



The Power of Remembering

One of the most important things we can do as Christians is: “Remember.”

When we remember, the power of the past comes into the present. Whether it be the terror and tragedy of wars past fought; or the joy of a loved family member evoked by a photograph. The past impacts our present and shapes our future when we remember.

The most important and powerful thing God has done is sent Jesus to die in our place. This one act reveals how serious sin is that He should need to die for our sins; and assures us of our sins being forgiven when we trust in His death in our place. In our Holy Communion or the Lord’s Supper services we have the opportunity of bringing the power and the importance of Christ’s death into our current lives, by remembering.

In 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 Paul instructs Christians:

*‘The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”
In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”’*

The Lord Jesus put new meaning into the traditional Jewish Passover remembrance meal and highlighted how the power of God is made available to us – by remembering. So I encourage you to keep reading the clear truths described and explained in the New Testament so that the power of who Jesus is and what he has done may inform and transform your life.

Paul encourages Christians in Romans 12:2:

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

God has given us a very special ability, the ability to remember, lets use it to strengthen our relationship with God.

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