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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

/Happy Father's Day!

Great Father's Day Quote

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." Dad would reply, "We're not raising grass...we're raising boys!"\

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is July 7, 2013\

/Happy Birthday!

Joe Shea

June 14\

/Happy Birthday!

Dave Hall

June 15\

Now let's take the offering...let's welcome up Deacon Elliott Clark.

/THE OFFERING

Deacon Elliott Clark\

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/JOH 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."\

/Remember to give with the motivation suggested in Scripture

2CO 9:7

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful (grace oriented) giver.\

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/SONG

Whosoever\

/THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Cross Gives All Mankind Hope

To celebrate our physical unity, we take some time at the close of our homecoming celebration to enjoy the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is a table of fellowship designed by God for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a reenactment of a portion of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread...the Passover Celebration. It is a commemoration of the Person and the finished Work of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Cross. John Chapter 19, Verse 30 says...

/JOH 19:30

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

What is the significance of the Cross?

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

In the beginning, not a beginning, God, in His very person was unconditional love...First John, Chapter 4, Verse 8 says...

/1JO 4:8

The one who does not love (unconditionally) does not know God, for God is (unconditional) love.

God’s motivation for creating angelic and human creatures was unconditional love. And He created them in a state of perfection...Ezekiel, Chapter 28, Verse 15a says...

/EZE 28:15a

“You (Satan...the first angelic creature) were blameless in your ways from the day you were created...”

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Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 27 says...

/GEN 1:27

God (the Son) created man(kind) in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male (Adam) and female (Isha) He created them.

The CREATOR and HIS CREATURES were created from the beginning in a state of perfection, and in perfect relationship. The sin of CREATURES broke the relationship. Ezekiel, Chapter 28, Verse 15b says...

/EZE 28:15b

...(you were blameless) until unrighteousness was found in you (Satan).

Genesis, Chapter 3, Verse 6 says...

/GEN 3:6

When the woman (Isha) saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband (Adam) with her, and he ate.

Creatures sinned. Sin has a penalty...spiritual death. Ezekiel, Chapter 28, Verse 16 says...

/EZE 28:16

I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have cast you (Satan) as profane From the mountain of God.

Genesis, Chapter 2, Verse 17 says...

/GEN 2:17

“...from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely (die spiritually then you will) die (physically).”

When we creatures sin, when we make mistakes, we want to redeem ourselves...Genesis, Chapter 3, Verse 7 says...

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/GEN 3:7

*Then the eyes of both of them (Adam and Isha) were opened, and they knew that they were naked (because they sinned); and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings (to redeem themselves). *

Unfortunately for creatures, God is not satisfied with self-righteousness...
God is not satisfied with self-redemption. Isaiah, Chapter 64, Verse 6...

/ISA 64:6

*For all of us have become like one who is unclean (a woman who is menstruating), and all our (self) righteous deeds are like a filthy garment (a used tampon)... *

And so creatures were condemned because of their sin...First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verse 22 says...

/1CO 15:22

*For as in (our position in union with) Adam all (human creatures) die (spiritually from physical birth)... *

Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 12 says...

/ROM 5:12

*Therefore, just as through one man (Adam, the) sin (nature) entered into the world, and (spiritual) death through (the) sin (nature), and so (spiritual) death spread to all men, because all (mankind were considered to have) sinned (when Adam sinned) — *

And then there was the Cross.

<CHRIST HANGING FROM THE CROSS SLIDE>

It is the work of Christ on the Cross that we celebrate at the Lord's Supper. For one man, the God-Man, the uniquely born One, the Lord Jesus Christ, volunteered for the ultimate sacrifice by laying down His life to restore the broken relationship between God and Man. He became the mediator of a new covenant, and in His very Person invited the two hostile parties, God and Man, to a new testament, a new fellowship, in His blood. Colossians, Chapter 1, Verses 19 and 20 say...

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/COL 1:19

For it was (God) the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ)...

/COL 1:20

...and through Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His Cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Colossians, Chapter 2, Verses 13 and 14 say...

/COL 2:13

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions...

/COL 2:14

...having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the Cross.

The Cross made everything new.

/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Enjoying the Elements

Obeying our God's request, we keep on celebrating CHRIST on a regular basis through the Lord's Supper...we eat to remember who He is...His Person...we drink to remember His Work at the Cross, the voluntary sacrifice He made on our behalf...and we are grateful. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 23 and 24 say...

/1CO 11:23-24

For I (Paul) received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus (Christ) in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; //and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is (and keeps on being) My body, which is (broken) for you; (keep on) do(ing) this in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me."

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When we eat the bread during the Lord's Supper celebration, we remember the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 25 and 26 say...

/1CO 11:25-26

In the same way He (the Lord Jesus Christ) took the cup (representing His death on the Cross) also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant (testament) in (the sphere of) My blood (in spiritual and physical death); (keep on) do(ing) this, as often as you drink it, in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me.//For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."\

When we drink the cup, we remember the Work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please enjoy the bread and the cup. As you do, we'll listen to the Lord's Supper Song...GIVE THANKS.

/LORD'S SUPPER SONG

Give Thanks\

<CROSS WITHOUT JESUS ON IT>

Today when we look at the Cross, Jesus is no longer hanging there. Why? Matthew, Chapter 28, Verses 5 and 6 say...

/MAT 28:5

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified."\

/MAT 28:6

He (the Lord Jesus Christ) is not here, for He has risen (He is resurrected from the Dead), just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.\

For us believers in Christ, we can say with confidence, as a result of His death on the Cross and His resurrection from the dead...

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/THE BELIEVER’S CONFIDENCE

I believe that God’s work on my behalf is finished.

I believe that I am perfectly acceptable in God’s Eyes

I believe that I will live with God for all eternity\

...we live the resurrection life, the Zoe Life, the life AFTER the Cross.

John Chapter 19, Verse 30...

/JOH 19:30

*Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!”
And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.*

The Lord Jesus Christ’s finished work on the Cross accomplished many things for all of us. First, unlimited atonement...

/Unlimited Atonement

Salvation is open to everyone

JOH 3:16

*“For God (the Father) so loved the world (all mankind unconditionally),
that He gave His only begotten (uniquely born) Son (the Lord Jesus Christ),
that WHOEVER believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*

The Lord Jesus Christ’s work on the Cross accomplished redemption...there was no need for creatures to do the impossible...to redeem themselves...so Christ did the redeeming...He purchased our freedom from the penalty of sin...

/Redemption

The penalty of sin is paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ

1PE 1:18-19

...knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, //but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

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The Lord Jesus Christ's work on the Cross accomplished expiation.

/Expiation

The certificate of debt for sin and the guilt for sin is cancelled because the Lord Jesus Christ made amends for us...

COL 2:13-14

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, //having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the Cross.

The Lord Jesus Christ's work on the Cross accomplished regeneration...we moved from spiritual death to spiritual birth...we are born again...

/Regeneration

You are born again...the spiritual birth

TIT 3:5

He (the Lord Jesus Christ) saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in (self) righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and (by the) renewing by (God) the Holy Spirit...

The Lord Jesus Christ's work on the Cross accomplished righteousness...we are made perfect through an imputation on our behalf...a crediting to our account of absolute righteousness...

/Righteousness

You receive the imputation of absolute righteousness at the moment of salvation

2CO 5:21

He (God the Father) made Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) who knew no sin (nature) to be (the perfect payment for) sin on our behalf, so that we might become the (absolute) righteousness of God in (union with) Him.

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The Lord Jesus Christ's work on the Cross accomplished justification...we are declared righteous through out the heavens, after receiving absolute righteousness by means of imputation, so that it is clear to everyone that God sees us as perfectly acceptable forever, as an established and irrevocable fact.

/Justification

You are declared righteous throughout the heavens

ROM 5:1

*Therefore, having been justified by (means of) faith (by being legally declared by God to be in the sphere of God's absolute righteousness as an established and irrevocable fact in the past), we (believers in Christ now) have peace with God (the Father) through our Lord Jesus Christ... *

The Lord Jesus Christ's work on the Cross accomplished propitiation. God the Father could never be satisfied with any attempt His creatures made to save themselves, because such an attempt would be totally inadequate...but God the Father is totally satisfied and ONLY satisfied with the work of the Lord Jesus Christ on our behalf.

/Propitiation

God the Father is totally satisfied and ONLY satisfied with the Lord Jesus Christ's salvation work on our behalf

1JO 2:1-2

*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; //and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. *

The Lord Jesus Christ's work on the Cross allowed God the Holy Spirit to place us into an unbreakable union with the Lord Jesus Christ.

/Union with Christ

God the Holy Spirit places us into union with Christ at the moment of salvation...a union we can never lose

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ROM 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life (that comes from being) in (union with) Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of (the) sin (nature) and (the law) of (spiritual) death.

The Lord Jesus Christ's work on the Cross accomplished reconciliation.

/Reconciliation

God holds nothing against us...we are at peace with God

2CO 5:20

Therefore, we (believers in Christ) are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us (because He is); we beg you (unbelievers) on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (as we are).

The Lord Jesus Christ's work on the Cross accomplished eternal security.

/Eternally Secure

You cannot ever, under any circumstance, EVER lose your salvation

JOH 10:28

...and I (the lord Jesus Christ) give eternal life to them (believers in Christ), and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

/Eternally Secure

You cannot ever, under any circumstance lose your salvation

ROM 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, //nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<CROSS WITHOUT JESUS ON IT>

Because the Lord Jesus Christ is risen, we have hope.

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Do you?