

LORD'S SUPPER



STATS ON FORGETFULNESS

- According to researcher Karen Bolla, everyone forgets at one time or another.
- These are the six things people most often forget:
 - (6). faces 42%
 - (5). what was said 49%
 - (4). words 53%
 - (3). telephone numbers 57%
 - (2). where something is 60%
 - (1). names 83%

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- According to researcher Karen Bolla, everyone forgets at one time or another.
- And if you can't remember whether you've just done something, you join 38 percent of the population.

- **Joshua 24:31 NIV** Israel served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the Lord had done for Israel.
- **Judges 2:10 NLT** After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel.
 - Acknowledge = Understand, discern the importance of, to be informed

One generation who had heard the stories from the grandfathers and possibly fathers

- The did not forget God, they just forgot how important he was to their nation and themselves
- They forgot the person of God, His promises and warnings
- Jesus taught in parables, but God used Israel as a living parable in all His workings with them

The result of Jesus' substitutional sacrifice can be most clearly seen in the Passover

- God redeemed a people for himself out of all the populations on earth
- He redeemed them from the overwhelming power of Egyptian slavery
- He bought them out with might works and set them in a new kingdom they neither earned or purchased

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- Jesus whittled it down to two and both deal with identification

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- Baptism identifies us with Jesus after salvation
 - As if Jesus were still here where we would come up to Him, bow before Him and pledge our lives to Him
- The Lord's Supper identifies us with the cross of Jesus and the New Covenant between a Holy God and sinful mankind

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- **Luke 22:14-18 NIV** 14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. 15 And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

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- **Luke 22:14-18 NIV** 17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. 18 For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

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- Notice he said twice about not eating/drinking because of the Passover again until God's Kingdom comes
 - Finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God
 - Fruit of the vine represents the covenant of the Old Testament

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- This prophecy is fulfilled in two parts
 - The Kingdom of God is on earth in the hearts and minds of born-again people of God
 - This finds ultimate fulfillment when the visible Kingdom of God comes to earth in Jesus' 1,000-year reign

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- We now live under the New Covenant of faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross
- This finds ultimate fulfillment when we are blessed with our glorified bodies and united with Christ forever

The Lord's Supper is made up of two parts emphasizing each of Jesus' points earlier

- The bread represents Jesus' body given in place of yours
- **Luke 22:19 NIV** And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

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- It was a single piece of bread broken and given to each disciple
 - One body given for all mankind
 - Unity of the body of Christ

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- **Isaiah 53:5-6 NLT** But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. 6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.
- Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

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- The cup represents the New Covenant between sinful man and God
- **Luke 22:20 NIV** In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

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- Covenants in the Old Testament were always sealed with a sacrifice, the shedding of blood
- The sacrificial system was imperfect in being able to present mankind faultless, so it had to be repeated often
- **Hebrews 10:4 NIV** It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

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- The New Covenant is also sealed in blood, but with the perfect blood of Jesus Christ
- **1st Peter 1:18-19 NIV** 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
- Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

- **Genesis 9:12:13 NLT** 12 Then God said, “I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. 13 I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth.”
 - The rainbow is a sign to us that God has made a covenant with all the earth to never destroy it by flood again

- In the same way, we can observe the Lord's Supper and accept it as God's sign that mankind is under a New Covenant of grace because of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ or Lord
- When they had sung a hymn, they went out
Matthew 26:30 NIV

Song – 3rd Verse of “It Is well”

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul
It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

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