

Communion ('Do This in Remembrance of Me' 'Forget Not All His Benefits')

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Communion is a reminder of God's benefits and a means of experiencing His life and presence, and Jesus desires to enter into union with us.

Scripture: Psalm 103:2

Topics: "Communion", "Remembrance of Christ"

Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the significance of communion as a remembrance of Christ's sacrifice and the benefits it brings, such as forgiveness and healing. He recounts a powerful communion service where many experienced miraculous healings and the filling of the Holy Spirit, highlighting the importance of not forgetting all that God has done for us. Waldvogel explains that communion is not just about forgiveness but about a deep, life-giving union with Christ, inviting all to open their hearts to Him. He stresses that Jesus desires communion with every individual, offering His resurrection life to those who surrender to Him. Ultimately, the sermon calls believers to recognize the profound mystery of the gospel and the abundant life available through faith in Christ.

Transcript

Selected Verses:

Psalm 103:2-3. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.

Isaiah 53:4-5. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Opening:

We call it Gedächtnismal in German. And how many times we've had wonderful meetings when we were reminded of "all His benefits": "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thy diseases." I'm reminded now of a meeting in Stuttgart, in Zuffenhausen, where we had a communion service, and the Lord gave me a short message on that text from Psalm 103. And people laid hold of it all over the place.

And I think before I got through preaching, many were filled with the Holy Ghost, and many got up, one by one, and testified that they had been healed of the most unbelievable diseases. Cancer, and other terrible things fled before the memory--the remembrance--"Forget not all His benefits." Forget not all that He has done for you on Calvary's cross.

I'm so glad that Jesus Christ instituted this communion service for all of us. And He told us to remember Him until He comes. When He comes, we won't need it anymore because then we'll have Him in person. Then "we shall look upon Him as He is," and then we shall forever be united to Him. And so, we love to be reminded of "all His benefits."

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Selected Quotes:

Tonight, He invites us all to come and to be reminded. And if the whole world full of sinners were here, every one of them could be made a saint in a moment of time. It doesn't take the blood of Jesus Christ but a moment of time.

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Beloved, communion means something far beyond forgiveness of sins and divine healing, and it ought to mean that to us tonight. It means what it says: communion.

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Oh, it's the communion of life that this table speaks to me about: Jesus offering me His own broken body, now resurrected from the dead, thank God! We don't understand what that means, but the Apostle Paul says, "The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" Oh, (...) He needs you as a member of His body. That's why He desires to enter into you. That's why He desires to bring you into communion with Himself, hallelujah! And He desires you to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that He might reveal Himself to you as the indwelling life of God.

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Every human being must meet the Crucified. Either you meet Him and crucify Him afresh by not accepting Him, and by choosing sin and the flesh and the world and the devil, or you will eat His flesh and drink His blood. You will open your heart and you will say, "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus." And when you "confess Him with your mouth to be your Lord, and you believe in your heart that God hath raised Him from the dead," that life of Jesus flows into you like a torrent out of eternity. Hallelujah! And that's the great desire of the heart of Jesus: to bring every human being into union with Himself.

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He, the Son of God, had to become the Son of Man. He had to open the gate into the human race that He might pour the life of God into every human being, into every human heart, into every human body of everyone that surrenders to Him. That's the mystery of the gospel.

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Oh, this Christ who was nailed to the cross, who tonight says, "Drink ye all of it. This cup is the new testament in My blood," has willed in His new testament His resurrection life--that victorious life that has conquered death, that has overcome sin! He offers it to me. I'm not going to be a Christian until I become filled with the Holy Ghost, until I enter into union with the Son of God in His way. It's "a new and a living way which He hath consecrated for us" whereby "we draw nigh to God". And the great work of God was finished when on the cross of Christ the Son of God laid down His life that you and I "might have life and have it more abundantly."

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As you take that bread, take it from His hand. Take it from the Lord Jesus Christ, for He is walking in the midst tonight. As truly as you will see Him in heaven so truly is He here tonight. He says, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." What shall I believe? We discussed it this morning from John 14: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me." That's the cry of Jesus. He cannot do much for you until you believe Him. And what shall I believe? Why, these things that are written concerning Him. He says, "I will walk among them," "I will dwell in them; I will be their God, and they shall be My sons and daughters." "And their sins and iniquities will I remember against them no more for ever." Glory to God!

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speaker icon Tonight, He wants to enter more fully into union with us all: communion. Do you desire to have communion with the Master? Do you desire to walk with Him? Do you say, "Not for ease or worldly pleasure, not for fame my prayer shall be; gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with Thee"? But I tell you, the desire in the heart of Jesus for communion with you is far greater than your desire. You've been seeking Him a few months--maybe a few years--but He's been seeking you from the ages of eternity.

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