

University Heights Church of Christ

BULLETIN

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REMEMBER THE DEATH TODAY ONLY, FOR A YEAR?

Today many will do for the only time this year what Christians in the New Testament did each first day of the week.

Acts 20: 7 “And upon the first [day] of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.”

Christians in the first century AD under the direct direction of the inspired apostles of Jesus Christ met on the first day of the week to remember the atoning death and victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because that was the consistent practice of the disciples the apostle Paul also designated the first day of the week as the day upon which they were to contribute into the common treasury.

1Corinthians 16: 2 “Upon the first [day] of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as [God] has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”

Paul also gave this commandment to lay by in store on the first day of the week to other churches.

1Corinthians 16:1 “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do you.”

The purpose of bringing the money together on the first day of each week was to make it unnecessary to gather it when Paul came. Whenever Paul got there the money would already be gathered together. The fact that the apostle Paul named the first day of the week as the day when the money was contributed into the common pool was because that was the day of the week that all of the faithful gathered to eat the Lord's supper. Sometimes Christians came together more often than once a week but they always came together at least once each week on the first day of the week to eat the Lord's supper.

Since it is true that the first century Christians under the guidance of the inspired apostles celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ by eating the Lord's supper each first day of the week why do so many people now celebrate the Lord's supper only once each year? The answer is that they do not see following the New Testament as being important. Those who celebrate the death of Jesus once each year also practice many other departures from the teaching of the New Testament. Another example of a popular religious observance that is not found in the New Testament is “Lent”. “Lent” is a period of fasting during the days between “Ash Wednesday” and “Easter”. The faithful recognize that these observances are not taught in the New Testament and because of that the faithful do not observe them.

What the faithful do is gather together and eat the Lord's supper on each first day of the week. The Lord's supper is a weekly observance so each faithful person eats the Lord's supper once on each first day of the week. If the Lord's supper was a yearly observance as the Passover was under the Law of Moses each faithful person would eat it once each year as the faithful Jews ate the Passover under the Law of Moses. Since eating the Lord's supper is a weekly observance each of the faithful eats the Lord's supper once each week.

Some object to weekly observance of the Lord's supper on the unscriptural grounds that eating the Lord's supper each week would make it too commonplace and it would lose its impact on the participants. It is a little hard to imagine that remembering the sinless life, the atoning death and the victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ could ever become “commonplace” in the mind of a sinner who has no hope of escape from the eternal wrath of God but forgiveness and atonement through the grace of God and the redeeming death of sinless Jesus. It is only through eating the Lord's supper that I may share with Jesus in His sinless body and innocent death. In eating the Lord's supper I am able to share with Jesus in His atoning blood. (**1Corinthians 10:15-22**) How can that become commonplace to a sinner who has no hope of pardon but in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and who remains aware of that every day?

The New Testament tells us how the Lord's supper is to be eaten.

Luke 22: 17 “And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide [it] among yourselves: 18 For I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. 19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke [it], and gave to them, saying, This is my body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup [is] the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.”

The church at Corinth departed from this pattern. Paul's command to them was to go back to the pattern of eating the Lord's supper that was originally given by Jesus.

1Corinthians 11: 23 “For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered to you, That the Lord Jesus the [same] night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he broke [it], and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also [he took] the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do you, as often as you drink [it], in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till he comes.”

When Jesus instituted the Lord's supper He prayed and all of the participants ate. He again prayed and all of the participants drank fruit of the vine. That is all they did: no socializing with each other or singing psalms, hymns or spiritual songs during the observance. They did nothing but eat unleavened bread and drink the juice of grapes in memory of the life and death of Jesus. When the faithful commemorate the death of Jesus that is what they do because that is what Jesus taught.

Remember to Pray For

Larry Flannery
Donnie Joseph
Lewis Harrod
Dan Moody
Karen Rowe
Alexa Ann Harper
Cheryl Spear
Lanny Hiller
Roselyn Agyare
Ron Tirey
Charity and Abdiel Pallafox
Donnie & Tracy Oliver & their baby
Helen Stephens
Brayden Grushon
The mother of Lori Dailey
Chris Handshoe
Chris and Jen Dooley
Jeffrey Howerton
Ruel Baker
Addison Pervine
Carl Stripplehoff
Sybil Jamison
Blanch Thompson
Karen Handshoe, is very, very ill
Tom Kemp
Freda Blakey
James Stauffer

In the face of the preserved record of thousands years of **fulfilled prophecy** it is hard, to **reasonably argue that there is no God or that the Holy Bible is not God's book.**

God said that the descendents of one man, Abraham would be many, and **they are.**

God said Syria would rise and **it did.**

God said that Babylon would rise and **it did.**

God said that Persia would rise and **it did.**

God said that Rome would rise and **it did.**

God said that He would set up His eternal kingdom and **He did.**

God said that all humankind shall face God in judgement for the deeds done in this life.

Is it reasonable that any should believe that we will fail to face God in judgement?

SOME OF THE MOST CONFIDENT CRITICS OF THE HOLY BIBLE ARE THOSE WHO ARE LEAST FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS.

"I think" frequently prefixes a statement that proves they did not think.

THE QUESTION IS, HOW MAY I PLEASE GOD? THE ANSWER IS, OBEY THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Hebrews 2:1-4

Thoughts

In normal living organisms, each part is exactly what that life form needs, in that place, to do that job. No part is evolving from simple to complex. No part is evolving at all. All are just what they need to be and that is all they need to be.

For instance, do you have a higher form of eye than a housefly does? No you do not; you have a different form of eye. The eyes of a housefly will process up to 200 separate images per second. The human eye can perceive only about 18 separate images per second. Having an eye like a human would be a step backward for a housefly. Both houseflies and many of their predators move fast and houseflies need eyes that can keep up with a lot of things happening at high speed. The eyes of houseflies are not evolving into some other kind of eye. Housefly eyes are going to remain housefly eyes like God made them until the world burns, because, surprise, surprise, housefly eyes exactly fit houseflies.

Macroevolution (the claim that one kind of life form becomes another by a process of evolution) is the worst kind of fiction. So, what is the definition of the worst kind of fiction? The worst kind of fiction is the fiction that claims to be and is widely believed to be true, but is not true. The theory of macroevolution is that kind of fiction.

If you ask an atheist to describe the god that they do not believe in, he or she will describe a god that is not the God described in the Bible.

EVEN WHEN GOD WORKS LITTLE
GOD WORKS BIG.

"In the beginning God created" is the "explain all things" formula that men are searching for.

Everything goes back to one only proposition: find out what it is supposed to do and that is what it does and that is why it is as it is: the universe, the Bible, fleas and you and me.

God said, "9 Remember the former things of old: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else; [I am] God, and [there is] none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: 11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executes my counsel from a far country: yes, I have spoken [it], I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed [it], I will also do it."

(Isaiah 46:9-11)

Notes

Men's business meeting today 3:00PM
Informational meeting today 4:30PM
Men's business meeting April 13 3:00PM

REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH GARY HENRY PREACHING APRIL 6-11

This church is in a position to do everything that a church should do if each of us is willing to do everything that a Christian should do. If we are not willing the church will not be able.

The success of a church cannot exceed the willingness of its members.

THE ONLY WAY FOR THIS CHURCH TO TRULY BE A CHURCH OF CHRIST IS FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT ONLY TO BE ITS GUIDE.

If I wish to hear what Jesus Christ has to say I must read the New Testament.

Acts 1:1 "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, **of all that Jesus began both to do and teach**, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:**"

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Classes 9:45am
Worship Service 10:45am

Sunday Evening

Worship Service 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening

Bible Studies for all ages 7:30pm

Monthly Song Service

First Friday 7:30pm

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