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What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge? We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Why should we remember and proclaim His death? First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins? His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2 and Ephesians 5.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6–8)

FOR SHARING

1. “From the cradle to the grave a man never does a single thing which has any first and foremost object but one—to secure peace of mind for himself” (Mark Twain). Agree or disagree. Explain your answer.
2. What was Jesus’ motivation to go to the cross?
3. As the Holy Spirit works in the lives of God’s people, how do we come to regard sin in our lives?
4. One aspect of participating in the Sacrament of the Altar involves remembering. Explain.
5. What does it mean to you to be saved by grace through faith in Jesus?

PRAYER

Love divine, all love excelling,
Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev’ry trembling heart.