

# Foundations — My Life In Christ — Unit 1

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## A Spiritual Memorial

The **Marine Corps War Memorial** stands as a **symbol** of this grateful Nation's esteem for the honored dead of the U.S. Marine Corps. While the statue depicts **one of the most famous incidents of World War II**, the memorial is dedicated to all Marines who have given their lives in the defense of the United States since 1775.

“**Uncommon valor was a common virtue.**” Admiral Chester Nimitz

- I. **1 Cor 11:23-33** For I **received** from the Lord that which I also **delivered** to you: ... do this **in remembrance of Me.** ... **"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. ...

## II. **Background:** Passover Meal

- A. Exodus 12:5-8, 11-15 Your lamb shall be without blemish, ... 6 ... the fourteenth day of the same month. ... the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 ... take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts

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and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. ... 14 “So this day shall be to you a memorial; ...

### a. COMPELLING NIGHT OF TRANSITION AFTER YEARS OF BONDAGE AND SUFFERING!

B. Luke 22:1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. ... 8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat.” ... 15 Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ... 19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ... 20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

a. John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

### b. JESUS ESTABLISHES HIMSELF AS THE PASSEVER LAMB

C. 1Cor. 5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

D. Believers are encouraged to regularly remember. Christ’s suffering and death. (reminds us: who we are, who He is, the price of our salvation)

## III. Key Words, phrases, & truths:

### A. “... and when He had given thanks ... — Eucharist

a. **Jn 17:4,6, 12** ... finished the work... gave them to me... kept them... received the words... believed the Father sent Jesus...

b. **Joy was set before** Him on a path that went through a graphic, brutal, yet underserved scourging and crucifixion. **Heb 12:2**

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- B. “... **take eat** this is **my body**...”, broke it and gave it to them -
- Truly partaking of Jesus — **John 6:54-56** Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For My flesh is **food indeed**, and My blood is **drink indeed**. 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.
  - John 4:34** Jesus said to them, “**My food** is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.
- C. “**This cup is the new covenant in my blood.**” drink it... “For **this My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins** Matt 26:28 (Lev 7:26;
- John 7:37-39 “... If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me ...”
  - Heb 9:22 “... and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”
- D. “New Covenant” — **Heart Transformation!**— picturing a binding agreement between God and man – when through trusting faith you received Jesus Christ’s death as your sacrifice for sin, you became a child of God.
- Regeneration - Titus 3:5** not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of **regeneration** and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
  - Born again - John 3:3-8** Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
  - 1 Cor 6:11** And such were some of you. But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
- E. “... **proclaim the Lord’s death ...**” 1Cor 11:26. We **remember the price paid**, the object of the suffering, and the response of God to it.
- Heb. 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.
  - Why is the objective to **proclaim the Lord’s death** until He comes? 2Tim. 2:11 “This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.” (Gal. 2:20)

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- F. **Communion** - 1Cor. 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? (Acts 2:42 ... fellowship ...)
- G. "... **Unworthy manner... not discerning the Lord's body ...**"
- a. 1 Cor 12:15-20 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ... 20 But now indeed there are many members, yet one body ... 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.
- H. What are the benefits of keeping the Lord's Table?
- a. I'm encouraged to continue to partake of Him in my life
  - b. Remembering His great love for me – secures my heart
  - c. Remembering His great love for my neighbor – calls me to join Him in His ongoing work
  - d. Physical well-being
  - e. Practical opportunity to put materialism in perspective

## IV. Conclusion:

- A. **Remember** —
- B. **Examine yourself** – **Ps 19:12-14** Who can understand his **errors**? **Cleanse** me from secret faults. ...; 2Cor. 13:5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. ... unless indeed you are disqualified.
- C. **Position or reposition Yourself:** **Jn 15:7** if you abide in me and my words... ask / I would rather be involved in what God is doing than to waste my time with a futile agenda for myself, the church, the community, my family
- D. Respond afresh to what God has done for me. Christ has conquered the great hill and positioned Himself to work in your life for the good of His kingdom. This act is a snapshot of His victory. See it! Appreciate it! Personalize it! Receive inspiration from it! We can not allow His great deed to be viewed casually.
- a. Whose flag is flying over your heart?

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- b. The Kingdom of God is within you... power... righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit - Rom 14:17
- c. **2 Cor 8:9** For you know the **grace of our Lord Jesus Christ** that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.
- d. **2 Cor 9:8-9** And God is able to make all **grace abound toward you**, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 9 As it is written: "*He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.*"