

## Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024

Day of Remembrance—CBC's founding; remembering; 25 years ago; we started w a communion service; April 1, 1999 a communion service—this do in remembrance of Me

Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:17-20; John gives the talk in the upper room, the washing of feet, new commandment

I Corinthians 11:23-26 – conservative scholars would say this was written before the gospels; if so, this would be the first teaching of the last supper; in remembrance of Me . . . proclaim the Lord's death until He comes

### I. Remembering

1. Memory—repetition; pattern of repetition; brains provide ability to prioritize; rewarding some memories over others—replaying them over and over more than the others; why do we remember certain ones over others?

--compared to computers—memories encoded in our minds—good and bad

#### 2. Why remember?

Hippocampus part of our brain stores these things—embedded deep in our temporal part of brain—forget many things; aging includes normal forgetfulness, dementia is not normal forgetfulness

--memory at peak in 20's; amygdala Emotionally involved memories heighten memory

### II. Theology of Remembrance

1. Genesis 9:8-17 Noah and the ark and Noah and the flood – all flesh judged except those in the ark; Gen. 9:8 I establish my covenant with you and with every living creature – this is the sign of the covenant; I set my bow in the clouds

I will remember—God wants relationship with mankind; we have a choice; covenants; remember His hatred of sin; believe enough to enter ark (salvation comes by believing and obeying; He helps us remember by giving the rainbow—it's a reminder that God judges unless repent

2. Exodus 12:1-14; 2:24 God heard their groaning, He heard and remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – He remembered b/c He chose a deliverer; 10 plagues—prior to the 10<sup>th</sup>, He established the Passover so they would remember

--remember God's deliverance—a memorial; a Lamb, blood—faith to believe it, and obedience to do something about it

3. Joshua 3, 4:1-7 3:7 Jewish people could be stubborn, so God encourages Joshua like He did with Moses – 12 men, 12 stones to remember God’s presence with you through another hardship—IF you believe and do what I say—here is something visible and tangible so you remember—put it on the right nerve endings so you remember

4. I Cor. 11:23-26 Passover time some 1400 years after the original one; much teaching and preparation in the last week—then the Last Supper

### III. How & What Are We to Remember

#### 1. We go to the Word

I delivered to you; Acts 4? Had last supper together; unbroken tradition—Spirit of God spoke to Paul who shared it with Corinthians so we could remember

--these considerations show how important a thing is holy communion and how great a sin it is to neglect it; visible sign—stir you up by way of remembrance

2. The Word contains two statements—THIS (bread) is my body (not transubstantiation); this symbolizes—reminds us of His incarnation—Jesus had a body; new covenant in my blood—God wants relationship with us; Jeremiah 31 spoke of this

#### 3. The Word declares

--that this is to be done perpetually until He comes again; trumpet that we believe His body and blood were for me—I believe it! Do until He comes

God has done much to help us remember; don’t ever forget; must see our need and how dependent we must be on Him; wherever we preach (whether behind the pulpit or on the street, we preach the Lord’s death until He comes; reminder that only He can deliver; He is the only way)

We celebrate—we believe and obey