

GOOD THINGS TO REMEMBER

- I. How the Lord's Table first began ([Exodus 12](#)):
 1. The children of Israel – God's chosen – had grown from a family to a huge nation.
 2. They were in Egypt, a strange land, as slaves.
 3. God had plans for this nation to move to its "promised" land area (Judea, Samaria, etc.).
 4. Moses would lead them.
 5. But each family had to observe a "new" ordinance. A death angel was coming through Egypt, as a plague, to kill the oldest boy in each family. This was punishment to the Egyptians, because of their attitude toward the Jews and their restrictions upon them. The Lord made a provision for all people who would obey His words, so that this tragedy would not come upon *their* families. They were ordered to kill an animal, catch the blood in a basin and put that blood over all three sides of their front door-posts. When the "DEATH" angel came by, if the people did what had been instructed, the "DEATH" angel would "PASS-OVER" and no discipline would be theirs. They were to stay inside the house, eat unleavened bread for a week, then that night, eat the meat of the slain animal. The Jews who obeyed were spared. God told them to do this every year, as an "ordinance" ([Ex. 12:24, 25](#)) to remember (Biblical concept of memory).
 6. We can call this a "PASS-OVER-SHADOW". Why? (A shadow is a representation of the real but not real; Ill. My dad). It was pointing to a time when Jesus Christ would give Himself totally on the cross and God, our Heavenly Father would judge Jesus Christ for our sins, and He then would be satisfied (propitiated). We would not receive the judgment from God's justice, but it would "PASS-OVER" to the LJC instead (in the shadow, it was a "pass-over" to an animal).
- II. The "PASS-OVER" – A SHADOW
 1. Shadows were illustrations of God's policy and teaching used in the Old Testament.
 2. This "shadow" was done yearly to point to Jesus Christ, and what He would do.

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3. The unleavened bread (no yeast or “rising agent) means that Jesus would have no sin in Him.
4. The “blood” meant that Jesus would die spiritually and physically for our sins. Note: Animal life is in the blood. Human life is in the soul.

III. The last “Passover” with the disciples was also the first Lord’s Table.

1. Jesus always does things right ([Matt. 26:26-29](#); [I Cor. 11:24, 25](#)).
2. He sought to explain to the unknowing disciples that He was the “PASSOVER LAMB” (Who would be offered on the very day of the Jew’s celebrated “Passover” to be a visible sign to the perceptive Jew) No more animals would have to be slain-the shadow becomes insignificant when reality is present. The “shadow blood” would not have to be “collected” in a basin anymore. His “blood” meant that He, Himself, would die both spiritually and physically.
3. The animal’s blood and Christ’s Spiritual death (referred to as *blood*) was compared; it represented the total work of Christ on the cross (TWOCOC); the emphasis was not the literal blood.

(1) Animal’s blood

- The animal’s life was, and is today, in the blood.
- The animals were tied down, while kicking to be freed, then stabbed in the throat.
- The animal’s blood was caught in a dish. He was skinned, his insides burned, his meat eaten by the priest.

(2) Christ’s Spiritual Death

- He did not have to be tied. He laid down his life voluntarily ([John 19:16-30](#) – read)
- He did not bleed to death, because His life was in His soul, not in his blood. He gave up His own life.
- The blood of Christ refers to the total work of Christ.

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IV. Jesus commanded believers of the Church Age to regularly have a “*Remembrance Time*” (I Cor. 11:25, 26).

1. The Pastor represents the Lord, and leads.
2. A special time is set aside for this worship.
3. In our church, the Lord’s Supper is observed every 3 months.
4. On the table are two elements:
 - (1) Bread: representing the humanity of Christ – His physical body. The bread has no leaven in it because the Lord’s Humanity had no sin. A picture of *PURITY*; when we partake of the bread, we recall what Jesus Christ has done for us (His life, death, resurrection and ascension). We reflect on the Biblical concepts of Divine Decrees, the Justice of God, Righteousness, the Virgin Birth, the Hypostatic Union, Redemption, Reconciliation, Propitiation, the Cross, Session & the High Priesthood.
 - (2) Wine – His Covenant to us / Provision / Royalty, Priest, Indwelling Christ / Indwelling Holy Spirit / no animal sacrifices

V. Rules to Remember:

1. Truth in the Soul makes the observance meaningful.
2. Be in fellowship (I Cor. 11:27-31).
3. While observing, use the quiet time to recall great Biblical precepts.

VI. Subject of Memory

1. Remembering is thinking of some thing, place or person you have known before.
2. Remembering what you know of God is an important part of worship (Psalm 145:1-10).
3. Remembering brings inner happiness (Prov. 10:7, or inner misery Lam. 3:17-24).
4. People often try to drown problems by alcohol (Prov.31:4-7).

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5. A person who rejects Christ and ends up in Hell will remember according to [Luke 16:25](#).
6. We must remember the authority of the Word and the communication ([Heb. 13:7, 17](#) – soul guarded).
7. Taking in God’s Word gives us the truth, the good things to remember ([2 Peter 1:12,13](#)).
8. A critical mind eliminates one’s ability to remember the good things about a person ([Job 13:1-12](#)).
9. Remembering is very important for God’s Word to BUILD in our souls ([Psa. 119:83, 93, 109, 141, 153, 174](#)).
10. When people go against God’s Will and Plan, the Word, and remembering God’s truth, will be forgotten ([Ex. 17:14](#)).

[I Corinthians 11:26](#) *“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord’s death till he come.”*

[I Corinthians 11:24b](#) *“...this do in remembrance of me.”*