

From the Family Room

**Creekwood Church of Christ
Mobile, AL**

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Patriot Day



For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. I Corinthians 11:23-28

Patriot Day will be observed tomorrow, September 11 as it is each year. It is a day to remember the events of September 11, 2001. As we know, on that day four passenger planes were hijacked. One plane crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania as passengers fought back against the hijackers. All aboard were killed. Another plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Two of the planes crashed into the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center. Almost 3,000 people died in the attacks. This is the biggest act of terrorism ever within the United States. The videos of the planes crashing into the Twin Towers and the resulting collapse of the buildings are stunning and stark reminders of the pain and death inflicted on innocent citizens in America. This day stands as a memorial inspiring Americans of a day when our country united and stood strong. May we never forget the lessons learned on September, 2001.

Christians also have a memorial regarding another tragic day. There was only one death, but it was of the innocent, sinless Son of God. In the Lord's Supper, we are to remember the sacrifice Christ made for us in His death on a Roman cross. We are to examine our lives and think of His teachings and example. This memorial should inspire us to grow in our love for Christ. It should inspire us to become more Christ like as we interact with the people around us each day.

Remembering the past helps us evaluate the present and predict the future. May we never forget the sacrifices made by many for our country on September 11, 2001. May we never forget the sacrifice made for the world by Christ approximately 2000 years ago. May we never forget His crucifixion. May we be inspired to grow in our love for Him. May we as His followers be inspired to stand united and strong.

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