

## Communion Devotion – March, 2020

*1 Corinthians 11:23-29*

As we come to the Lord's Table this morning, Paul tells us that we are accomplishing 3 things.

**First**, we are remembering what Jesus did for each one of us. As **Romans 5:8** says, “**God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**” Jesus paid the debt for your sins. If through faith, you have accepted God's gift of eternal life—if you have made Jesus your Lord and Savior, then, whether or not you are a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, you are invited to join us in this celebration of faith and love. **Second**, you are proclaiming to others—not just to yourself—that you are a sinner and that you believe that Jesus died for you. You are telling everyone here and those that know you that because of Jesus' death and resurrection you have been set free from “**the wages of sin**”—eternal death—an eternity in hell. Instead you are looking forward to the mansion prepared just for you in heaven. **Third**, this is a time set aside for you and the Holy Spirit to take inventory of your life. Are you walking in faith in God and His Word? It is so easy to take our eyes off of God and, in sin, look to someone or something else instead. This is a time to correct things.

Since Jesus rose from the dead, we know that His sacrifice was accepted by God the Father. It was also proof that the Laws of Moses dealing with the forgiveness of sin were no longer in force. As **Hebrews 7:27** says, “**Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.**” This is the new Covenant that Jesus was talking about. But now, as children of God, we need to examine ourselves—have sins of the world, the philosophies of the world crept into your life. Are there things in your heart or mind that shouldn't be there?

We don't have to offer a lamb or some other offering for forgiveness of sins. Now all we need to do is to “**confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**” This morning as the bread and then the cup are being passed, take time to thank God for His love for you. Then take time to look at yourself and do any heart-cleaning that is necessary.

