5. For some, Memorial Day is a "day off from work," "A day for grilling out and having friends over."
 6. It this is true of something as recent as "Memorial Day" what about a memorial that is 2000 years old?
 7. How do we keep this memorial fresh in our minds?

I. What Is This Memorial - The Lord's Supper

- A. It's a remembrance of the death of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:24-25).
 1. It's purpose was also overlooked early on (1 Corinthians 11:18-22).
- B. It is also a proclamation (1 Corinthians 11:26).
- C. It is important to partake of it properly (1 Corinthians 11:27-30).

II. How To Partake Of It Properly?

- A. Look backward to the sacrifice of Jesus (Matthew 27).
- B. Look forward to his return (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- C. Look inward and examine your life (2 Corinthians 13:5).
- D. Look outward to proclaim the risen Lord to the world (1 Corinthians 11:26).
- E. Look upward and give thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:15).

- Conclusion:
1. May we never forget to remember.
 2. May we partake of and participate in this memorial in such a way that we come to love God even more deeply than we presently do.
 3. Let us not forget that we cannot divorce this act from its purpose and be right with God.
 4. It's in this act, that we share and commune with Jesus while we await his return.