

# Memory Verse

*1 Peter 3:18*

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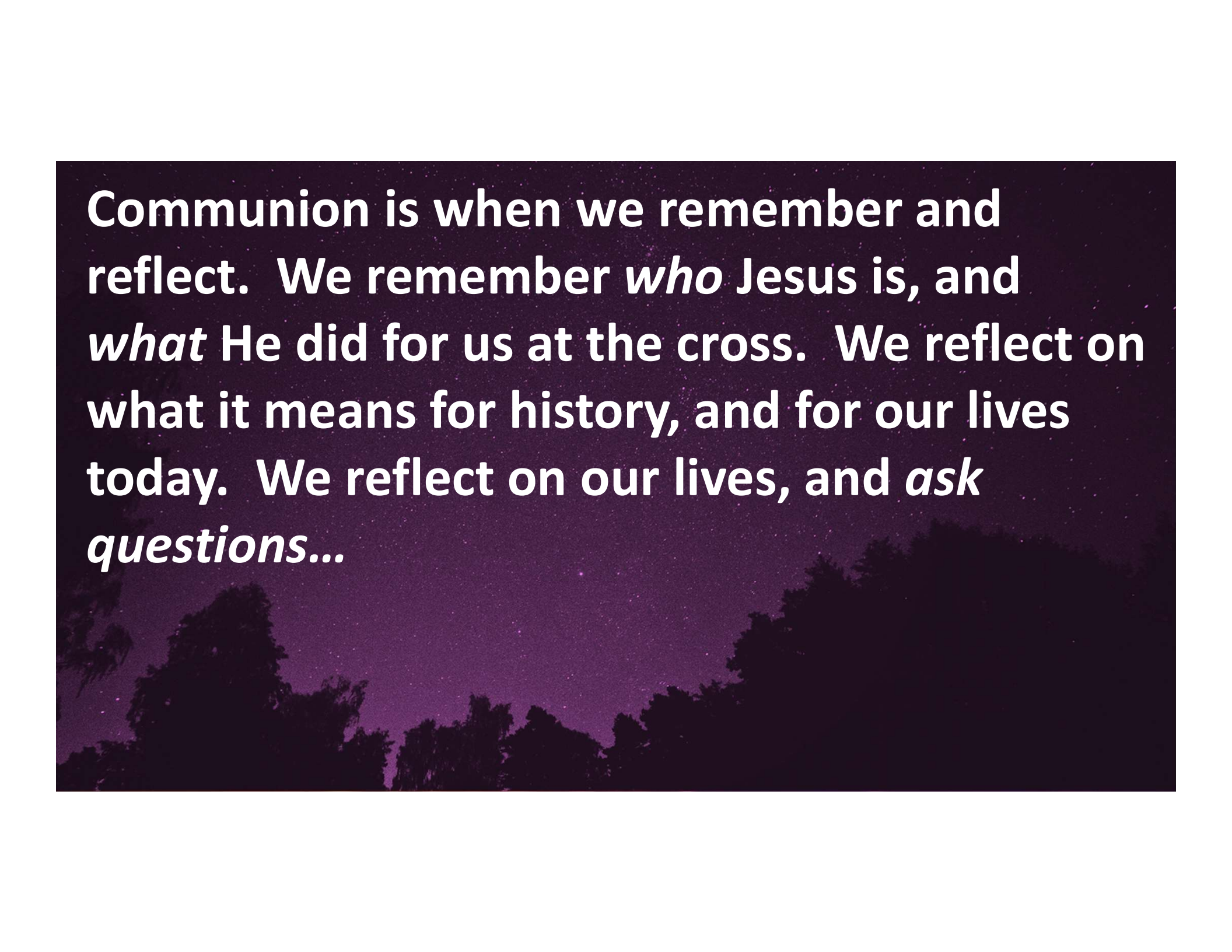
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*The Significance of  
Jesus' Sacrifice*

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*Communion*



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Communion is when we remember and reflect. We remember *who* Jesus is, and *what* He did for us at the cross. We reflect on what it means for history, and for our lives today. We reflect on our lives, and *ask questions...*

## A. The Theological Significance of Jesus' Sacrifice

What does it mean that *Jesus sacrificed Himself in our place*? The Bible traces sacrifices back to the Garden of Eden. *God made everything very good in 6 days. Adam and Eve rejected God's 1 command at ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, bringing sin and death into the world. God judged them, but showed grace.*

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While the *text does not say God killed animals* to make skins, it is a legitimate deduction. This was the **first sacrifice!** *God did it!* Every sacrifice in the Bible is *based on this one*. Then we see Cain and Abel's sacrifices in *Genesis 4*. Noah offered a sacrifice after *coming off of the ark* at the end of *Genesis 8*. Then there is the Mosaic Law, centuries later...

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*Isaiah 53:3-6, 10-11* - He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has **borne our griefs** and **carried our sorrows**; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was **pierced for our**

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**transgressions**; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and **with his wounds we are healed**. 6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the LORD has **laid on him** the **iniquity of us all**... Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to

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grief; when **his soul makes an offering for guilt**, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, **make many to be accounted righteous**, and **he shall bear their iniquities...**



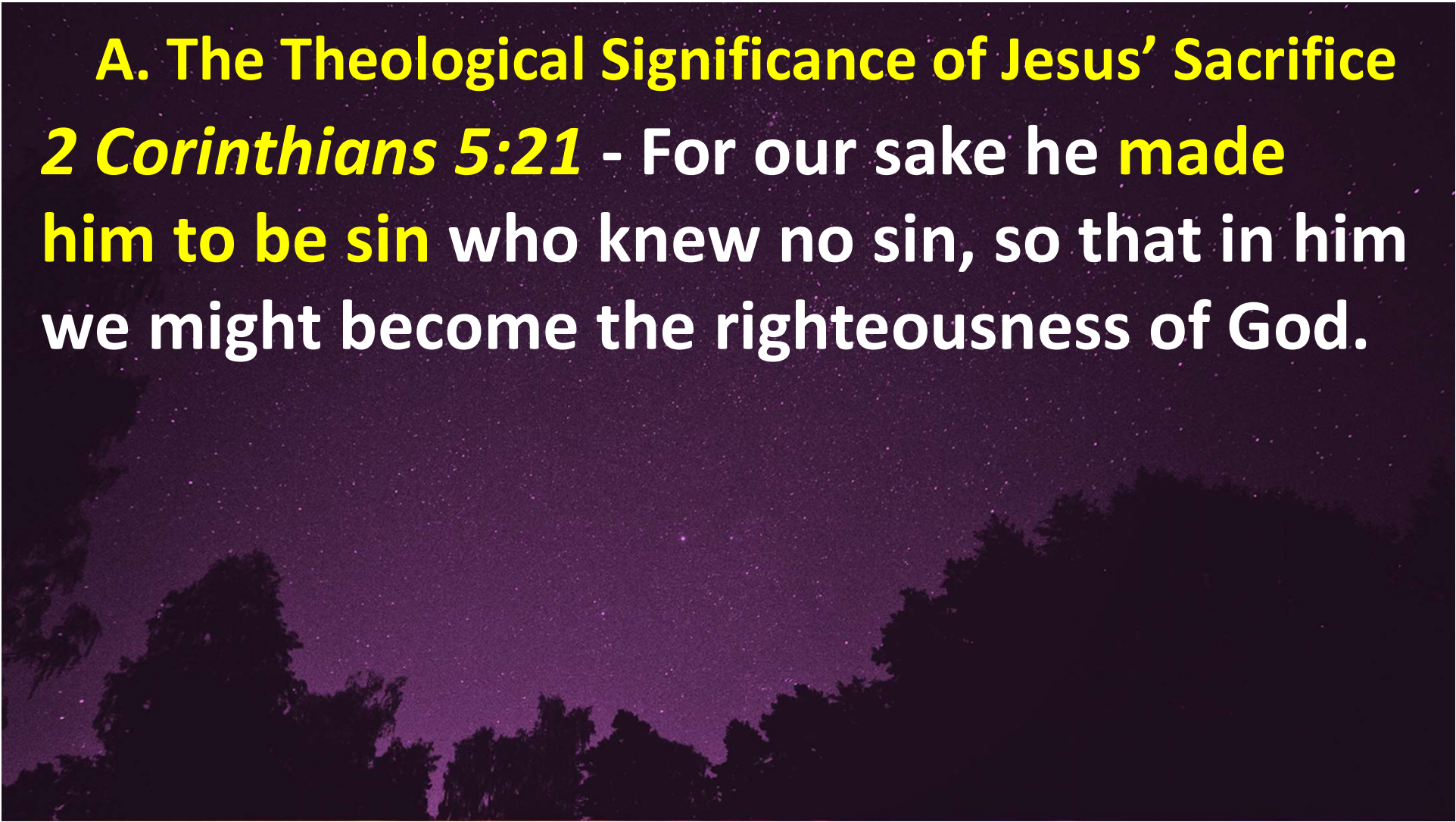
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***John 10:17-18*** - For this reason the Father loves me, because **I lay down my life** that I may take it up again. **18**No one takes it from me, but **I lay it down of my own accord**. I have **authority to lay it down**, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.

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***Galatians 1:3-4*** - Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4who **gave himself for our sins** to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

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***Ephesians 5:1-2*** - Therefore be imitators of  
God, as beloved children. 2And walk in love,  
as Christ loved us and **gave himself up for us,**  
**a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**



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***2 Corinthians 5:21*** - For our sake he **made**  
**him to be sin** who knew no sin, so that in him  
we might become the righteousness of God.

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***1 Timothy 2:5-6*** - For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6who **gave himself as a ransom for all**, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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*Hebrews 9:13-14* - For if the **blood** of **goats** and **bulls**, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the **ashes of a heifer**, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit **offered himself without blemish to God**, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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**Hebrews 9:26b-28** - ...But as it is, he (*Jesus*) has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the **sacrifice of himself**. 27And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgement, 28so Christ, having been **offered once to bear the sins of many**, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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The concept of one taking the place of another is ***pictured*** throughout the Bible and came to completion in Jesus. ***Jesus took our place on the cross.*** He died for our sins, so that when we put our faith in *His broken body and shed blood*, we receive forgiveness of sins by *God's grace through faith.*

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***Hebrews 7:27*** - He (*Jesus*) has no need, like those **high priests**, to **offer sacrifices daily**, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since **He did this once for all when he offered up himself.**

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This is one of **THE** main theological subjects in the Bible. So, when we talk about the cross, this is *not a simplistic thing*.

Everything in the *Old Testament* pointed to this **event**. As Peter said, the Just (*Jesus*) died for the unjust (*us*), the *sinless Savior* died for *sinful humanity*. This answers **THE** issue that faces humanity..

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*How can we be forgiven of our sins and have a right relationship with God?*

## **B. The Historical Significance of Jesus' Sacrifice**

**...The *theological significance* of Christ's *death and resurrection* has no meaning if it did not take place in history. When Jesus was with His disciples and instituted the Lord's Supper or Communion, *He did it in Israel*. As the Bible and Roman historian Tacitus say and the Apostle's Creed states, *Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate*...**

## **B. The Historical Significance of Jesus' Sacrifice**

He was *rejected by the Jewish religious leaders*. They *lied and manipulated* to put Him to death. He *gave His life **willingly*** and then *took it back up again* in the resurrection! These things are **historical!** This is *not fantasy, myth, or a lie*. These things are **true!**

## C. The Personal Significance of Jesus' Sacrifice

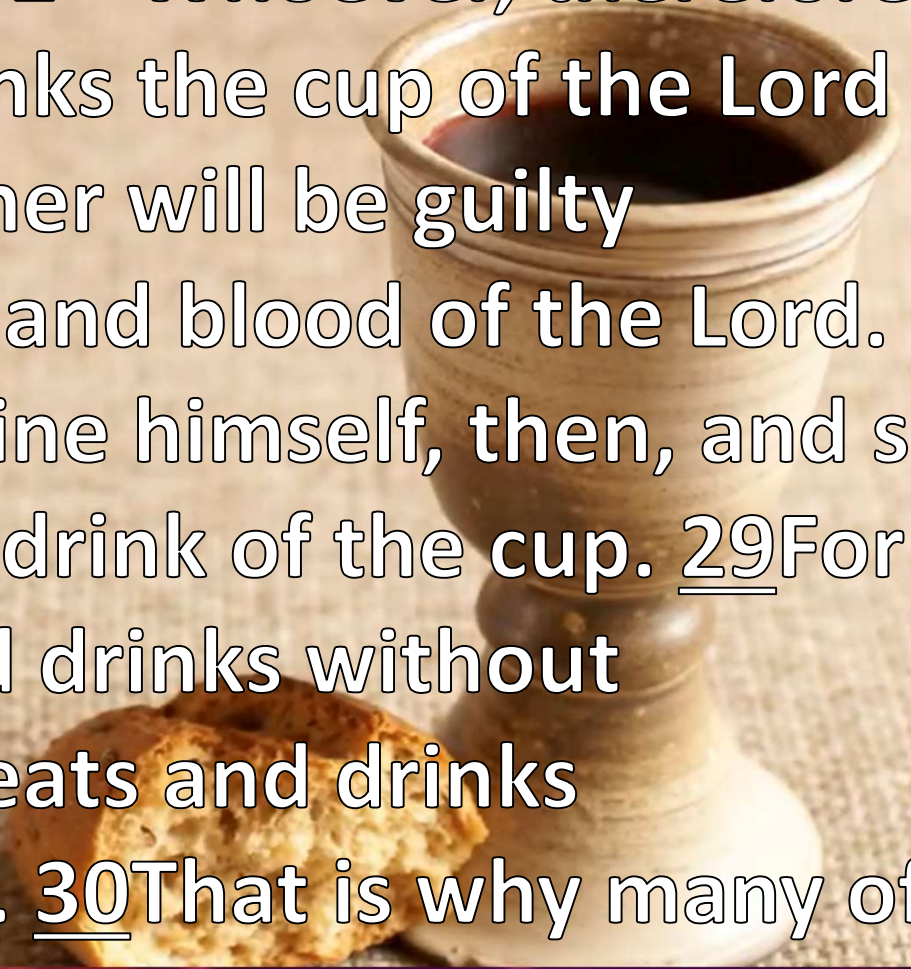
It is crucial to understand the *theological significance* of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. It is great to study the *historical context* in which He was murdered. However, knowing the *facts* about the event does us no good if we *do not recognize* it was MY sin and YOUR sin that put Him on the cross. *We are guilty*. It was because of our sin, that *He died in our place...*

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...Have you turned away from your sin and put your faith in Him alone for salvation? If **not**, you ***remain under His wrath***. If you have *trusted in Him*, are you walking in a way that is pleasing to Him? *Not perfection*, but ***progression*** in the Christian life? If you are *not a Christian*, do not *partake of the bread and cup today, unless you repent of your sins and personally put your faith in Jesus alone* for salvation...

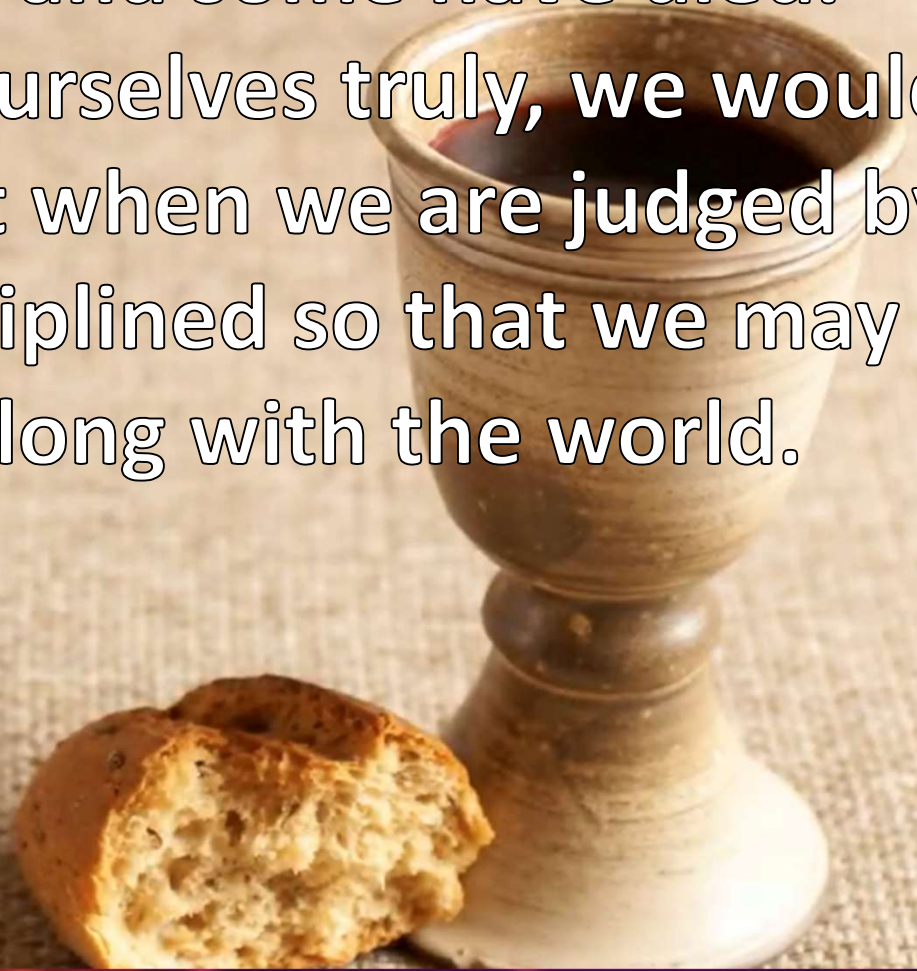


**1 Corinthians 11:27-32** - Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30That is why many of



you are weak and ill, and some have died.

31But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. 32But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.



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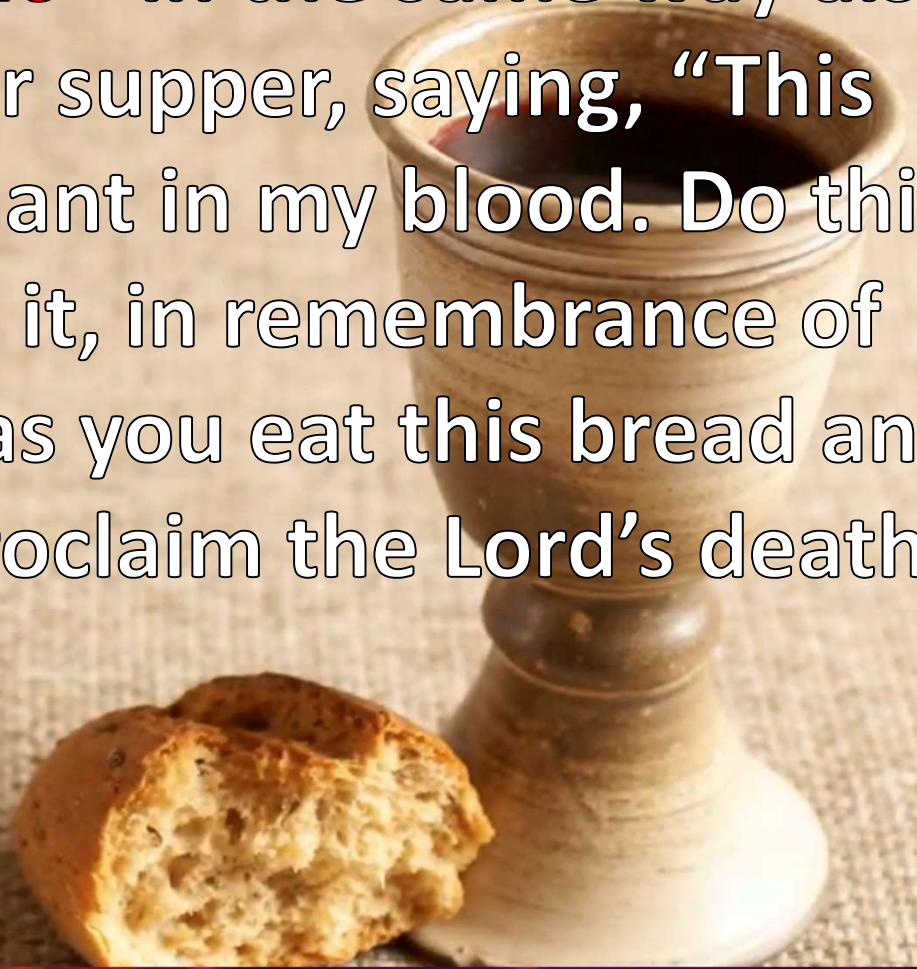
**1 Corinthians 11:23-24** - For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took **bread**, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



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**1 Corinthians 11:25-26** - In the same way also he took the **cup**, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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