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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13



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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS_ 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP ____10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY _____7:00 PM

What Do You Do at the Lord's Supper?

By Phil McIntosh

The Lord's Supper (sometimes referred to as Communion) is a periodical commemoration of the Lord Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross. The Apostle Paul wrote that Jesus left Heaven to come to this world and be made like one of us and then further give Himself on our behalf (**Phil. 2:5-8**). Jesus instituted this feast of remembrance shortly before His crucifixion (**Lk. 22:19-20**). Jesus instructed His disciples to take of the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine as they each represented His body and His blood respectively. The first century church kept this feast frequently. Though some religious bodies observe the Lord's Supper annually, or perhaps quarterly, or for what they deem as special occasions, the early church engaged in this feast of remembrance on a weekly basis (**Acts 20:7**). What are you doing assembled around the Lord's Supper table? Paul had this to say:

*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."
-1Corinthians 11:26*

However, that is not the question the title of this specific article is asking. What I suggest you think about is what you personally do. Do you listen to the Bible verses describing what Jesus endured or how He explained what He was going to do? Do you listen to the words of the prayer and take your tiny bite of bread or small sip of juice and await the next activity? Do you ever fight off distractions that surround you in the pews in the form of others making noise or rustling papers or perhaps have your mind occupied with what you're about to do in fifteen minutes when the worship service is over? How we observe the Lord's Supper matters since Paul indicated the one who observes such in an unworthy manner brings guilt upon themselves (**1 Cor. 11:27-30**). The point of this article is not to condemn anyone for their activities during the worship service, nor is it to create any doubt that you are not observing it correctly. Rather, it is to give a few ways we can put into practice a reverent attitude and observe the Lord's Supper with honor, integrity, humility, and great care.

One of the most reverent images I can recall in my memory is seeing my grandmother as she observed the commemoration feast. She would read parts of her Bible and when she closed her eyes she would close them oh so tightly, as if she were further dedicated at that point than others. Surely some of that is conjecture and is merely a representation of her actions from another's perspective, but it's what I think of her in that moment of her worship. Perhaps you have never dealt with distractions to your worship and perhaps you have simply never thought about ways you might improve your worship. Here are a couple of biblical avenues we might use to improve, deepen, and enrich our worship to God as we commemorate the self-sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf so that our sins could be covered:

Pray. The Bible has much to say about prayer, likely more than we even assume. **James 5:16** says the prayer of one who is righteous has great power (ESV). Paul encouraged the Thessalonian church to "pray without ceasing" (**1 Thess. 5:17**). Our Lord Jesus also prayed during His greatest time of need (**Matt. 26:36-38**). Though men pray at the beginning of the commemoration, nothing is preventing you from praying silently for the enormity of the blessing Jesus and His Father have offered you. You can also pray beforehand or at other times that you might dispel the distractions surrounding you and take better care for what you are thinking and doing as the commemorative feast is unfolding. Remember, when you don't know what else to do, you can always pray.

Meditate. We read from the first psalm last Sunday morning that the one who meditates on God's word and delights in it will be blessed. God instructed Joshua to meditate on His word "day and night" (**Josh. 1:8**). The psalmist tells God that he will "meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways" (**Ps. 119:15**). Is there any better time to contemplate the ways of God than during the quiet times between prayers during the Lord's Supper? Is there a better time to imagine what Jesus went through for you- the physical agony, the emotional avalanche He must have endured, and the intense burden of sins that were not His He willingly bore to that cross? If there is any time to meditate, it surely would be while we commemorate a memorial feast where we remember Jesus' death.

Read. One great way to focus your mind is to keep it busy doing something productive. A quiet mind might possibly invite too many of the sounds that surround you (shifting papers, purses unzipping, song books being grabbed, whispering, etc.). So, if you have time, open your Bible and read of the Lord, prophecies foretelling His sacrifice, or words of Jesus explaining His immense value to us. Some excellent verses to be used are as follows: **Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; John 6:53-58; Matthew 26:26-30; or Mark 14:22-26**. It can be beneficial to read of Jesus' sacrifice proclaimed hundreds of years before it happened, especially in such wonderful imagery. Whether you choose to read from the Old Testament or the New, God has provided you the content to fill your mind with elements which can train your focus on the Lord and what He did for you.

Let us give of ourselves in worship, ensuring such a sacrifice is present in all five aspects of worship. Perhaps these suggestions will help you to enhance at least one aspect of your weekly worship on the first day of the week as you assemble before God and remember His Son.

Why Christians are anti-abortion

by Jack Wilkie

The abortion debate rages yet again, with all of its attending terms and catchphrases – pro-life, pro-choice, women’s rights, sanctity of life, my body my choice, and the list goes on. As always, the ranks of the pro-life side are filled largely by those who claim to be Christians. For those who are not in the world of Christendom, this can be confusing. Why does this issue matter so much to Christians? And why are we so overwhelmingly anti-abortion? I’ve written this article in hopes of offering a simple explanation of the issue from our point of view, starting with the most foundational principle of our stance.

We’re anti-abortion for a very simple reason: we believe abortion ends an innocent human life, and ending an innocent human life is an abomination in God’s sight (Proverbs 6:17). We believe life is precious because all humans are created in God’s image (Genesis 1:27), and from the womb we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-14). The idea of the most innocent, helpless of us being torn limb from limb horrifies us, and if we can act to prevent it from happening then we’re going to. Truth be told, in our religion that confesses the absolute Lordship of our King, Jesus Christ, all He would have to say is “because I said so” and we would submit. But that doesn’t mean we can’t back up what we believe on other grounds, for those who are skeptical. Our anti-abortion stance is not merely a religious view, but one that has grounds in the fields of science, ethics, and government. Scientifically, we believe every “fetus” is a human life. Ethically, we believe that each human life has his or her own rights. Governmentally, we believe the authorities have jurisdiction to penalize any who would violate another human’s right to life. In this article, I want to use that basic framework – that abortion ends an innocent life – to work through commonly seen arguments in favor of abortion legalization.

“It’s a woman’s right to choose what she does with her own body.” Here’s the thing: nobody disagrees with that. A woman’s body is her own, and she has legal right to her own person. This is why rape is both illegal and morally condemned by 99.99% of people, because it violates a woman’s right to her own body. We agree that a woman has a right to choose what she does with her own body. However, an abortion by definition involves two (or more) people’s bodies. To disagree with this is to assert either 1) that the baby is not a living, growing human with a right to life or 2) that even if they are, the mother has the right to kill him or her because the baby is dependent on her body. We are well aware now that the baby is not the “clump of cells” so many want it to be, so option #1 does not hold up scientifically. It also does not hold up logically, and experience shows us that nobody actually believes #1. How can I make that claim? Notice how, when a woman chooses not to abort, at that instant the “fetus” is recognized as a full-fledged human baby. Celebrations and congratulations are shared, names are chosen, gender reveal parties and baby showers are held, caution is taken to avoid substances that could harm the baby, vitamins are taken to encourage development, apps are consulted to track the baby’s development and count down the days to the due date... A whole new way of life that begins at that moment. Yet, had the mother chosen differently, all of that goes out the window and the baby is “just a clump of cells” and “not a human life.” How does that make sense? As for option #2, it simply does not hold up ethically. If the baby is a precious human life, you can’t just kill it because it inconveniences you. The woman’s choice with her body was made when she had sexual intercourse, an action that can and does have consequences. One such consequence is the creation of human life, a newly-formed and ever-growing body of another human being. There is no right to consequence-free sex. Scientifically, somebody has to pay for the “choice” the woman already made. In the case of abortion, the consequences of the woman’s decision are always passed on to the growing human child. Not only does the child have the ultimate consequence of their life ending, there’s also good reason to believe they feel tremendous pain in the process. If you haven’t looked into what an abortion really looks like, please take 5 minutes to check it out here. Ask yourself if you really believe a woman has the right to do that to another person’s body. (On the ever-present question regarding cases of rape and incest: in the extremely rare but always horrific case of a rape-induced pregnancy, the rights of one body have already been violated. It would be wrong to then violate the rights of another. To turn and do harm to another to try to erase the harm already done is not a valid moral option.)

“Yeah but some Christians still support the death penalty so you’re not really pro-life.” Whether that’s a valid point or not, what does it have to do with the question of whether abortion should be legal? If you oppose the death penalty, then by all means advocate for its removal, but that has no bearing on the argument that abortion ends an innocent life.

“You’re only pro-birth, you don’t care what happens to the baby afterward.” The problems with this argument are myriad, and I discussed the matter in greater detail here. But once again, this dodges the point and fails to refute the view proposed. If abortion ends an innocent human life, that must first be stopped at all costs. We can figure out what happens afterward, but first things first let’s prevent the baby’s death. “I am personally against abortion but I don’t want to make that decision for anyone else” and “If you don’t like abortion, don’t get one.” This argument trades on option #1 above, that the baby is not a living, growing human with a right to life. In other words, they’re implying abortion is a victimless act. Otherwise this argument would fail horrifically on the grounds of logical consistency: “I am personally against domestic violence but I don’t want to make that decision for anyone else.” “If you don’t like slavery, don’t buy a slave.” Of course nobody would think like that. So this argument comes on the grounds that people are free to make their own decisions and everybody else must mind their business because only one person is involved. As we’ve seen, that’s just scientifically and ethically untrue.

“This is just about men’s desire to control women.” It’s not, but let’s go ahead and assume that’s the case. Does that change the fact that abortion ends an innocent life? I’m sure there are more arguments to be made. For now, suffice it to say that the Christian stance on the matter is not complicated. Innocent life must be protected, and we will do what we can to make sure it is.

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us today, at 5:00 pm, for our first monthly Youth Devotional. Bring your favorite snacks (we have plenty of cookies) & drinks. If anyone would like to host a future devotional at their home, please see Gaylen Williams, or Phil McIntosh.

JOIN US!
P.E.P. NIGHT
 HOLY BIBLE
 (Personal Evangelism & Pizza)

Join us for our first monthly P.E.P. Night on January 16th, at 6:00 pm, to discuss & encourage each other in building up our personal evangelism efforts. Then each month following, we will meet every third Friday at 6:00 pm. For any questions, please see Phil McIntosh.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - RUFUS BROWN
- 5 - JADEN SEAY
- 9 - AL WILSON
- 9 - RALPH HUGHART
- 18 - BRUCE BROWN
- 23 - JODI CULP
- 30 - ALFREDA PETTAWAY

JANUARY CLEANING CALENDAR

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
- Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

THANK YOU!

9- TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Donna Josephine Yvonne	23- TEAM ZACK Zack Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye
16- TEAM LEE Lee Natalie Rufus Derek	30-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Roger Linda

THOSE TO SERVE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022:

- ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ 1ST PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ◆ SCRIPTURE READING: TIM MATTER
- ◆ SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ◆ INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ COMMUNION/OFFERING:
GIANNI GRIFFITH & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ◆ CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ CLOSING PRAYER: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ◆ AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ◆ SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM

Scripture Reading

“The Lesser of Two Evils”

Psalm 139:20, 23-24

- “²⁰ For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.
- ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
- ²⁴ And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

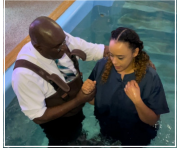
CHURCH PANTRY DRIVE

We are collecting the following food items:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Pasta Sauces
- Beans (canned & dry)
- Cereals
- Soups
- Ramen Noodles
- Paper Towels

Please place these items in the pantry box located in the foyer- Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



We rejoice with the angels in heaven! Alexis Gaither was baptized into Christ last Sunday afternoon. Please keep her & family in prayer & welcome her when you see her.

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY: Michael Rogers is in ALC school in Georgia, and Jessica Rogers will deploy to Kuwait in mid-January. Please keep this family in your prayers.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: Angela Thomas is still in Scott & White Hospital, she will move to a facility and be placed on Hospice care.

-Julie Odum had a mass on her leg and was given antibiotics.

-Adam Zak is recovering from a procedure on his eye & requests prayers for his friend, Reginald Hempohill and his children who all have Covid.

-Garnie Miller has been moved to Creekside Terrace Rehabilitation. They request no visitors at this time.

-Josephine Spear's sister, Rose, was scheduled for surgery last Wednesday, but was postponed due to a blockage. It will be another 4 weeks before she can try again.

-Donna Hines' niece, April, had her first chemotherapy treatment last Wednesday.

-Bruce Brown's grandmother was in the ICU in Hawaii but is now home.

-Greg & Jodi Culp & family, Glenn & Kyeosha Bates, Joyce Brown's uncle, Bruce & Joyce Brown's brother-in-law and former member here, John Hobson, & Tim Matter's sister-in-law, Enayda, are battling Covid.

-Ari, the foster child of Phil McIntosh's sister Ashley, is home from the hospital but has ongoing health issues.

-James Garner's wife, Tammy, may have to have neck surgery and is recovering from a fall. James has ongoing health issues as well.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

James Seay, Deja Williams, Gaylen Williams's sister (Dana), Millie Simcox's friend (Floydada Barnett), Linda Deem's nephew, Tanja, Tiffany, Arch, Julia Jones' cousin (Larry Sanford), Amanda Petties' brother (Anthony Allen) & sister (Jewel), Rufus Brown, Ashlyn Almeida, Marcella Williams' brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford), Michelle McIntosh's cousin's daughter (Haley), Shirl Foster, Martha Bell's sister, Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt), Ken Sellers, Garnie & Nada Miller, Lois Brown, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Tim Matter's aunt (Vivian), Charles Culver, Jean Basco, Billye Hughes, Jim Dukes, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), Barbara Robinson & her daughter & son-in-law (Skip & Laura Skarpa), Esther Cox, Gladys Driver, Willard Dunn, Archie & Jessie Turner, and Linda Walts. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Beginning Sunday mornings, January 16th, the new convert class will resume with Zack Petties, next to the teen class.

LADIES BREAKFAST & WORKDAY: There will be a ladies breakfast & workday on Saturday, January 15th, at 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall. Ladies bring your own breakfast.

MEN'S BOWLING: There will be a men's bowling fellowship on Saturday, January 15th, at 1:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes.

Our Speaker Today Is Phil McIntosh.

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We want to especially welcome our visitors!

*If you are visiting, please fill out an attendance card from the back of the pew directly in front of you and leave it in the pew as you leave.
Thank you for your visit and please join us again!*

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

⇒ Bible Studies With Our Preacher Or Elders

⇒ Free Bible Correspondence

⇒ Free Marriage And Family Counseling

To our visitors—Thanks for being with us today, and please come again!

❧ JANUARY CALENDAR ❧

9-Youth Devotional at 5:00 pm.

5,12,19,26-Ladies Bible class at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.

15-Ladies breakfast & workday at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. Ladies bring your own breakfast.

15-Men's Bowling at 1:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes.

16-New Convert Class begins

16-P.E.P. (Personal Evangelism & Pizza) Night in the fellowship hall, at 6:00 pm.

17-The office will be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

26-Singing class & practice at 6:00 pm.

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