

Morning Worship

January 5, 2020

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

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Welcome and Fellowship		Allan/People
Scripture Reading		Romey Keith Davis
Hymn # 132	<i>There Is Power in the Blood</i>	Romey/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Hymn # 135	<i>Nothing But the Blood</i>	Romey/People
Hymn # 139	<i>At the Cross</i>	Romey/People
Offering Prayer		John Lewis
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		Alva Lou Schottel
Hymn # 142	<i>There Is a Fountain</i>	Romey/People
Special Music		
Message		Allan Lane
Hymn # 134	<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	Romey/People
Observance of the Lord's Supper		
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Closing Chorus # 139	<i>At the Cross</i>	Romey/People

The Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:17-33

One of the ordinances of the New Testament church is an act of worship in which we engage known as The Lord's Supper... the other ordinance, of course, being baptism. It is also known as The Communion (1 Corinthians 10:16) and The Breaking of Bread (Acts 2:42). Today, some refer to it as The Eucharist, from the Greek eucharisteo, "giving of thanks," which Christ did at the time of its institution (Matthew 26:26-27).

It is a simple act, in which those who are Christians partake of unleavened bread and drink of the fruit of the vine. Yet it is an important act, one that we should understand why we do it, lest our participation become meaningless to us, displeasing to God, and detrimental to us (1 Corinthians 11:27).

Therefore it behooves all Christians, especially those new in the faith, to be well acquainted with the meaning and practice of the Lord's Supper. Let's begin by carefully noting:

1. The Meaning of the Supper.

a. It is a memorial .

Note Paul's account as given by the Lord Himself (1 Corinthians 11:23-25). We eat the bread in memory of His body. We drink the cup (fruit of the vine) in memory of His blood. We therefore commemorate the death of Jesus on the cross (Matthew 26:28). His death made the new covenant possible (Hebrews 9:16). His blood was shed for the remission of sins (Ephesians 1:7).

As the Passover was a memorial commemorating Israel's deliverance from Egypt through the blood of the lambs on the door post, so the Supper is a memorial of our Lord's death which makes our deliverance from the bondage of sin possible.

b. It is a proclamation .

We proclaim our faith in the efficacy of the Lord's death (1 Corinthians 11:26a). His death was indeed for our sins. If we don't believe He died for our sins, why keep the Supper?

We also proclaim our faith in the Lord's return (1 Corinthians 11:26b). It is to be done "till He comes." If we don't believe He is coming, then why keep the Supper? Thus the Lord's Supper looks forward as well as backward, and will ever be observed by His disciples who trust in His redemption and anticipate His return.

c. It is a communion .

It is a fellowship or sharing in the blood of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16a.) As we partake, we commune with the blood of Christ. Perhaps in the sense of reinforcing blessings we enjoy through the blood of Christ (1 John 1:7,9).

It is a fellowship or sharing in the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16b-17). As we partake, we commune with the body of Christ in the sense of reinforcing fellowship together in the body of Christ (i.e., the church). As we break bread together, "The Lord's Supper" certainly has great significance and should not be taken lightly. We do well therefore to consider what the Scriptures reveal about:

2. The Observance of the Supper.

a. To be done with reverence .

That is, "in a worthy manner" (1 Corinthians 11:27,29 NKJV). The KJV says "worthily", which some have misunderstood. The actual word is an adverb describing how we take it, not whether we are worthy (none are truly worthy).

With respect for the supreme price Jesus paid for our sins, we must take into account the cruel torture and humiliation of His physical body as well as the spiritual anguish He suffered as Jesus bore the punishment for our sins ("My God, My God, Why have You forsaken Me?").

Paul teaches that failure to observe with proper reverence brings condemnation (1 Corinthians 11:27,29). One will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. One will eat and drink judgment to themselves. To make light of this memorial puts one in the same category as those who mocked Him as He hung on the cross.

b. To be done with self-examination .

Such is to be done as a reflection upon one's spiritual condition (1 Corinthians 11:28). Are we living in a manner that shows appreciation for His sacrifice? Are we accepting the grace of God in our lives (2 Corinthians 5:18-6:1)? Are we living for

Jesus Who died for us (2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 2:20)? Or are we by willful sinning guilty of having:

- a. "trampled the Son of God underfoot?"
- b. "counted the blood by which [we were] sanctified a common thing?"
- c. "insulted the Spirit of grace" (Hebrews 10:26-29)?

Do we, by refusing to repent of our sins, "crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an shame" (Hebrews 6:4-6)? In one sense, the Supper is a very private matter between a Christian and his or her God; a time to reflect on the past and to resolve for the future.

c. To be done with other believers .

There is ample indication the Supper is designed to be a communal meal. The disciples "came together" to break bread (Acts 20:7). When they came together, they were to "wait for one another" (1 Corinthians 11:33). Partaking together of "one bread," they demonstrated they are "one bread and one body" (1 Corinthians 10:16). We commune not just with the Lord, but with one another.

For this reason I personally question such practices as:

- a. Observing the Supper by one's self when camping or traveling.
- b. Observing the Supper on Sunday night when just one or a couple of people in the congregation are partaking.
- c. Taking the elements to the sick or shut-in who were unable to assemble

While such issues may fall in the realm of opinion, let's not forget that the Supper builds fellowship with one another as well as with the Lord.

d. To be done often .

The Biblical evidence is that it was done weekly. Christians came together on the first day of the week to "break bread" (Acts 20:7). Other indications of a weekly observance:

- 1) The church at Corinth was coming together to eat the Lord's Supper, though they were abusing it (1 Corinthians 11:17-22).
- 2) Instructions concerning the collection suggest their coming together was on the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

Following the divinely approved example of Christians in the Bible, we know God approves of a weekly observance on the first day of the week.

The earliest historical evidence outside the Bible confirms the day and frequency. The Didache (ca. 95 A.D.) indicates Christians were to come together on the first day of the week to break bread. Justin Martyr (ca. 150 A.D.) records how Christians assembled on Sunday and partook of the Supper (Apology I, 67). "...the early church writers from Barnabas, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, to Clement of Alexandria, Origen and Cyprian, all with one consent, declare that the church observed the first day of the week. They are equally agreed that the Lord's Supper was observed weekly, on the first day of the week." (taken from B. W. Johnson, *People's New Testament*).

Baptists have traditionally believed that a weekly observance diminishes the importance of the Supper. This is why many do it monthly, quarterly, or annually. Since I've been pastor, our practice here at Calvary has been quarterly, and "as the Spirit leads."

Conclusion:

The first Christians "continued steadfastly" in its observance just as they did in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship and prayer (Acts 2:42). They came together on the first day of the week for that very purpose (Acts 20:7).

Christians today should never lose sight of its significance for us. It is a constant reminder of the great sacrifice Jesus paid for our sins. It is a communion or sharing of the body and blood of the Lord. It is a time for self-examination and rededication of our service to the Lord. It is a means for building fellowship with one another in the body of Christ.

During World War II a man with a wife and a family was drafted into service. He and his wife always set aside Friday night as their date night. The first Friday night he was gone, he took out his photos of his wife and family, and wrote her a letter explaining what he would be doing the entire time they were apart. Every Friday night he could he would go through the same actions. He explained to her "each time I do this, I will be hoping it will be the last time. I will be hoping each Friday, that by the next Friday I will be back in your arms."

Every time we come to this table, it is a time of remembering our Blessed Savior. But each time we do so, it should be with the attitude of "Dear Jesus, I hope this is the last time I do this. I hope you are coming soon, and I will see you face to face!"

As we partake of this table in a few minutes, let our inner prayer be that of the Apostle John in the book of Revelation: "Even so, Come Lord Jesus." These thoughts should encourage us to never neglect opportunities we have to observe the Lord's Supper, as we continue steadfastly and in so doing "proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

Proclaim Until He Comes!

Why Read The Bible?

Last week I challenged you to begin 2020 fresh and new as you commit to read the Bible consistently throughout the coming year. A common question is "Why?" While we may know some logical answers to that question, does knowing reasons motivate you to spend more time reading God's Word? Here are some answers as to why we should read the Bible from Kristen Feola, author of *Spiritually Strong: The Ultimate 6-Week Guide To Building Your Body And Soul*, copyright Zondervan.

The Bible is a sacred writing, a gift given to us by our Creator so we can know Him in a personal way. In his bestselling book Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God, Henry Blackaby says, "God speaks through a variety of means. In the present God primarily speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church."

Although we can hear from God in a number of ways, we most clearly discern His voice through reading His Word. Tragically, though, this priceless treasure is often overlooked and undervalued. Instead of being opened with enthusiasm, the Bible often sits untouched on a shelf, collecting dust. Its pages remain in pristine condition, rather than worn and torn from frequent use.

If the Bible is supposed to be our handbook for holy living, why do so many believers neglect it? Following are five of the most common reasons people give for not reading God's Word on a regular basis.

- *Excuse 1: "I don't have time." Truth: We're all given twenty-four hours in each day. You do have time.*
- *Excuse 2: "It's boring." Truth: The Bible is anything but boring! It contains stories of miraculous healings, supernatural events, and people being raised from the dead. Pretty exciting stuff, if you ask me!*

- *Excuse 3: "I can't understand it." Truth: The Bible can be intimidating at times. It speaks of events that are unexplainable, in language that isn't always easy to decipher. However, when you approach the study of God's Word with a true desire to learn, the Lord will give you insight and understanding.*
- *Excuse 4: "It's not relevant to my life." Truth: Even though the Bible was written thousands of years ago, it still speaks to our circumstances today. Its truth is unchanging and eternal.*
- *Excuse 5: "I don't get anything out of it." Truth: To get something out of the Bible, you have to read it with an open mind and heart. You have to be willing to listen to what God is saying, then learn to apply His truth to the specific situations in your life.*

*If your relationship with the Lord seems stagnant, it's probably because you aren't increasing your knowledge of the Bible. You can't grow closer to the Lord apart from His Word. Wayne Cordeiro, author of **The Divine Mentor**, makes this observation: "Neglecting devotions will cause you more problems, more quickly, than just about anything you can name." He also says, "Spending unrushed time alone with God in His Word releases a fountain of refreshment from the very core of your being."*

It's time to stop making excuses and start studying the Bible. The pages of Scripture have the power to transform your life.

This is what God's Word can do:

- *Save you. Get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. - James 1:21*
- *Help you grow in wisdom. Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey His commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise Him forever! - Psalm 111:10*
- *Teach you how to live. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- *Protect you from being deceived. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. - Colossians 2:8*
- *Develop your faith. Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. - Romans 10:17*
- *Keep you from sin. I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You. - Psalm 119:11*
- *Fill you with hope. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. - Romans 15:4*
- *Bring you joy. How I delight in Your commands! How I love them! - Psalm 119:47*
- *Give you peace. Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing can make them stumble. - Psalm 119:165*
- *Prosper your life. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. - Joshua 1:8*

Moses was a man who revered the Word of God. As leader of the Israelites, Moses devoted his life to instructing people in the Lord's ways. When Moses was an old man and about to die, he gathered the Israelites together for his farewell address. He said, "Take to heart all the words of warning I have given you today. Pass them on as a command to your children so they will obey every word of these instructions. These instructions are not empty words — they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life in the land you will occupy when you cross the Jordan River." - Deuteronomy 32:46-47

A person who is near death usually shifts his or her focus to what really matters. That's exactly what Moses is doing here. He's saying, "If you don't remember anything I've taught you all these years, remember this." He wants the Israelites to understand that nothing is more important than knowing God's Word and living according to His commands. He also assures the people their obedience will result in God's blessing. What was true then is still true today. Give yourself to diligent study of the Bible, and you'll experience the victorious life God has for you and know His favor in a special way. To love God is to love His Word. You can't do

one without the other.

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan ☺

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, John Lewis, George Burgess, Ken Nice

Alternate: Don Sharp

Evening Worship....6:30 pm

Monday, January 6

Serve at Food Kitchen ... 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 8

Prayer Warriors 10:00 am

Prayer and Bible Study... 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Fred Kerns, Dillon Burgess, Gary Yarbrough, Don Sharp

Alternate: Joe Coats

Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15

Prayer and Bible Study... 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 18

VBS Pastors and Directors

Clinic—Rolling Hills 10 am

Up-Coming Events

January 6 — Food Kitchen 5:30 pm

January 8 — Prayer Warriors 10 am

January 18 — VBS Directors and Pastors Workshop

Rolling Hills Library upper story 10 –12 am

January 19 — Fellowship Dinner/Business Meeting—Noon

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Night

We will have Sunday Night service tonight. Join us as we continue our Ten Commandments study with the Second Commandment.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We will meet January 8th to begin a new study. Won't you please attend and pray for the direction of our church?

Valley Food Kitchen

January 6, 2020

5:30 pm

The Christmas Card

Mail Box

Be sure you get the rest of your Christmas Cards today. Thanks to our youth (and Martha & Mike) who sorted and delivered the mail. And thanks for contributing to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our total was \$ 2,265.00!

*Vacation Bible School
Directors and Pastors
Workshop*

January 18, 2020

10:00 am to 12 Noon

Rolling Hills Library

Upper Story Room

Prayer Warriors
January 8, 2020
10:00 am

For the Record-

Attendance: December 29, 2019

Sunday School.....19
Visitors..... 0
Total.....19
Contacts Made.....0
Morning Worship..... 35
Sunday NightN/A
Children's Worship 9
Wednesday NightN/A

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Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ... \$ 1,574.30
Lottie Moon \$ 2,265.00
Long Family – December \$ 170.00

Offering Received by Mail:

Toni Wyrick

January Counting Team:

John Lewis and Bill Schottel

January Van Driver:

George Burgess

Remember to call 232-3747

before 8 am if you need a ride.

January Member Birthdays:

01... Carol Helean
01... Marcia Hart
08... Al Shirley
19... Juanita Haskins
22....Eric Thompson
23... Pat Puckett
24....Aubrey McCamy
27... Gary Yarbrough
28... Donna Dunn
29... Sharon Waters

January Anniversaries

Allan and Ellen Lane
Married January 2, 1983

Philip and Kelsey Lane
Married January 3, 2009

Prayer Requests ...

Alice Coats—broken wrist
Seth Long—Vicki's grandson
Betty Campbell—on hospice
Jim and Brigida Winans-Jim is home
Dottie Wildberger
Robert Brinkman
Gary Hurst—cancer
Corey Whorton
Sandy and Stanley Wilson
Janette Shirley—Al's daughter-in-law
Ruth Anne Bush and Family
Carl Conard—Jack's cousin
John Lewis
Mike Green—ankle recovery
Jack and Flo Conard
Sharon Russell—George's sister
June Fritchle
Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister
Swymeller's Grandsons—kidneys
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery
Linda Huff—PTL! Cancer free!
Romey Keith Davis—Music
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Arlette Duty—strength
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Chuck and Gloria Stewart
Sharri Duty
Stephanie & Jason Terpack—guidance
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son

Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
Doris Richardson Elmer Mayse
Kevin Duty Tim Izer
Bill Dunn Nellie Reynolds
Ann Riddle Kenny Duty
Keon McKahan Buddy Means
Jozy Winans Curtis Conard
Pat Means Seth Long
Bill & Juanita Brenda Burgess
Pat Puckett
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service Women and Men
Terrorism in our world

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
