

Remember the Cross!

October 3, 2010 * Bethel Baptist Church * Tim Davis
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; 11:17-34

This service was not a typical preaching service, because it came immediately before the observance of the Lord's Supper. In light of the Lord's Supper, parishioners were encouraged by the message of the cross. They were encouraged to remember the cross & to recognize that if we are to trust this message, we are seen as fools by the current culture. Yet it is the message of the cross which is for us, the very power of God.

Special emphasis was placed on 1 Cor. 1:18, 23 & 31.

Then attention turned to 1 Cor. 11:17-34 with special emphasis on the fact that verses 23-26 would be used in a few minutes during the observance of the Lord's Supper, but the other verses around these, gave important context. This context included very harsh words and warning from Paul to the Corinthians, which are healthy & helpful words & warning for us today.

The problem in Corinth: the Lord's Supper was taken with a lack of repentance, respect & reverence. Paul's solution was for those who were about to observe the Lord's Supper to repent, humble themselves, examine themselves, judge themselves, and come to the Lord's Supper respectfully, reverently, and remembering the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

The Lord's Supper is not to be a religious ritual, but a relational remembrance. Before observing His Supper, you must be in a right relationship with Him.

Attendees were given ample time to repent, confess, reconcile, & otherwise make spiritual preparation prior to the observance of the Lord's Supper.

2010 Bethel Prayer Guide

Use this guide to unite your heart & prayers with your Bethel family.

1. *Dear Lord, i surrender my life to You: every word, every action, every thought, & every attitude. May Your will be done in me as it is in Heaven. Dear Lord, please nurture a passion within me for holiness. Please help me to become more like You, and less like the world every day.*

2. *Dear Lord, please use me to draw others to You. Please make me a light in the darkness for Your glory alone. May everyone i have contact with today, see You in me.*

3. *Dear God, i am serious about growing up in my salvation. Please help me understand Your perfect Word as i study it each day. Please help me worship You more deeply as i seek You every day.*

4. *Lord, please bring supernatural unity to our church so we may grow, and glow for Your glory. Please protect our members and staff from evil.*

5. *Lord, please give courage and encouragement to our missionaries around the world, and our brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ.*

6. *God, please reveal Yourself through answered prayer. Please show us Your power by giving us the land at Roberts Road & Old Mill Road. Please show us Your goodness by making our nursery into a healthy, beautiful place for kids to fall in love with You. Please show us Your glory by giving us a beautiful playground. Please reveal your nature by providing for the completion of the new restrooms in our children's building.*

7. *Heavenly Father, please heal _____*
