



## Do This In Remembrance Of Me

### CLASS 3 • EXHORTATION

- Mark 14:22-26 (NIV)

- 22) While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."
- 23) Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.
- 24) "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.
- 25) "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."
- 26) When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- Psalm 37

- Scriptural reasons why we have exhortations

- Hebrews 10:21-25: "And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

- Hebrews 3:12-14: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;"

- What the purpose of an exhortation is

- Exhort: To urge by strong, often stirring argument, admonition, advice, or appeal. To make urgent an appeal.

- To turn our minds to Jesus and his Sacrifice that we are about to remember
- The benefits (on both ends) of exhortation
  - The Exhorter receives many benefits...
    - He HEARS it also... He hears the Word of God speaking to him when he prepares it
  - The listener receives benefits also...
    - If the Exhorter is doing his job right, and SPEAKING to the members
    - Addressing their needs and concerns
- What you should think about during the exhortation
  - Yourself... Yourself... Yourself...
  - How does this apply to me? Is there the slightest way that this applies to me?
  - Jesus and his sacrifice that this Memorial Service is all about
- Short Exhortation - Give a short Exhortation
- Ephesians 2:1: “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;”
  - Quickened means “To give life to” or “To make alive”
  - We were “Dead in your sins”, and we have been resurrected
  - Given a new life...
  - Take advantage of this new life, take advantage of this new opportunity
  - Consider this event for what it is... A miracle... A bringing to life from the Grave...
  - Allow this event to change our life, that we should better people
- Ephesians 2:2: “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”
  - We should no longer be directed by the course of this world
  - We should follow Christ and his path, and be directed by his words
  - We should no longer live a life of fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind
  - We should now live a life of fulfilling God’s desires and his commandments
  - Why are we given this new life?... this great opportunity?...

- It's not because of anything we have done...
- Ephesians 2:4-9: "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."
- We can never do anything to earn this love that God has given us
- We can't earn a place in God's Kingdom
- By the Grace of God, we are saved through faith...
- Keep the faith! Maintain the faith! The same feeling of trust and love that you felt when you got baptized...
- Keep it there forever!
- Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."
- We are like a clay pot that God is making
- God didn't choose us for what we are, but for what he saw in us, and what he knows he can form us into.
- He will cast us into a few fires to harden us up... He doesn't do it to harm us, but, rather the opposite, because he wants to protect us from being harmed.
- He will eventually get us to a useful shape that he had in mind for us all along
- He does this through his Word, and through his son Jesus.
- Ephesians 2:11-18: "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."
- Take advantage of that access to God...
- Pray through Jesus, and pray often...

- Ephesians 2:19: “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
  - We are all fellowcitizens together...
  - We are the household of God...
  - We are a family...
- Ephesians 2:20: “And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;”
  - Christ is the most important part of our household, and the sole purpose that we are together.
  - We must never forget Christ, nor this Memorial Service he has commanded.
- Ephesians 2:21: “In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:”
  - We are a building that is being “Fitly Framed Together”
  - Each one of us chosen for their particular shape, size, characteristics, personalities, etc.
  - Together we form a building, separate we are just stones
- Ephesians 2:22: “In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”
  - Our purpose is to become a habitation for God
  - A People of God
  - Brothers of Christ