

The Memorial of Christ's death on Friday evening, April 19, 2019, will be the most important meeting of the entire year. What motivates us to attend that event? No doubt, we want to please Jehovah. In this article, we will consider what our attendance at the Memorial as well as at our weekly meetings says about us.

(1 Corinthians 11:26) For whenever you eat this loaf and drink this cup, you keep proclaiming the death of the Lord, until he comes.

Paragraph 2

(Luke 22:19) Also, he took a loaf, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: “This means my body, which is to be given in your behalf. Keep doing this in remembrance of me.”

Paragraph 3

(3 John 9) I wrote something to the congregation, but Di-ot're-phes, who likes to have the first place among them, does not accept anything from us with respect.

(Isaiah 30:20) Though Jehovah will give you bread in the form of distress and water in the form of oppression, your Grand Instructor will no longer hide himself, and you will see your Grand Instructor with your own eyes.

(John 6:45) It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by Jehovah.’ Everyone who has listened to the Father and has learned comes to me.

Paragraph 4

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26) For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night on which he was going to be betrayed took a loaf, 24 and after giving thanks, he broke it and said: “This means my body, which is in your behalf. Keep doing this in remembrance of me.” 25 He did the same with the cup also, after

they had the evening meal, saying: “This cup means the new covenant by virtue of my blood. Keep doing this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For whenever you eat this loaf and drink this cup, you keep proclaiming the death of the Lord, until he comes.

Paragraph 5

(Isaiah 50:4) The Sovereign Lord Jehovah has given me the tongue of those taught, So that I may know how to answer the tired one with the right word. He awakens me morning by morning; He awakens my ear to listen like the taught ones.

(Zechariah 8:20-23) “This is what Jehovah of armies says, ‘It will yet come to pass that peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will come; 21 and the inhabitants of one city will go to those of another and say: “Let us earnestly go to beg for the favor of Jehovah and to seek Jehovah of armies. I am also going.” 22 And many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek Jehovah of armies in Jerusalem and to beg for the favor of Jehovah.’ 23 “This is what Jehovah of armies says, ‘In those days ten men out of all the languages of the nations will take hold, yes, they will take firm hold of the robe of a Jew, saying: “We want to go with you, for we have heard that God is with you people.””

(Psalm 40:17) But I am helpless and poor; May Jehovah pay attention to me. You are my helper and my rescuer; My God, do not delay.

(Matthew 17:5) While he was still speaking, look! a bright cloud overshadowed them, and look! a voice out of the cloud said: “This is my Son, the beloved, whom I have approved. Listen to him.”

(Matthew 18:20) For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst.”

(Matthew 28:20) teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things.”

Paragraph 6

(2 Samuel 22:28) For you save those who are humble, But your eyes are against the haughty, and you abase them.

(John 6:44) No man can come to me unless the Father, who sent me, draws him, and I will resurrect him on the last day.

Paragraph 7

(Luke 22:41, 42) And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw away, and he bent his knees and began to pray, 42 saying: “Father, if you want to, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, let, not my will, but yours take place.”

Paragraph 8

(Matthew 20:17-19) While going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the 12 disciples aside privately and said to them on the road: 18 “Look! We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death 19 and hand him over to men of the nations to be mocked and scourged and executed on a stake; and on the third day he will be raised up.”

(Matthew 26:36) Then Jesus came with them to the spot called Geth·sem'a·ne, and he said to the disciples: “Sit down here while I go over there and pray.”

(Matthew 26:46) Get up, let us go. Look! My betrayer has drawn near.”

(John 18:3-8) So Judas brought the detachment of soldiers and officers of the chief priests and of the Pharisees and came there with torches and

lamps and weapons. 4 Then Jesus, knowing all the things that were going to happen to him, stepped forward and said to them: “Whom are you looking for?” 5 They answered him: “Jesus the Naz·a·rene'.” He said to them: “I am he.” Now Judas, his betrayer, was also standing with them. 6 However, when Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 So he asked them again: “Whom are you looking for?” They said: “Jesus the Naz·a·rene'.” 8 Jesus answered: “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.”

Paragraph 9

(Hebrews 13:3) Keep in mind those in prison, as though you were imprisoned with them, and those being mistreated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

(Philippians 1:3-5) I thank my God always when I remember you 4 in every supplication of mine for all of you. I offer each supplication with joy, 5 because of the contribution you have made to the good news from the first day until this moment.

(Philippians 1:12-14) Now I want you to know, brothers, that my situation has actually turned out for the advancement of the good news, 13 so that my prison bonds for the sake of Christ have become public knowledge among all the Prae·to'ri·an Guard and all the rest. 14 Now most of the brothers in the Lord have gained confidence because of my prison bonds, and they are showing all the more courage to speak the word of God fearlessly.

(Hebrews 10:24, 25) And let us consider one another so as to incite to love and fine works, 25 not forsaking our meeting together, as some have the custom, but encouraging one another, and all the more so as you see the day drawing near.

(Hebrews 13:1) Let your brotherly love continue.

Paragraph 10

(Ephesians 1:7) By means of him we have the release by ransom through the blood of that one, yes, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his undeserved kindness.

(Revelation 22:17) And the spirit and the bride keep on saying, “Come!” and let anyone hearing say, “Come!” and let anyone thirsting come; let anyone who wishes take life’s water free.

Paragraph 12

(Romans 5:8) But God recommends his own love to us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

(2 Corinthians 5:14, 15) For the love the Christ has compels us, because this is what we have concluded, that one man died for all; so, then, all had died. 15 And he died for all so that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised up.

Paragraph 13

(Mark 12:41-44) And he sat down with the treasury chests in view and began observing how the crowd was dropping money into the treasury chests, and many rich people were dropping in many coins. 42 Now a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins of very little value. 43 So he called his disciples to him and said to them: “Truly I say to you that this poor widow put in more than all the others who put money into the treasury chests. 44 For they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her want, put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Paragraph 14

(Luke 22:39-46) On leaving, he went as was his custom to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples also followed him. 40 On arriving at the place, he said to them: “Carry on prayer so that you do not enter into temptation.” 41 And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw away, and he bent his knees and began to pray, 42 saying: “Father, if you want to, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, let, not my will, but yours take place.” 43 Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 But he was in such agony that he kept praying more earnestly; and his sweat became as drops of blood falling to the ground. 45 When he rose from prayer and went to the disciples, he found them slumbering, exhausted from grief. 46 He said to them: “Why are you sleeping? Get up and keep praying, so that you do not enter into temptation.”

(Matthew 20:28) Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his life as a ransom in exchange for many.”

Paragraph 15

(Galatians 6:10) So, then, as long as we have the opportunity, let us work what is good toward all, but especially toward those related to us in the faith.

(Matthew 18:14) Likewise, it is not a desirable thing to my Father who is in heaven for even one of these little ones to perish.

Paragraph 16

(1 Thessalonians 5:8-11) But as for us who belong to the day, let us keep our senses and put on the breastplate of faith and love and the hope of salvation as a helmet 9 because God assigned us, not to wrath, but to the acquiring of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us, so that whether we stay awake or are asleep, we should live together with him. 11 Therefore, keep encouraging one another

and building one another up, just as you are in fact doing.

(John 3:16) “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life.

HOW DOES OUR ATTENDANCE AT
CONGREGATION MEETINGS SHOW . . .

▪ humility?

▪ courage?

▪ love?
