

“Christ In You, The HOPE Of Glory”
Colossians 1:24-29
11/5/23
Message 4

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Christ In You, The HOPE Of Glory”

- **Paul Purpose In Colossians**

- **1st Remember – Paul is writing to a Frighten Church**
 - **Epaphras the founder and pastor of the church makes his way to Paul**
 - He Informs Paul of the struggles in the church
 - **The Problem**
 - Many gods
 - KNOWN as - The Colossian Heresy
 - It was the combination of several religious systems.
 - Jewish legalism (Col. 2:16-17),
 - Oriental mysticism (Col. 2:18-19)
 - Greek Asceticism (Col. 2:20-23).
 - And even a little bit of Christianity to make it all right.
 - Gnosticism
 - One of the heresies that was on the way was Gnosticism

- Some have suggested that Gnosticism may have gotten it's start at Colosse.
- Gnosticism –
 - The word comes from the Greek gnosis, meaning “to know”
 - Gnostics were people “in the know”
 - They had Special Knowledge that only a few were privileged to have
- **2nd SO - Paul's purpose in this letter to the church of Colosse.**
 - Encourage them
 - NOTHING must distract from CHRIST
 - Supremacy & Sufficiency of Christ
 - The Preeminence of Christ

• **Quick Review of Chapter 1:1-14**

- **1st Paul's Greeting vs. 1-2**
 - Paul – Apostle
 - To the Saints
 - Grace & Peace
- **2nd Paul's Thanks & Prayers vs. 3-11**
 - Gives Thanks For
 - Being Saved
 - Love for ALL the Saints

- The Hope they Have in Heaven
- Bring Forth fruit
- For Epaphras (who started the church)

▪ **Pray For**

- Filled with ALL Knowledge of His Will
- All Wisdom and Spiritual Understanding
- Walk Worthy
- Please Him
- Being fruitful in good works
- Growing in the knowledge of God
- Strengthen with all might
- For all Patience / longsuffering with Joy

○ **3rd Paul's Praise To God vs. 12-14**

- 1st Giving Thanks to the Father v. 12a
- 2nd To be partakers of the inheritance of the saints v. 12b
- 3rd He has delivered us from the power of darkness v. 13a
- 4th And conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love v. 13b
- 5th In whom we have redemption through His blood v. 14

○ **4th The Preeminence Of Jesus Christ vs. 15-23**

- Jesus' Identification With God v. 15a

- The image of the invisible God
- Firstborn over all Creation
- Jesus' Involvement With Creation vs. 15b-17
 - For by Him all things were created
 - He is before all things... who is the beginning v. 17
- Jesus' Intention For The Church vs. 18-23
 - Head of the body, the church v. 18
 - The firstborn from the dead v. 18c
 - That in all things He may have the preeminence v. 18d
 - Pleased The Father / Fullness / Dwell v. 19
 - Reconciled - Through the blood of the cross v. 20
 - Who once were alienated v. 21
 - To present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight v. 22
 - Grounded – Steadfast NOT MOVED from the hope of heaven v. 23

• ***Now this Morning 3 POWERFUL TRUTHS to Christ in you, The Hope of Glory***

- Paul's Responsibilities To The Mystery vs. 24-25
- The Revelation of The Mystery vs. 26-27
- Paul's Response to the Mystery vs. 28-29

Paul's Responsibilities To The Mystery vs. 24-25

- **First: His Attitude v. 24a**

Colossians 1:24 (NKJV)

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

- **1st RIGHT Attitude – Rejoice in Sufferings**

- **1st Some in the so-called “Modern Church” don’t believe we should suffer**

- That if you are Suffering –

- You’re in SIN
- You Don’t Have enough Faith
- You’re Doing Ministry all wrong
- **NOW let’s be clear –**

- **We can be our worst enemy when it comes to suffering (1 Peter 4:15)**

- **2nd The Word Suffering**

- Sufferings – Greek: Pa-the-ma –
- Means: That which one suffers or has suffered; an enduring
- We WILL Suffer

2 Timothy 3:12 (NKJV)

12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

John 15:20 (NKJV)

20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

- **3rd Paul know a “FEW” things about suffering**
 - **Member of the Sanhedrin (Acts 6-7)**
 - Married with Kids?
 - Yet where are they?
 - **Suffered for the CAUSE of Christ**
 - His Messages
 - Powerful
 - Example Romans 1
 - Background of the world – NERO Homosexual
 - Preached with BOLDNESS
 - Everywhere he went
 - Paul Was in PRISON when he wrote this letter
 - In Prison for the Gospel
 - Every Town that Paul walked into – he did ask how are the hotels – he asked how are the Prisons
 - More Suffering - Turn to 2 Corinthians 11

2 Corinthians 11:24–28 (NKJV)

24 *From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.*

25 *Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;*

26 *in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;*

*27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—
28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.*

○ **2nd Lessons on Suffering for US**

▪ **1st We Will ALL Suffer**

1 Peter 4:12 (NKJV)

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

- Don't think Suffer as Strange – Think the Absents of SUFFER Strange

▪ **2nd Why we Suffer**

- 1st Jesus Suffered (John 15:20)
 - So Should We
- 2nd The Gospel of TRUTH is Offensive to this lost world

John 3:19–21 (NKJV)

19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

- 2nd Draws US CLOSER to GOD
 - The more we suffer the more we cry out to God
- 3rd Refining Process
 - Like Gold - Like Sandpaper
 - God Will use it for our GOOD

1 Peter 5:10 (NKJV)

10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, *perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.*

- 1st To Perfect Us (Equipping)
 - God uses SUFFERING to Equip us!
- 2nd To Establish Us (Endurance)
 - Establish means “to fix firmly, to set fast.”
 - It has the meaning of “Endurance”
- 3rd To Strengthen Us (Effectiveness)
 - Strengthen means just that: God’s strengthens us to meet the demands of life
 - God Uses Sufferings to Strengthen us
- 4th To Settle Us (Experience)
 - A foundation has been laid and that can be built on
 - Then we’re that house in Matt. 7 that was founded on the rock withstood the storm
 - He will not be “tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine” (Eph. 4:14).
 - God uses Sufferings to Settle US
- 4th Draw Others to Jesus (Acts 28)
 - People will see us go through tough time BUT they will see the hope we have

- 5th Remember a few things about suffering
 - 1st God is With you in the FIRE (Daniel 3)
 - 2nd Not to Compared To the Glory of what is coming

Romans 8:18 (NKJV)

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2 Corinthians 4:17 (NKJV)

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

▪ **3rd Ministry / Missions / Pastors WILL Suffer**

- The More you step out to serve God – Expect Suffering to Increase
- WARNING People
 - In our text this morning Paul say he WARNS
 - If you going to warn someone in love – expect to suffer
 - **Illustration – Middle Management**
 - Worked for the OWNER
 - He had HIGH expectation on my performance
 - Let not many become teachers
 - Also had direct engagement with employees
 - Let face some did not want to do what the owner wanted done

- Same in the church – with people who don't want to do what God calls them to do
- Managers get in the middle – HEAT from both sides and to top it off we still had our own flesh to deal with...

• **Second: His Afflictions v. 24b**

Colossians 1:24 (NKJV)

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

- **1st The Ministry of those afflictions**
 - “For YOUR Sake”
 - IN behalf of you
 - ON behalf of His body which is the church
 - All our Suffering – is for the benefit of others – nothing is wasted in God's Economy
- **2nd The Manner in which those afflictions are described**
 - “Filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions”
 - Clear Up Confusion
 - This verse has caused some confusion in Church circles
 - The Catholic Church uses this verse to support the concept of Purgatory
 - The doctrine of Purgatory

- That there are some people who were so sinful, that Jesus couldn't have possibly atoned for all of their sins
- And so they need to help Jesus out by suffering a little more themselves in purgatory.
- Is that what Paul is suggesting here –
 - Answer is NO –
 - 1st Paul wasn't in a place called purgatory – suffering for his sins -
 - He was in Prison suffering for the cause of Christ
 - 2nd Paul had just spent v. 19-23
 - Discussing how the death of Christ on the Cross was fully sufficient to Redeem man And to Reconcile man to God
- Answer
 - The word lacking here does not refer to being insufficient
 - Christ suffering on the Cross was complete!!!
 - Fully Sufficient in ATONEMENT AND REDEMPTION PURPOSES
 - The word lacking here –
 - In relationship to Christ suffering –
 - Just means that his suffering isn't finished yet

- Jesus continues to suffer as His people / His Church sufferers
 - Example (Acts 9) Saul why do you persecute Me

- **Third: His Assignment v. 25**

- **1st His Role v. 25a**

Colossians 1:25 (NKJV)

25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

- **I Became a Minister - “Servant”**
 - Minister - based on the commission God gave to him
 - It has to be a CALLING
- **According to the stewardship from God bestowed upon me**
 - Stewardship – oikonomia (“house” + “law”)
 - Means: The management of a household or of household affairs; the management of other’s property
 - A steward was a slave who managed his master’s household, supervising the other servants, dispensing resources, and handling business and financial affairs.
- Paul says that God has given him something special to do.
 - Paul has been entrusted to take care of something in God’s household.
 - Paul referred to himself as the Bondservant – A WILLING SERVANT – one who could go free – chose to serve

- Lesson on Stewardship
- Paul viewed his ministry as a stewardship from the Lord.
 - The church is God's household (1 Tim. 3:15)
 - Paul was given the task of caring for, feeding, and leading the churches, for which he was accountable to God (Heb. 13:17)
 - **2nd His Responsibility v. 25b**

Colossians 1:25 (NKJV)

*25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God **which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,***

- To completely fulfill the ministry God gave him
 - That is to preach the whole counsel of God to those to whom God sent him

Acts 20:26–32 (NKJV)

26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

32 "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

The Revelation of The Mystery vs. 26-27

- **First: The mystery which has been hidden v. 26**

Colossians 1:26 (NKJV)

26 *the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.*

○ **1st The Mystery**

- The word MYSTERY is used 27 times in the New Testament
- In the Biblical sense, a mystery is not a riddle.
- It is a truth that can only be known by revelation
- Now it can be known, because it now has been revealed to His saints.

• **Second: Part of the mystery: that Jesus would actually indwell believers v. 27a**

Colossians 1:27 (NKJV)

27 *To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

○ **This Mystery**

- NOTE –
 - The OT predicted the coming of the Messiah and that the Gentiles would partake of salvation
 - (Is. 42:6; 45:21, 22; 49:6; 52:10; 60:1–3; Ps. 22:27; 65:5; 98:2, 3)
 - But it did not reveal that the Messiah would actually live in each member of His redeemed church, made up mostly of Gentiles
- The “Mystery”

Ephesians 3:3–6 (NKJV)

*3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,
4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),
5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:
6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,*

- The fact that the Gentiles would be in the same body with the Jews - equal to them in terms of the blessings and the inheritance - was a mystery.
- The fact that the Gentiles would be “fellow heirs” along with the Jews was amazing.
- The mystery is also about Jesus actually being “in” us.

• **Third: Christ in you, the hope of glory v. 27a**

Colossians 1:27 (NKJV)

*27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

○ **1st Christ IN you**

- This is the Christian’s hope of glory!
 - Our hope is NOT in
 - Our own hard work
 - Our devotion to God
 - The power of our own spirituality!
 - It is the abiding presence of Jesus - Christ IN YOU
 - Christ in you, the hope of glory
- The Person of Christ is dwelling in you

- MacDonald; *“The indwelling Christ is the believers’ hope of glory. We have no other title to heaven than the Savior Himself. The fact that He indwells us makes heaven as sure as if we were already there.”*

- Lesson

- Remember –

- Communion

- Do this in remembrance of me – We don’t want to forget Jesus

- So Remember 3 words:

- Purchased
- Possessed
- Permeated.
- His dying for me means that I am Christ-Purchased!
- His living in me means that I am Christ-Possessed!
- His working through me means that I am Christ-Permeated!

Paul’s Response to the Mystery vs. 28-29

- **First: Him we preach v. 28a**

Colossians 1:28 (NKJV)

28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

- **1st Preach**

- Preach – kataggello –
- Means: To announce, declare, make known; to proclaim publicly
- Difference – PREACHING and TEACHING
 - Preaching = Hearld
 - For the Non-Believer?
 - I believe Both
 - Teaching = Instructions
 - For the Believer?
 - I believe Both
- **2nd Preach Jesus**
 - **This was the focus of Paul's preaching!**
 - It's ALL About Jesus
 - He DID NOT preach
 - Himself
 - His opinions
 - A lot of entertaining stories.
 - He Preached Jesus
 - Jesus is the focal point of all the teaching

1 Corinthians 2:1–2 (NKJV)

1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

- When we call a person to Christ
 - It's not to a
 - Church
 - Religion
 - Creed
 - Philosophy
 - It is To Christ and a Personal Relationship with Him
- **A Lot of Other things we can talk about**
 - Psychology
 - Sel-Help
 - Ethics or morality and things of that nature
 - Social issues and concerns.
 - How to be a better?...
 - Parent
 - Spouse
 - Employee
 - BUT Christ is what makes the difference in all these areas of life
- **We Preach Christ**

- 1st Crucified for the sins of the world
- 2nd Risen and Alive
 - Living in the heart of all those who put their trust in Him!!
- 3rd The ONLY way to Heaven
- 4th Our ADVOCATE in heaven – Our defense attorney
- 5th Victorious Hero over the enemy
 - Which makes us more than conquerors thru Him who loved us
- 6th Our Merciful and faithful High Priest
 - Who can sympathize with us in our time of weakness

• **Second: Warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom v. 28b**

Colossians 1:28 (NKJV)

28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

○ **1st We DON'T LIKE WARNINGS**

▪ **If we are ALL Honest we DON'T like being Warned**

- We want to come to church to be
 - Encourage, strengthened all the good stuff
 - Warnings are not fun
 - We really don't like to focus on things that need to fixed

- **A Popular philosophy in some churches**

- The mentality is this

- We want Church to be a positive experience

- Feel like coming to Church was a good thing today

- We want people to feel good about themselves when they leave

- So - for that reason we are not going

- To talk about negative things –

- Not going to mention

- SIN

- Morality

- Biblical World View

- Etc...

- We're Not going to WARN

- We're Not going to ADMONISH / REBUKE Negative

- WE ONLY want to teach / build / comfort

- Talk about family

- Talk about being successful as a Christian in the home in the work place / at your hobbies

- That is a very popular approach to ministry –

- THESE CHURCHES SHOULD BE AVOIDED

- **The TRUE Church will Teach everything including the WARNINGS**

- It Will COMFORT – ENCOURAGE

- BUT ALSO

- WARN
- ADMONISH
- REBUKE

- Illustration

- Peters first 2 Sermons in (Acts 2-3)
- Very Direct, Clear, to the Point, REPENT that you can be forgiven

- **2nd Reason Why we WARN**

- **1st Biblical**

- 1st We see it here in this passage

- Warning – Greek: Noutheteo
- Means: To admonish, warn, exhort, counsel

- *Warning someone (to put to mind with the desire to stop them from doing something)*

- 2nd Jesus Warned

- He Spoke more about hell than anyone else – why?

- To warn
- 3rd Other Scriptures
 - To my knowledge and understanding of the Bible
 - I see the warnings in the Bible directed to the church just as much as the non-believers

Acts 20:31 (NKJV)

31 *Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.*

Romans 15:14 (NKJV)

14 *Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.*

1 Thessalonians 5:12 (NKJV)

12 *And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,*

Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)

16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)

16 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,*
17 *that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 4:2–5 (NKJV)

2 *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.*
3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;*
4 *and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*

5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

▪ **2nd REAL LOVE will WARN**

- Illustration
 - Parents Warn
 - Don't touch the Stove?
 - Why?!
 - Hurt
 - We warn them because we love them
 - Road Signs Warn
 - The bridge is out – STOP...!
- The Church That ONLY “Loves” & “Feeds” the sheep
 - *One Pastor said; “A Pastor who only feeds the sheep but doesn’t warn the sheep is only fattening the sheep up for the kill”*
 - ***Unknown; “Now there are a lot of Churches today who IGNORE this responsibility of Warning the Sheep, and you can only conclude from this – that they really don’t love their people”***

▪ **3rd Why A Pastor MUST Warn**

- 1st NOT every person that sits in church is a genuine believer
 - It is possible for people to sit in church their whole life and do many great things for the church BUT yet their hearts have never been converted

Matthew 7:22 (NKJV)

22 *Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'*

- 2nd False Teachers
 - Destroys
 - They will warn about the false teachers
- 3rd Church can lose its focus on Jesus
 - (Revelation 2-3)
- 4th Growth – Maturity
 - It all about GROWTH AND BEING MATURE
 - Able to STAND
- **3rd To TEACH with All Wisdom**

Colossians 1:28 (NKJV)

28 *Him we preach, warning every man and **teaching every man in all wisdom**, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.*

- Not JUST Knowledge BUT in Wisdom
 - Wuest; “In all wisdom” is more properly “in every wisdom,” that is, “in every kind of wisdom.”
 - THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD’S WORD

• **Third: That we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus v. 28c**

Colossians 1:28 (NKJV)

28 *Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, **that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.***

- **1st Present Ever Man Perfect**

- Paul's Goal

- Perfect?

- Not what we think
 - Better translated MARURE
 - Not a Baby anymore

- Paul's Goal

- Bring people to maturity in Christ
 - Not to dependence upon himself
 - Paul was PUSHING people towards CHRIST
 - *Hughes; "The phrase "to present to you the word of God" literally reads, "that I might complete the Word of God." The idea is to lay out the Word of God fully. People cannot know Christ better without knowing the Scriptures. Preaching (exposition) was the heart of God's call to Paul.*
 - *Hocking; "The goal of our admonishing and teaching is to produce a mature life, one that realizes the truth and the application of the statement, "Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

- **2nd Lesson**

- **1st Pastors who fail to teach ALL God's Word or only FEED and not WARN**

- Maybe drawing people to themselves only
 - "Big crowd look how important I am"

- **2nd God's Purpose for Preaching & Teaching – IS NOT**

- IS NOT to make you feel better about yourself
- IS NOT primarily to help you discover your purpose in life
- IS NOT so you can have a feel good experience
- IS NOT to make you more religious or moral
- IS NOT to make you more knowledgeable
- IS NOT to get you OFF Drugs
- IS NOT to help you feel connected to a community
- **3rd The goal is to present you PERFECT in Christ Jesus –**
 - The word perfect is complete – mature – stable
 - Make Disciples (Matthew 28)
 - God laid Out His plan (Acts 2)
 - My Heart I don't care HOW big the church –
 - As much as I care how Mature we are

• **Fourth: Striving according to His working which works in me mightily v. 29**

Colossians 1:29 (NKJV)

29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

- **1st Ministry is HARD work**
 - Words
 - Labor – Greek: Kopiao

- Means: To grow weary, tired, exhausted; to labor with wearisome effort
- Striving – Greek: Agonizomai (“agony”)
 - Means: Contend in the gymnastic games; to contend with adversaries, fight; to endeavor with strenuous zeal
- Sold OUT by God’s MIGHTY Strength
 - Paul gave the effort to serve and honor God with all his might
 - Paul’s work was empowered by God’s mighty strength
- **2nd Lesson**
 - Hard Work
 - Serving the Lord is not always easy
 - There can be times of joy, but there are also plenty of times of difficulty and tears.
 - The only way we can do this is with God’s strength.

Closing

- The Hope we HAVE – Christ in you, The Hope of GLORY
 - Shine your light

Communion

- First: Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- Second: Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- Third: Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26

- Fourth: Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;*

24 *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*

25 *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*