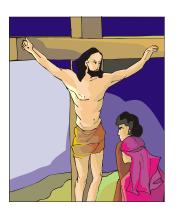
The Lord's Supper

The Cross



The Greatest Event in History

OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. (Colossians 3:16a KJB)

It is the day that the Lord Jesus Christ gave His life for us on the cross! It is the day when God took away the sins of the whole world so that man could once again have a personal relationship with God. God loves us so much. He wants to have a close personal relationship with us which is called Eternal Life. God wants us in His family! He want to be our Father. He wants us to be His children.

But our sins - all our sins - blocked the way for God to have a relationship with us. You see, even though God loves us, God is HOLY! He cannot have anything to do with sin. This next scripture speaks of The Lord, God & tells us that this is so:

"Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity (sin)..."

Habakkuk 1:13a

Not only that, but God's Holy Law said that sin must be punished by death!
"...the soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Ezekiel 18:4d KJB



So what did God do to help us? He sent Jesus down to earth. Jesus is God! Jesus is God who came down from heaven & entered a sinless human body so that He could go to the cross for us. What did Jesus do on the cross? He took all of our sins upon Himself & died for the sins of the WHOLE

WORLD! He took all our sins OUT OF GOD'S WAY FOREVER! God is now FREE to have a close relationship with mankind. None of our personal sins stand in God's way any more. Here are 3 scriptures that tell us this:

Speaking of Jesus, John the Baptist said this:

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world."

John 1:29 KJB

Through the apostle Paul, the Lord tells us that Jesus was "made sin for us". 2Corinthians 5:21 KJB

"For he (God) made him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin..."

Through the apostle Paul, the Lord tells us that everything that God's Law held against us because of our sins was TAKEN OUT OF GOD'S WAY FOREVER! Why? Because all that was nailed to the cross on Jesus; & Jesus paid for it all in full!

"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross;)"

Colossians 2:14KJB

The "handwriting of ordinances are all the Holy Laws of God that condemned us. They condemned us because we could never keep all His Holy Laws. There is not one person who ever lived who could ever keep all God's commandments except the Lord Jesus Christ Himself! That is

why we NEED JESUS! He kept ALL GOD'S HOLY LAWS for us while He lived on earth! And not only that, Jesus TOOK ALL OUR SINS AWAY!

And now, God is NOT holding anyone's personal sins against them. If people end up in the Lake of Fire, it is simply because they have NOT accepted Jesus as their Savior. People do NOT go to hell or the Lake of Fire because of their sins because God is NOT holding there sins against them! God's Word CLEARLY TELLS US THIS! Read it for yourself. God has made it VERY CLEAR that on the cross God put all our sins ON CHRIST & NOT on us!

"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses (all man's sins) unto them..."

1Corinthians 5:19 KJB

This means that on the cross God TOOK AWAY all the sins of man that stood in His way to have a relationship with Him. When it says that God was RECONCILING the WORLD unto himself, that word RECONCILE means to BRING SOMETHING BACK TOGETHER! Our sins separated us from God, so God took them OUT OF THE WAY on the cross by putting them on Jesus & then punishing Jesus for them instead of us! With our sins out of the way, Jesus has made the way open for ANY PERSON AT ALL, no matter how WICKED OR EVIL, to have a personal relationship with God. And Jesus IS that way! Jesus is the ONLY way for us to be accepted by God!

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth,

and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6 KJB

All any person has to do is BELIEVE IN JESUS as his or her Savior, and God forgives all their sins forever & makes that person His child FOREVER! God says this is so!

"But as many as received him (Jesus), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

John 1:12 KJB

If you are already God's child, you ought to learn these scriptures BY HEART so that you will be able to tell others who may not have yet accepted Jesus as their Savior. If they ask you what the way to heaven is, you'll be ready to give a QUICK TRUTHFUL ANSWER! JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY! Without Jesus Christ, man would have NO WAY to have a personal relationship with God. Without Jesus Christ, man would have NO WAY to go to heaven. So WHY did God send Jesus to die for us & make our way to heaven?



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

John 3:16-17 KJB

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, the CROSS of JESUS CHRIST is God's ETERNAL YES to you! Every time you REMEMBER what Je-

sus did there for you on the cross, God wants you to REMEMBER that He LOVES you & ACCEPTS you & is FOR YOU. He wants you to REMEMBER that because of what Jesus did on the cross for you, once you accept Jesus as your Savior, NOTHING can destroy your relationship with Him - NOTHING! No matter how many sins you may commit or how many mistakes & failures you have, once you accept Jesus as your Savior, YOU BELONG TO GOD FOREVER. God wants you to REMEMBER THAT always, especially when troubles come your way. God wants you to especially REMEMBER that He takes PERFECT CARE of all who belong to Him!

God sent Jesus so that we could get to know God. God gave us His written Word to help us get to KNOW HIM & REMEMBER why we can TRUST HIM for everything! But did you know that Jesus gave us ANOTHER way to help us REMEMBER all these things too? Jesus gave us the



The Lord's Supper!

The bread or cracker that we eat & the cup of juice that we drink are like PICTURES that help us REMEMBER WHO JESUS IS

&

WHAT HE DID FOR US

while He is no longer on earth! For instance, suppose you had to go away from people you loved for a

while. Besides, writing to them, you would most likely leave or send them a

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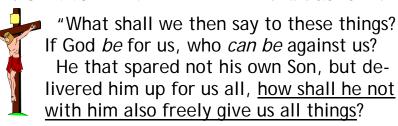
of yourself. That picture would help those you love REMEMBER you. Along with the letters you write,

those pictures would not only help them remember what you look like, those pictures would also help them remember the kind of person you are.

Well, Jesus has WRITTEN us an AWESOME & BEAUTIFUL letter - the Bible to help us get to know Him REALLY WELL & to know that He is with us always. He'll NEVER leave us! He's ALWAYS there to help us! He's also given us the BREAD & THE CUP to us remind us that we can COUNT ON HIM ALWAYS! After all, if He loves us so much that He DIED for us on the cross, He certainly will give us all we need to live on this earth.

Learn this next scripture. Memorize it so that you can REMEMBER it QUICKLY the next time troubles come your way. And remember, God said it.

He CANNOT LIE! Romans 8:31-32 KJB



So as we eat the BREAD & DRINK the cup

today to remember Jesus & all He did for us on the cross, let us REMEMBER that God is FOR US. That we can TRUST HIM to help us ALWAYS! Jesus says that we are to REMEMBER all these things about Him until He returns someday!



"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." 1Corinthians 11:25KJB

BIBLE STUDY

Did you know that there are many names for God in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament? These names help us to KNOW what God is like! The more we know what God is like, the more we can trust Him for everything. Here are just 2 of God's Names for you to REMEMBER! Learn them BEFORE troubles come, so that when troubles come, you'll be able to REMEMBER quickly WHY you can trust God!

JEHOVAH - Genesis 3:13-15 - The name Jehovah means I AM THAT I AM. God has always existed. God is always present. He has no beginning. He has no end. He has revealed Himself to Man through Jesus Christ. We can know Him.

EL SHADDAI - Genesis 17:1-2; Psalm 91 - The name El Shaddai means ALMIGHTY GOD! God is all-wise, all powerful. He can & does give us all we need. This name also tells us that God can give us all the comfort we need no matter how bad things may seem. This name tells us that we can go to God anytime for anything!

In other lessons, we'll learn more of God's Names to remember! I'm so glad God chose to show us Himself! Are you?

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Pastor John A. Ricci

Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

Available for Every Service

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Directions

From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W**.
- Take <u>Killingly St</u> (**Rt. 128**) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* Take <u>Mineral Spring</u> to end on <u>Manton Ave</u>; cross bridge. Take <u>Mineral Spring</u> to end and stay *Left* around the
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146** N turn *Left* off Exit; from **146** S turn *Right*.
- Take <u>Mineral Spring</u> to en and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
 - Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
 - Go about 1½ mi.
 - **G.C.F.** is on the *Right*.

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