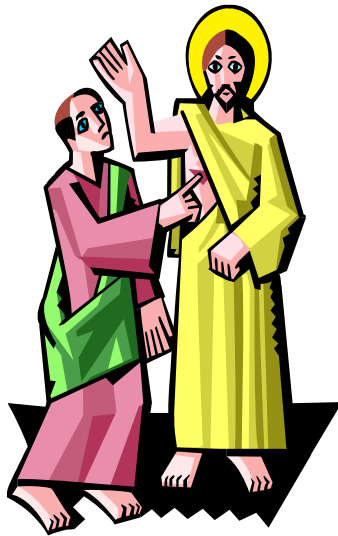


The Lord's Supper

SCARS



OUR DAILY BREAD

Junior Edition

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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)

Do you have any

SCARS?

Scars are NOT something we like to have. They are marks left on our skin after we have been burned or injured in some way. But scars are much more than just physical marks on our skin. Scars are also

REMINDERS!

A REMINDER is something that causes us to REMEMBER or THINK of something or somebody! When we look at our own scars, we REMEMBER lots of things! We remember the unpleasant INJURY which caused them. We REMEMBER

THE PAIN

that we felt when we were hurt.

Perhaps we REMEMBER the person or people who caused us the injury. (Hopefully you have

asked the Lord to help you FORGIVE those who may have caused you the injury as Christ has forgiven YOU for all the things you have done or will do to hurt others in any way even by your WORDS, even others you may love!)

Also, most scars are PERMANENT. That means that they remain on our bodies. Nothing can erase them. When we look at them they are CON-



STANT REMINDERS of PAINFUL MEMORIES!

But guess what! Those scars also can REMIND US of something GOOD to REMEMBER! If there is a scar, it is from a WOUND THAT HAS HEALED! Those scars can remind us that God has granted us to be



HEALED

from that injury.

And even if we are NOT completely healed, those scars STILL remind us that God has

granted us to LIVE another day on this earth even though we may still suffer in some way from that injury or hurt. And REMEMBER! We have been learning that God ALWAYS has a RIGHT & GOOD PURPOSE for allowing His children to have troubles & suffering. As we have learned in our past lessons from our King James Bible, God's MAIN PURPOSE in allowing us to suffer, is to help us to THINK, SPEAK & ACT more & more like Jesus, His Son while we live down here on earth! Do you REMEMBER this scripture?

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

For whom he did foreknow (all those who have believed in Jesus as their Savior), he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son,

that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:28-29 KJB

So, in case you are suffering right now or are WAITING for healing in some way, REMEMBER God's MAIN PURPOSE for your troubles. Also ask God to help you see what SPECIFIC things He wants to teach you about Himself & yourself while you are WAITING in your troubles. As we have said in past lessons, God uses our troubles to help us learn that we can COMPLETELY TRUST HIM. God uses our troubles to help us learn the things God wants to CHANGE in us as He works to make us more like Jesus while we live down here on earth.

Now all this information which we have just read concerning SCARS & REMEMBERING & BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS brings us to our



Lord's Supper Lesson!

What did the Lord tell us about
EATING THE BREAD
&
DRINKING THE CUP?

"And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: his is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it* in remembrance of me."

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink

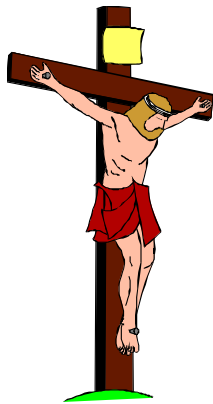
this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

1Corinthians 11:24-26 KJB

Jesus tells us that the BREAD & the CUP are SYMBOLS or ELEMENTS that help us to REMEMBER HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS while we live down here on earth & until He comes back to earth again!

The BREAD helps us to REMEMBER His PERFECT & SINLESS BODY that was nailed to the cross where He paid for all of our personal sins. The cup helps us to REMEMBER His BLOOD that was shed - His LIFE which He willingly gave to satisfy God's Holy Law which demanded death for our personal sins. Jesus did that WILLINGLY for us because **HE LOVES US!**

The bread & the cup REMIND us of how MUCH GOD LOVES US to give His life for us in that painful crucifixion. The bread & the cup REMIND us that Jesus Christ was



NAILED TO THE CROSS

for us! Let's read what God tells us happened that day: Matt. 27:27-31,35 KJB

"Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers*.

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon

his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him. And put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him...

And they crucified him..."

What is CRUCIFIXION? The dictionary says this:

Crucifixion is a form of execution used in ancient times that involved binding or nailing the victim to an upright cross until death.

Jesus was NAILED to the cross. And then even after he had died that gruesome death on the cross for us, one of the soldiers injured his body even more:



"But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."
John 19:34 KJB

Now just as while we are here ON EARTH, the SYMBOLS of the BREAD & THE CUP **REMIN** us how & why Jesus died, all these wounds which Jesus received upon His sinless body for us are now **SCARS** which will **REMIN** us for **ALL ETERNITY** of how much Jesus loved us, of how He died, of why He died!

And all these wounds - the wounds from the nails & the wound from the soldier's spear are **SCARS** which are now visible on the resurrection body of Christ. They are PART OF THE PROOF that JESUS IS GOD OUR SAVIOR! How do we know this? THE BIBLE TELLS US SO!

After Jesus rose from the dead & appeared to the disciples & DOUBTING THOMAS, Jesus used these **SCARS** to PROVE to Thomas it was TRUE that He was Jesus Christ, the Son of God who died on the cross for the SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD & rose again just as He promised He would. Thomas said: John 20:25c, 26b-c KJB

"Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."

And so, 8 days after doubting Thomas said this, here is what happened:

"... *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you.

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."

And look what Thomas replied:



“And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.” John 20:25 KJB

Those **SCARS** helped Thomas see that Jesus IS God His Savior. And someday up in heaven, those **BEAUTIFUL SCARS** will **REMINDE** us FOREVER of the awesome LOVE Jesus has for us that he suffered & died & rose again so that we could live in heaven with Him FOREVER!

So now, while we are on earth waiting to see Jesus someday IN PERSON, let us

EAT THE BREAD & DRINK THE CUP
TO REMEMBER
that Jesus bears those
SCARS FOR US!

Read Isaiah 53, Colossians 2:14, Zechariah

BIBLE STUDY CHALLENGE

12:10, Psalm 22:16, Revelation 1:7.

What do all these scriptures say about Jesus' wounds & scars? In what way do Jesus' scars represent suffering & healing? What will Jesus' scars prove someday in the future? To whom will this be proved?

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- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
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- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
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