

"In remembrance" 1Cor.11:23-32

The communion service is a unique expression of our faith. And the word "Remembrance." is the key to understanding its significance. Passover was a memorial feast. The pillar of stones that marked Israel's passage through the Jordan River was a memorial too. Like others, these memorials were a witness to the past-and a call to each believer to enter into his heritage. As the Israelites ate the Passover meal, each family relived the experience of its ancestors. As the Israelite passed the heap of stones by the Jordan, and touched their rough surface, he or she was led back in time, and realized afresh that he was there when God parted the waters.

Communion too, is a memorial. It is remembrance. Not of an event covered with dust of centuries, but of an event that is ever fresh and new. Not of an experience witnessed by men and women long dead, but of an experience we share today as we return, through the elements that represent the body and blood of Jesus, to the foot of the cross. In the communion service we stand there again as, united with Christ through faith, we share His death even as we share in His resurrection. "Do this in remembrance" is an invitation to experience the awesome moment when our salvation was won. "Do this in remembrance" is an invitation to experience the Holy and, by coming into the very presence of God, to offer Him our thanks, our worship, and our Praise.