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AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "WHY DO WE PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EVERY SUNDAY?"

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "WALK IN LOVE"

**APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO FRANK BROWN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE ROLE OF ELDER AT WEST WALKER**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT DOVERTOWN, AUG 31-SEP 3. NEIL MYERS IS PREACHING**

**THERE WILL BE A BRIDAL SHOWER FOR BRANDI RICHARDSON ON SEP 13<sup>TH</sup> AT THE BUILDING.**

**SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

**SEE DAVID FOR TAPES**

**BIRTHDAY:**

Aug 24: Susan Cheatwood & Linda Davidson  
28: Braden Wright

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Aug 27: Jack & Barbara Wright

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY MORNING

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### ELDERS:

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## WHY DO WE PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EVERY SUNDAY?

(Acts 20:7; Matthew 26:26-29)

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ itself.**
- A. Our Lord, the night before His death instituted a memorial of His death, known as the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:20), \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 10:16) or \_\_\_\_\_ of bread (Acts 2:42).
- B. This memorial contains two \_\_\_\_\_:
1. The first is the unleavened \_\_\_\_\_ that represents the body of Jesus (Matthew 26:26; Luke 22:19).
  2. The second is the fruit of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 26:27-28; Luke 22:20).
- C. The congregation is to come together to partake of it as a \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 11:20).
- D. We are also proclaiming the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord's death to the world (1 Corinthians 11:26).
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the New Testament.**
- A. When discussing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the observance of the Lord's Supper and an example of such, we need to look at Acts 20:7.
1. This verse shows us that the \_\_\_\_\_ in Troas met on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper.
  2. The Greek language gives the idea that it was their habit to meet \_\_\_\_\_ first day of the week.
- B. 1 Corinthians 11:20-21 also are important.
1. They were to come together to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's Supper.
  2. 1 Corinthians 16:2 - the first day of the week is when they did so.
- C. This line of reasoning is "ungetoverable" as one preacher put it.
- D. It also helps to add Acts 2:42 to this argument.
1. If you notice, these are four of the acts of worship that are to be engaged by Christians every Lord's day.
  2. It would be hard to be \_\_\_\_\_ in something if you only do it quarterly or yearly.
- III. The evidence outside the Bible.**
- A. What I want us to consider now is non-biblical evidence for the observance of the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week by the early church.
1. You may ask why it matters what the early church does.
- B. Tertullian, who was a church historian, wrote in 204 AD that "the church of

Christ composed of baptized believers, does meet each Lord's Day to \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord's Supper."

- C. Justin Martyr, in his 1<sup>st</sup> Apology and in Dialogue with Trypho, tells us that the Lord's Supper was \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord's Day

### **THE "I AM'S" OF PAUL**

#### **Patrick Morrison**

When we think of "I am" statements made in the Bible, no doubt we think of the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the "I Am's" of Jesus, he states that he is the bread of life (John 6:35), the light of the world (8:12), the door of the sheepfold (10:7), the good shepherd (10:11), the resurrection and the life (11:25), the way, truth, and life (14:6), and the true vine (15:1). Not only do these "I Am's" of Jesus equate him with Jehovah (see Exo.3:14), but it also shows our Lord to be a man of action. He did not say "I was," nor did he say "I will be." He said "I am." The church has too many "has-been's" and too many "will-be's" and not enough "I am's." We certainly could learn from Paul's example regarding his readiness and willingness to work. In the book of Romans, we find the "I Am's" of Paul. What do these teach us about Paul, and what can we learn that might help us to be more diligent servants of our Lord?

Paul writes, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Rom.1:14). Paul felt an indebtedness to all men from every walk of life. He had come to know the grace of God in the forgiveness of his past sins (Ac. 22:16; 1 Tim.1:15), and in being allowed to preach the gospel (Eph.3:8). Paul desired to share the good news with all men, and his life reflects not only that desire, but his willingness to go into all the world with the message of salvation. Would to God that we in the church today felt the same debt of responsibility to the lost! We owe them the right of hearing the soul-saving gospel! We march under the same orders as did Paul and the other apostles (Mk 16:15). Someone took the time to teach us the gospel. Should we not do the same for the lost around us?

Paul further writes, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also" (Rom.1:15). Paul's feeling of indebtedness to the lost did not cause him to despair at the magnitude of the task. He prepared himself to meet the responsibility he had to every soul he met. He was ready to preach. He was ready to declare the only message that can save the soul (James 1:21). So many times we realize our God-given responsibilities, but we fail to prepare ourselves to meet these challenges. We know we must go into all nations and teach the gospel (Matt.28:19), but are we ready to do so? Let us realize our mission, and prepare ourselves to carry it out!

Paul then writes, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom.1:16). Some assume that Paul was saved on the road to Damascus, or that he was saved through a

direct operation of the Holy Spirit, or various other surmisings. It was only after Paul heard and obeyed the gospel that he was saved, and that process is the same for every soul for all time. Paul was fully convicted of the saving power of the gospel, for he had seen it work in his own life. Until we are fully convinced that the gospel, and the gospel alone, is God's means of saving man, we will never be ready to convert the lost! The gospel is man's only hope! If we keep quiet about it, then souls will never have the opportunity to be saved (2 Kings 7:9; 2 Cor.4:3), and we will be lost for refusing the command of our Lord.

Are you faithfully doing the work of the Lord? Don't say "I was" or "I will be." Get busy so that you can honestly answer, "I am!"