

“Remembering My/Our Redeemer”

Selected Scripture

Devotional Idea: The celebration of communion calls for individuals to remember Christ's work of redemption for them, but it also calls for individuals to remember that their union with Christ connects them with other believers who are also part of the body of Christ.

The Savior's Work for Sinners: Note the use of the singular in these verses, reflecting the individual nature of Christ's work of redemption. As you celebrate communion, remember Christ's gracious work of salvation in your life!

- > *"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"(Jn. 1:29)*
- > *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." (Jn. 3:16-18)*

The Union with the Body of Christ: Note that after an individual is born again, he/she is placed in the body of Christ with other redeemed sinners.

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> *"And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all." (Eph. 1:22-23)*
- > *"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Eph. 4:4-6)*

Reflecting "My/Our" Redemption in Communion: As you celebrate communion, remember Christ's body which is reflected in you and other believers you are partaking with.

Celebrating Christ's Unifying Work of Grace

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Colossians 3:12-14 (ESV)