



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

▶ SUNDAY

THF Family Swim Night - TTU Leisure Pool
7:30pm-9:30pm

▶ THURSDAY

THF Men - Bible Study & Fellowship
6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

▶ AUGUST 21

THF Students Semester Kick-Off

▶ AUGUST 25

LIFE GROUP Sign Ups Begin

August 11, 2024

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

www.theheightsfellowship.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

August 4, 2024

BUDGET GIVING: \$18,949.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$18,919.00

YEAR TO DATE

BUDGET GIVING: \$609,008.57

BUDGET NEEDS: \$583,787.00

CORE TRUTHS

PAID IN FULL

18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. 19 He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 20 God chose him for this purpose long before the world began, but now in these final days, he was sent to the earth for all to see. And he did this for you.

1 Peter 1:18-20 nlt

Core Truth:

EVERY PAST SIN - ALL CURRENT SINS - EVEN FUTURE SINS WERE ACCOUNTED AND PAID FOR ON THE CROSS!

There are two Christian practices that picture this:

BAPTISM and **THE LORDS SUPPER**

READ 1 COR
11:23-28

A Distinction: HISTORY IS FULL OF PEOPLE WHO WERE MARTYRED OVER THES DEFINITIONS

We refer to both baptism and the Lord's Supper as **ORDINANCES**, rather than **SACRAMENTS**

Sacrament - from the idea of **sacrifice**...[Jesus] **continues** to make sensible things the **CHANNEL** of that grace by which our lives are elevated and sanctified. In baptism we are born again; in confirmation we grow up to perfect men in Christ..." etc. **BASICALLY CLAIMS JESUS CONTINUES TO BE SACRIFICE IN THE ACT OF THE SACRAMENT**

Ordinance - refers to that which is **ORDAINED** or instituted... outward rites prescribed by Christ to be performed by His Church" ... ordinances are **SYMBOLIC** in nature and neither contain in themselves nor convey to others the GRACE of God.

Why Not a Sacrament (Sacrifice)?

- It overlooks the **FINISHED** work of Jesus on the cross! Heb 7:27
- It ignores the **HIGH PRIESTLY** work of Jesus! Heb 9:12
- It undermines Jesus' **NECESSARY HUMANITY** ! 1 Cor 15:45-46

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit...
1 Peter 3:18

I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.
- JESUS (John 6:35)

Observing and Celebrating the Lord's Supper as *representative* of Jesus' sacrifice recognizes our need for **RIGHTEOUSNESS** is satisfied only in Him

Jesus is very clear that His introduction and instruction of the ordinances are to taken **SPIRITUALLY** !

John 6 -

51 "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh." ... 54 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink...63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; **the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.**

8 Things the Lord's Supper Does

- 1 It **PROCLAIMS** the gospel 1 Cor 11:26
- 2 It properly recalls the **MINISTRY** of Jesus 1 Cor 11:24-25
- 3 It lets the believer's soul/faith **FEAST** John 6:35
- 4 It focuses believers' attention on the **NEW COVENANT** Jer 31:31-34

But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 "And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.

Jeremiah 31:33-34

THE NEW COVENANT

- ✓ God's promise to **FORGIVE** us
Matthew 26:28
- ✓ God's promise to **INTERNALIZE** it within us 2 Cor 3:6
- ✓ God's promise that we will personally **KNOW** Him
- ✓ God's promise that we will be **HIS PEOPLE**

- 5 It calls the believer to **LOVE** the church 1 Cor 11:17-22
- 6 It causes the believer to take a good look at his **LIFE** 1 Cor 11:27-29
- 7 It leads the believer to reflect on his **PARTICIPATION** in the life of Jesus
16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread. 18 Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
- 8 It looks forward to the **RETURN** of Jesus Matthew 26:29