

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME - 1 Cor 11:23-26

1. 17 yrs ago, began weekly LT - 1C11:23-26 Our present "tradition".

1st: A Tradition

1. Tradition - *received & delivered* : apostolic & gospel tradition. 1C11:23-26 thot to be "confessional", formulaic.
2. *received from the Lord* - not a vision [Gal 1:12], but account of historical event given by apostles w/ authority of Lord Jesus.

2nd: A Ritual

1. Rooted in OCov Passover & Last Supper - Mat 26:26-29 . LT is continuation of Last Supper in anticipation of heavenly Banquet.
2. Agape meal - LT w/i communal meal. Corinthianized [1C11:17-22]. Eat together - Lord's Supper - warn of judgment for abuse [1C11:27-33]. Corrects how ritual enacted so as to clarify its significance. Bread: Jesus' body & wine Jesus' blood. Jesus' death as signified at Last Supper.

3rd: The Injunction

1. 1C 11:24-26 *do this in remembrance of Me* - both the bread & the cup.
 - i. Ex 12 - Passover: annual festival; IVth [wkly] - *remember the Sab. Remember* - covenantal fidelity in OT
 - ii. Observe, celebrate, rehearse, an existing cov'al rlnshp w/ Ld based on past deliverance in order to orient selves to promised future blessing
2. 3-way orientation:
 - i. past - as OCov P.O., so NCov - *Christ, our Passover* [1C5:7]
 - ii. present - current covenantal privilege: commune w/ Jesus Himself

- iii. future: *until He comes. Lo I am w/ you to end of the age*

3. Personal engagement w/ historical realities:
 - i. we were in Christ in HIS death & resurrection
 - ii. we are united to Christ now
 - iii. Jesus will come for us & we will be w/ Him forever. *Do this in remembrance of ME* - the person: Jesus Himself.
4. *As often as* [2x in v25-26] - frequency: v17-18 *when you come together as a church* - 1st day; LD Sab - day of resurrection life!

4th: A Proclamation

1. 1C11:26 *proclaim* - elsewhere = preach, announce, declare. Observance of LT w/ words from Script?
2. In v26 the ritual is a proclamation w/ gospel meaning: *Christ's death & His coming*. Our NCov epoch in redemptive history.
3. We have studied many things in past 17 yrs of weekly observance - but never left the cross; never forget Jesus: *Do this in remembrance of ME*.