

# A Short Communion Word

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[ 0 : 00 ] Matthew 26 from verse 26. And the Lord Jesus is here and it says, Matthew 26 verse 26. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it and break it and gave it to the disciples and said, take, eat, this is my body.

And he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them saying, drink ye all of it. For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shared for many for the remission of sins.

But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it near with you in my father's kingdom.

Notice verse 28. It says, for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shared for many for the remission of sins. I want to make three points briefly this morning.

Firstly, remission. The purpose of the shared blood of Christ is remission. Remission. Now we use remission to talk about, for example, a reduction of the intensity or degree of a disease such as cancer.

[ 1 : 07 ] Cancer is in remission. In other words, the intensity of it, the degree of it is reduced. The Bible talks about remission as kind of a release.

A release from debt. A penalty. An obligation. It speaks to us of forgiveness, of pardon. It tells us of deliverance, of being set free from sin's power.

Remission. Think of the blood of our Lord shed for us. We think of his grace to us. What he has done for us. And we think of remission. Remission of our sins.

The penalty of our sins has been fully paid. Paul writes to the Corinthians. In 1 Corinthians 11, verse 24 through 25.

And when he had given thanks, it says, he break it and said, take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.

[ 2 : 16 ] After the same manner also he took the cup when he had supped, saying, this cup is the New Testament in my blood. This do you as often as you drink it. In remembrance of me.

So first we saw remission, forgiveness. Secondly we see remembrance. We come to this time it's a remembrance of our Lord's death. We think of Calvary this morning.

Think of him our Lord. We reflect on the truth. Behold the man. The man Christ Jesus. Behold, your king, as Pilate presented him to the throng.

And as John looked upon him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Let your thoughts dwell on the Saviour this morning, who he is, what he has done.

And we remember our Lord's death. We remember the whipping. We remember the blood poured out, the nails, the thorns, the agony, the love that he showed.

[ 3 : 16 ] And what's more, the empty tomb. We have a remembrance of him, don't we, today? And what's more, it reads on, For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till he come.

I put to you there's a third thing we can think about today is the reminder that Christ is coming. It's a prompt for us, isn't it? We think of the remission of our sins, of that grace that brought his forgiveness as we trusted Christ as our Saviour.

There's that remission, there's that forgiveness because of the cross today. We see the remembrance as we remember Calvary and everything that it means to us today. And there's a reminder it's till he come.

Our Lord's coming. He's coming back. He's not coming as a babe in a manger, but as the all-conquering, rightful, reigning ruler of this planet, to take back the rightful rule that he is due.

So there's another chapter yet to be played out in his story. People kind of reflect how history is his story, isn't it? That he came as Saviour, bringing forgiveness.

[ 4 : 26 ] He died as the Redeemer and rose again and he's coming again as the mighty King, our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

