

Do This In Remembrance Of Me

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“Do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19, NKJV).

Remembrance is a theme found throughout the Bible. We are often reminded to remember the Lord our God, because we are a forgetful race, too often consumed by the times and present days. We shall consider before approaching the Communion Table **why** we should remember the Lord, **when** we should remember the Lord, and **how** we should remember the Lord.

First, why we should remember the Lord-

1. Remembering God leads us to prayer, and prayer brings peace and perspective. **“I cried out to God with my voice—To God with my voice; And He gave ear to me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah”** (Psalm 77:1-3).
2. Godly sorrow (awareness of sin) leads us to repentance (turning from sin and toward God). **“Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death”** (2 Corinthians 7:9-10).
3. It’s good to remember where you came from, for God has accomplished a great deliverance for you, often temporally, but more importantly, from sin. **“You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this thing today”** (Deuteronomy 15:15).

Second, when we should remember the Lord-

1. We should remember God in times of trouble. “When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple” (Jonah 2:7).
2. Here is a verse that answers this point in two ways. Let us turn to the Almighty when we are afraid. Let us also turn to God on High when our loved ones need not only our support, but also prayer and divine help. “And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.”” (Nehemiah 4:14).
3. When we are in bed, alone, lonely, in a dark place, or feeling down, our God in heaven will lift up the spirit. “When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice” (Psalm 63:6-7).
4. When we are away from home, physically or spiritually, it’s time to remember the Lord. “I will sow them among the peoples, And they shall remember Me in far countries; They shall live, together with their children, And they shall return” (Zechariah 10:9).
5. Evening, morning, and midday, and every time in between every day is a good time to remember the Living God. “Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice” (Psalm 55:17).

Third, how we should remember the Lord-

1. We should remember our God and Savior inwardly. “For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7).
2. We should remember the Lord outwardly, even as they did in Old Testament days. “Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. And you shall have the tassel,

that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God” (Numbers 15:37-40). Carrying a Bible and tracts with you is a testimony itself. Also, Christian clothing and adornment is an aid to warmth, witness, and watchfulness—since the wearing of them ought to make us watchful of our behavior, lest we blaspheme Jesus Christ by our conduct.

3. Finally, we do what we are doing today, as we remember Christ’s past work, present work, and look to His future work (as we recall the Scripture’s teaching on the hope of His glorious return). “When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you” (Luke 22:14-20).