

A Time to Remember *John MacArthur*

I. Introduction.

A. It is important to remember certain things. (Deuteronomy 6, 7:18, 8:2, 8:18, 9:7, I Chronicles 16:12, Deuteronomy 8:19-20, Isaiah 51:13, 17:10, Psalm 8:12)

B. The flesh causes us to forget the things we should remember. (John 15:20, Acts 20:35, 11:16, II Peter 3:1)

C. Text: II Peter 1:14-15.

D. Christians remember all the wrong things.

II. Things to remember at the Lord's Table.

A. The crucifixion of Christ.

B. Significant meanings of the death of Christ.

1. Our covenant with Christ who is the sacrifice for sin. (Luke 22:19, I Corinthians 11:24-25, I Peter 1)

a. The believer was chosen in eternity past.

b. In time, God set us apart.

c. In the future, the believer is saved unto obedience. (Ephesians 2:10)

d. At the time of salvation, the believer has experienced the sprinkling of Jesus' blood, which is the promise of obedience. (Exodus 24:3-8)

e. The covenant reminds us for the need for personal purity.

2. It is the point of our fellowship and love for one another. (I Corinthians 10:16, John 6:8)

a. This involves forgiveness. (Matthew 5:22-23)

b. This involves discipleship.

c. This involves using one's spiritual gifts.

d. This involves praying for one another and rebuking one another.
(I Corinthians 8:4)

3. It points us to the lost world all around us and the need to proclaim Christ to the world. (I Corinthians 11:26)

Application questions:

1. What is the function of the Lord's Table?

2. How do symbols help us remember important truths?

3. What other personal symbols can you employ to help you walk with God faithfully? Explain.
