

Sunday October 2nd 2022.

Topic: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 11; Matthew 26:20-28

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On Sunday October 2nd 2022, Christians all around the World come together in unity and put their denominational differences aside to celebrate and remember our Lord and Savior's last meal with his disciples before his death on the cross. In general, Christians celebrate the Holy Communion differently. Whether we take bread, whether we drink wine or juice, whether we drink from the same cup, the Holy Communion has one message. Paul says that whenever we drink this wine or take the bread, we are proclaiming Jesus as our Lord. We are also remembering the suffering and the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We can deduce three things from the experience of the table, so that whenever we approach this table we will have a conscious attitude and be reminded that this table represents a:

1. Space of self-examination (Mt 26:22).

Whenever we are about to take the Holy Communion, we have to examine ourselves and thank Jesus Christ who still invites us to fellowship with him at the table while we are not worthy because Grace creates space for the unworthy to be in a right relationship with God.

2. Space for covering of sin (Mt26:24)

Jesus revealed the betrayal but never the betrayer because all the disciples who put their hands in the bowl were guilty of something. Jesus knows that no one is worthy, we all have sin but he will never expose us because grace creates a space for the covering of our sins. The table is a reminder that our sins are covered.

3. Space for forgiveness

Jesus gave the bread and the cup to all the disciples and commanded them to do that in remembrance of him. But the greatest tragedy in scriptures is that Judas didn't receive it.

Judas was forgiven right there for what he has done but he didn't receive the forgiveness that Jesus has given to him. Because of guilty, he went and hang himself. The saddest thing in life is ignoring the forgiveness that Jesus Christ has given to every one of us by turning our backs from it.

The message of the table is that: Judas was forgiven, I am also forgiven, we have all been forgiven, but there is only one question, "**do you receive it?**"

Paul says in **First Corinthians 11, 17-26** that whenever we come to the table, that self-examination to put all our guilty in that cup and so when we drink that cup, we drink the forgiveness that Christ has already offered to us. People of CBCA Goma-Ville and all around the world, do you receive the forgiveness that Jesus Christ has given to all of us?

Amen

