Today's Jesus 138

Do these things in remembrance of Me

Lk 22:7-23; Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26

** Opening Words ** ** Scripture Reading: Lk 22:7-23

1. The things that happened on Passover night

The main theme of the whole bible and the history of mankind is "salvation", and the main character is "Jesus Christ and His Body -- saints", and all these exists for the reason of preparing the eternal kingdom and glorious new things. There are two peaks in the bible and in history, one peak is "Passover", and the other is "the Cross", for the sake of these two events to be fulfilled, the history before and after were then able to have movement. Actually, the only highest in the whole history is the event of "God's lamb -- Christ being nailed on the cross", the former "Passover" is just only a symbolism of "the Cross". The salvation of this Cross descended upon the body of one man, and this brought about transformations of wonderful things in heaven, on earth and forevermore eternally; from the very start of the moment a blessed saint truthfully understands that "things that are incomparably wonderful" happened on his own self, that person's life, power and method are thus changed...

1) Until the night that the Israelites took the blood of the lamb and put it on sides and tops of the doorframes, they were freed...

- The loyalty of the Israelites, the 10 plaques instead caused Pharaoh's heart to be more hardened

- The night the blood of Israel's lamb was shed, the firstborn (power) of all Egypt were killed, Pharaoh's hardened heart was totally broken

- all the Israelites brought their own livestock, gold and jewels of Egypt, peacefully left the land of Egypt, moved towards the land flowing with milk and honey

- Israelites came out of Egypt, the doors of heaven opened, God's angels, pillars of cloud and fire guided them, the land which their feet stepped on - the Red Sea divided, roads formed out of the wilderness, rivers began their course in the desert, all the enemies are destroyed, 16 tribes and 31 kings were driven out, the nation of Israel was established.

2) For man to rely on his own wisdom, power and actions, there is absolutely no way to solve the sins, curses and death in him; this must wait till the time he hears Jesus Christ's gospel, receives the Holy Spirit, believes with his spirit changed...

- All the "sins, judgments, curses, death" on me becomes "righteousness, exhortations, eternity"...

- The power of the Devil, Satan, evil spirits are totally broken, losing their authority in me...

- The truth is discovered: originally, my identity is that of blessedly chosen child of God, heavenly kingdom is my eternal home, eternal portion of blessings are prepared for me, I am favored, loved, blessed, God's eternally perfect plan is hidden in my life...

- Out from death and into life, out from darkness and into light, severing from Satan to turn to Father God, out from curses into eternal blessings, problems become crown...

- The moment all my life's network contacts together become alive / the starting of thousand generations receiving blessings...

* Unlimited loving kindness of the heavenly Father, completeness of Christ's gospel, great power and might of the Holy Spirit, great powers of work of the heavenly angels and hosts can then be accomplished...

3) Therefore, we must know why God emphasized so much of the things we must keep in remembrance of

- In the whole bible, the importance for the unlimited number of times God emphasized "salvation" = Noah's ark, Abraham, Israel, Jesus Christ

- God told Abram to change his name, be circumcised, the forever and eternal covenant that I established with you and your descendants, if anyone may forget, he will be cut off from his people...

- <Ex 12:24> you must keep this decree, becoming the eternal decrees you, your sons and grandsons, must absolutely not forget...

- <Ex 23:14-17> 3 times a year, you must keep 3 festivals towards Me, remembering "Passover (Feast of

unleavened bread), Feast of Harvest, Feast of Ingathering", you must never not do...

- <Dt 6:1-9> Diligently teach your children, talk and discuss in the home and on the road, lie down and wake up, tie as symbols on hands, bind on foreheads...

- <Lk 22:19> You must also do this in remembrance of Me...

- The peak of Jesus Christ holy work / the focus of apostles' witness in Christ's gospel (death and resurrection) <Acts 2:14-36, 3:15, 1Co 2:2>

4) Forgetting, will bring about grave and deadly injuries

- Because, in what causes people to receive life, this is the mandatory indispensable foundation for establishing a relationship with God

- Because this is the mandatory indispensable foundation to allow saints to restore Emmanuel living

- Because this is the mandatory indispensable foundation for establishing the relationship and fitting together "between parts of His Body"

- Therefore, this foundation is the concentration of Satan's attacks towards saints with all concealments, deceptions and accusations

- Saints in the midst of Christian living have all their weaknesses coming from forgetting this "event which happened on Passover"...

2. Took bread, broke it, and gave it to them, eat My flesh, drink My blood <Lk 22:19, Jn 6:24-65>

"... On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ... The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." <Jn 6:60-63>

1) How to eat Christ's flesh, drink Christ's blood?

- Eating flesh and drinking blood is the significance of "the change of all the life" = the change that is newly created, of identity, fate, belonging, inheritance

- The Lord said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven... Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me." < Jn 6:51,45>

= Hearing God's word and Christ's gospel, and thus receiving the Holy Spirit's conviction, willing to believe, accept, follow Jesus Christ, because of they believed, their spirit changed to become Christ's spirit, receiving Christ's spirit, they can receive Christ's thoughts, judgments, words, works ...

* "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away." <Jn 6:37> "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day." <Jn 6:44>

2) The result of eating Christ's flesh and drinking Christ's blood < Jn 6:53-65>

(1) Eternally severed from "sin, curses, death, Satan's authority", and always preserve setting apart as holy from the world <Jn 6:53, Eph 2:1-3, Actrs 2:37-38, Acts 26:18>

"I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you..." <In 6:53>

(2) My flesh has become Christ's Body, my blood becomes Christ's Blood = having received Christ's life, inheritance, fate <Jn 6:56, Eph 2:4-6, Ro 6:1-11>

- Willing to die and resurrect with Christ, wanting to receive the Spirit, thoughts, words, works of Christ "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him..." <Jn 6:56>

(3) In our everyday living, must live out Christ's example <Jn 6:57, Gal 2:20, Php 3:10-11, Ro 12:1-2>

"Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me..."

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me..."

(4) Must become one with parts of Christ's Body (Joined together), together build up Christ's Body <Mt 22:36-40, Jn 13:34-35, 17:11, Eph 4:1-16, Eph 4:32, Col 3:14>

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.." "Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your Name - the Name you gave me - so that they may be one as we are one..."

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." <Eph 4:32>

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." <Col 3:14>

(5) Be prepared in season and out of season to testify Christ's "Death and Resurrection", acquiring "unfound parts of Christ's Body", telling Christ's Body to grow gradually <Jn 17:18, 20-21, Mt 28:18-20, Ac 1:8, 2Ti 4:2, Ac 4:20>

"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world... My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one..."

"Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction." <2Ti 4:2>

"For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." <Acts 4:20>

3. You must also do this in remembrance of Me

* The Lord's meaning in telling us to "remember" does not refer to that of "historic, festive, or ritualistic" remembrance, but refers to "remember by twenty-four hours, in all things", in other words "do not forget at all times in all things", or in yet other words "take these things to become your fixed perspective, in all things, use this perspective to test and approve My perfect will". This is because in the days when saints are on earth, the enemy Satan attacks saints and the church of Christ at all times in all places (concealment, accusation, deception), the moment once saints forget "Christ's death and resurrection", all that is thought of or spoken of becomes "wrong"...

1) How to make remember?

- The purpose of remembrance: always at all places, on all things acquire the Emmanuel Lord's protection, providence, guidance

- Hence, fixed times for remembering is also needed (Holy Communion, Sunday Worship, Discipleship Meeting, Fixed time prayers)

- Sometimes, concentration remembrance is needed (turning point in life, in great sufferings, when important things are arriving)

2) In remembrance, the things to take special note of = the diversity of strong saint and weak saint, and the things from here

(1) In the "Passover Supper (the Last Supper)", the content Lord Jesus especially emphasized <Jn 13-17>

" Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me... But take heart! I have overcome the world..."

- Eternal life / must see God with us, guiding us, prayer answered, loving one another, sending you to acquire unfound parts of Christ's Body, victory, fruits

(2) Build the life relationship of "one-to-one with the Lord" <Jn 1:48, 21:22>

"I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

"If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

- Suffered, judged, cursed, died in replacement for me, eternally together resurrect with Me...

- Redemption, conversation, guidance, accomplishment, judgment, rewards... are all one-to-one...

(3) Centered upon "salvation", build life ideology <Eph 4:1>

" I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

- Taking the revelation of "out from Egypt till land of Canaan to acquire inheritance", applying to my own life, past, present, future...

- Firm up self's eternal identity, relationship, inheritance, take the content that is firmed up apply on all the conditions, workings, interpersonal relationships of your own

(4) The importance of the relationships, loving one another, praying for one another of parts of Christ's Body <Mt 18:15-20, Ja 5:16>

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."

- One Father, one Lord, one Spirit, one Baptism, one Body, one inheritance, one vision, one method

- each do his best according to duty, harmonize together / life exchange / efficacy of intercession
(5) Deeply believe the things that happen when praying, always enjoy the power and effect of prayer
- Re 8:3-5, Da 10:10-14>

"The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand."

"Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, do not be afraid... I have come in response to your words"

- Every time when praying, once again the events on Passover night will happen, the events of Red Sea dividing, scalding to make enemies retreat will happen again...

- Use prayers to enjoy all the portion of blessings brought by salvation...

** This is the method that is the easiest and lightest

** Ending Words

****** Prayer Topics

1) Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him...": I have already understood the spiritual meaning of "eating Christ's flesh and drinking Christ's blood"? In my life, are there evidences that I have eaten and drunk before? How is the "one-to-one" life relationship that I have built with the Lord?

2) You must also do this in remembrance of Me: Blessed saints shall center upon "salvation", build up the life ideology, at all times, in all things must remember salvation! Do I accord to the perspective of "salvation", knowing the world, knowing history, knowing all of myself? If I center by salvation, building life ideology, acquiring the principles of living operating system, expanding interpersonal relationships, how should it be in my own situations?

3) The importance of the relationships, loving one another, praying for one another of parts of Christ's Body: The Lord Christ had broken His Own Body and shed His Own Blood for the sake of all of the parts of His Body. Do I clearly understand "the perfect will and portion of blessings that are hidden in the midst of parts of Christ's Body"? Who and what is the content that I am praying for presently? Are the other parts of Christ's Body also praying always for me? What effect have you seen?