

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Eating The Lord's Supper

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It is a routine that is supposed to be a routine. It is to be practiced on the first day of the week when Christians assemble. It is to be done so we remember Jesus. And Christians will do it until Jesus comes again. The Lord's Supper is a communion—a communion with God and a communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ. It's a meal. It represents the body and blood of our Lord and Savior. The components are unleavened bread (which was eaten at all Passover meals) and the fruit of the vine. But what is going on in public is just one aspect of that sacred event. Something else is going on in the heart of the Chris-

tian. Paul wrote that we should eat the Supper in a worthy manner and examine ourselves when we eat it (I Cor. 11:27-28). So, how do we do that?

(1). *Read passages from the crucifixion of Jesus.* Matt. 27:33-56, Mark 15:22-41, Luke 23:33-49, and John 19:16-30 record Jesus' crucifixion. We cannot remember what Jesus did unless He is on our minds.

(2). *Examine your mind and heart.* When we see the cross in our minds, we know that our sins put him there. He wasn't just hanged there by Roman soldiers; he was nailed to that cross by our rebellion to God's will.

(3). *Evaluate your relationship with Christ.* Do you have a relationship with Him? Do you feel like Jesus cares about you, or is He just a name in a book—a superhero who flies in to save the day and then retreats to a far-off other-world?

When Jesus instituted the Supper, there were two people there who knew Jesus personally. They had followed Him, helped Him, and supported Him in every way. But one of those men later denied Jesus three times and the other man betrayed Him. Don't eat the Lord's Supper and then commit those same sins.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- John Hayes will have a retirement reception Saturday night at Goodpasture at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment at 7:00 p.m. John's address is 1512 Hunters Lane, Nashville, 37207. Phone: 615-310-9398.
- Cody Krantz continues to recover from surgery on his skull.
- Remember in your prayers Mildred Walker, Maxine Hearn, Austin Gee, and our missionaries.

This Morning's Sermon: "Mothers" Singing Tonight At 6:00 P.M.

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Billingsley

Pray: John Hayes

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Baker

Serve: J. Demonbreum, J. Walker, Simpkins

Pray: Brown

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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Phone: 924-9714

Proverbs 27:17

“Iron sharpens iron, so one
man sharpens another.”

Interesting Bible facts:

**Dogs are mentioned 41 times in the Bible. Cats
are not mentioned at all.*

**Esther is the only book in the Bible that does
not contain the word “God.”*

**The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9.*

**The word “grandmother” only appears once in
Scripture—II Tim. 1:5.*

**David kept Goliath’s armor in his tent after
defeating him.*

Bible Study

Paul instructed Timothy to “be diligent to present yourself as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth” (II Tim. 2:15).

“Accurately handling the word of truth” is a daunting task for many people. The Bible has 66 books that filled with unusual sounding names and places. It takes time to study Scripture the way it was intended to be studied...and most people just don’t want to take the time. If you do take the time, here are some tips that will help your study:

(1). *Have a good Bible dictionary nearby.* If you don’t understand a word you are reading, look it up—don’t just ignore it and move on.

Words like “propitiation,” “atonement,” and “cherubim” are not common 21st century English words. Know what you’re reading.

(2). *Have a good concordance nearby.* The best way to understand one part of the Bible is to find that same subject in another part of the Bible. Concordances will direct you to any verse that has that same word or phrase you are studying. You’ll be surprised how often some issues are discussed in Scripture.

(3). *Study verses in their context.* No verse has meaning outside of a chapter. No chapter has meaning outside of a book. And no book has meaning outside of the whole Bible. Stringing together unrelated verses

will only lead to gross misinterpretation of Scripture.

(4). *Read, read, and re-read.* Repetition is the key. Spending time each day in the word will change your heart and mind and draw you closer to the Lord. It does not take exceptional intellect to understand God’s word; it just takes faithfulness. If you read nine chapters of the New Testament a day, you’ll read in the entire New Testament in a month, which means you could read the New Testament 12 times a year...with just a few minutes of reading each day.

If you haven’t read the Bible today, why not?

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