

SERMON NOTES – WHAT'S ON THE MENU – Sept1 – Pastor Peter

Luke 22:19,20 "He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, 'This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.' After supper He took another cup of wine and said, 'This cup is the new covenant between God and His people - an agreement confirmed with My blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you."

1. What He's Done

Over time, it's easy to forget the impact of an event and its significance.

Jesus never wants us to forget the impact of what He's done.

i. He Wants Us To Remember

Luke 22:19 "Do this in remembrance of Me."

It's really important that we remember. And what is it about Him that He wants us to remember?

He wants us to remember, His sacrifice. He wants us to remember, that He went to the Cross.

He's invites us to remember His massive love for us.

1 John 4:10 "This is real love - not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."

Jesus' selfless death invites us to die to self. Jesus' humility invites us to be humble.

Jesus' sacrifice invites us to sacrifice for others. Jesus' love invites us to love with abandon.

Jesus' service invites us to serve. Jesus' example invites us to follow.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why should remember Jesus' sacrifice?

2. Why do think the people of God despised the manna?

3. Could that happen with us too?

ii. He Wants Us To Be Thankful

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Num. 11:4,5 "Then the foreign rabble who were traveling with the Israelites began to crave the good things of Egypt. And the people of Israel also began to complain. 'Oh, for some meat!' they exclaimed. 'We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt..."

Maybe we have behaviours and habits that you've learned over years that you need God to break.

Maybe changing the environment isn't the answer. Maybe we need God to deal with what's on the inside.

Num. 11:5,6 "We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted. But now our appetites are gone. All we ever see is this manna!"

Manna is a miraculous divine provision that they gather up every single morning.

But they grow tired of the manna. They lose the wonder of the miracle.

Don't lose the joy of your salvation. We are so blessed. God has done such amazing things for us.

Psalm 106:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever."

Psalm 100:4 "Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name."

1 Thess. 5:18 "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

It's God's will that we be thankful in all circumstances.

He wants us to be thankful. In, not for, in all circumstances.

2. What He's Doing

What He's done points to the past, and what He's doing points to the present.

QUESTIONS:

4. Why is it important to be thankful?

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Jesus died. There was no question. But on the third day, Jesus rises up from the dead.

And Jesus is alive right now.

i. He Invites Us Into Partnership *ii.*

1 Cor. 1:9 "God will do this, for He is faithful to do what He says, and He has invited you into partnership with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

We share in His nature. We share in what He inherits. It also means He wants us to do His will and He gives us His power to do it.

iii. He Invites Us Into A New Agreement

Luke 22:20 "After supper He took another cup of wine and said, 'This cup is the new covenant between God and His people - an agreement confirmed with My blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you."

If there's a new agreement, it means that there must be an old one.

Deut. 29:1 "These are the terms of the covenant the Lord commanded Moses to make with the Israelites while they were in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant He had made with them at Mount Sinai."

Boiled down to its core, this agreement says right relationship with God comes through faith expressed by perfect obedience to God's Law and by performing animal sacrifice.

People have to obey the Law perfectly, which is impossible.

Heb. 8:6,7 "But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for He is the One who mediates for us a far better agreement with God, based on better promises. If the first agreement had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second agreement to replace it."

The first agreement is temporary and it can't do the job.

QUESTIONS:

1. How is Jesus inviting us to partner with him?

2. How does Jesus' sacrifice heal us?

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iv. There's Healing

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Healing is a result of Jesus' sacrifice.

Physical healing, emotional healing, spiritual healing are included in the atonement. 'By His wounds we are healed.'

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."

Luke 4:21 "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Jesus is the fulfillment of prophetic expectation.

He's the One who will do all these things that Isaiah sees as he peers into the future.

Jesus can heal your spirit. Jesus can heal relationships.

Jesus can heal our lives. And Jesus can heal our bodies.

3. What He's Going To Do

What He's done, points to the past. What He's doing, points to the present. What He's going to do, points to the future.

1 Cor. 11:26 "For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until He comes again." Jesus is coming again.

1 Thess. 4:16,17 "For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever."

QUESTIONS:

1. What is Jesus going to do in the future?

2. What is Jesus doing today?

3. How should we wait for him?

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i. We Respond With Worship

Rev. 5:11-13 "Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus: 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing.' And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: 'Blessing and honour and glory and power belong to the One sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.'"

When we recognize who He is in the same way He's recognized in heaven, we will bow down and worship.

iii. We Celebrate

All struggles, all problems, all issues, all injustice ends when Jesus comes to rule and reign. For group discussion:

Putting it all together (Application)

1. Let's never forget what God has done for us. It is no wonder the bible reminds us to don't forget our first love with Jesus. Remember when you first accepted Jesus and felt that warmth and release through the impact of the Holy Spirit? As time pass, do you still feel the same? For some people it is not, and its not because they forgot Jesus is just that life happens, trouble happens, religiousness happen, and we forget to be with Jesus with the heart of a child just like you did when you came to Jesus the first time.

We must not forget his sacrifice and love for us, we must keep this thought present all the time. Because having it present helps us keep the correct direction in our walk with Jesus. It will keep us in our first love.

2. Jesus is still in the business of saving lives. It doesn't matter his sacrifice was over 2,000 years ago. He is still in the business of saving and transforming lives. He is still healing lives in all the areas; he is still transforming through the miraculous impact of his truth and love. And the best part? He wants us to partner with him! How you may ask? By believing in him and following him. Learn from him, put in practice his

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teachings, have a real close relationship with him. That way our lives will be impacted by his power and love every day and we should experience firsthand his power of transformation. 3. Here is the best part, He is coming back! He is not done. What he did, what he is doing, its not all. He continues to change lives, but he will also return and fulfill his promise to take us to be with him for eternity. While we wait for his return, we should worship him with praise and with our lives. Lives that reflect that we are his followers. And in return we get the benefit of being transformed to experience real fulfilling lives in him and through him. Something only Jesus can give us. **ACTION STEPS:**