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Dear Brothers,

This past week, we published another article in anticipation of the Lord's Evening Meal entitled **Eating and Drinking Worthily**. A link to the article can be found on the **Update Page** of our site: www.AnointedJW.org. This article addresses the misunderstanding of *1 Corinthians 11:27* about 'partaking unworthily' which has served to restrain many of our brothers and sisters from rightly partaking at the Memorial suppers. We hope you get an opportunity to read the article.

We have been privileged to review the talk outline for the 2013 Memorial supper. First, we note that the title of the talk has been revised. Your instructions specifically state that from now on, its title is "Appreciate What Christ Has Done for You" and that the previous title, "The Lord Evening Meal's Celebration" will no longer be used. We wonder why you made this change. The Memorial supper is a communion meal. It is interactive. It is not just an occasion for personal reflection. It is an occasion where Christ's brothers are to perform certain acts that constitute a proclamation of "the death of the Lord, until he arrives." (*1 Corinthians 11:26*)

We fear that this change might mislead some of our brothers and sisters into thinking it is just a night on which a special talk will be given where the audience simply listens, applauds and leaves. We hope the elders who have been selected to deliver the talk are not under this mis-impression. Instead, we hope they understand the magnitude of their obligation **to the Lord** to properly honor his command to keep partaking of the loaf and the cup as a remembrance of him. (*Luke 22:19*)

Second, we note an odd reference in the outline which states:

[Those with a heavenly hope are called Christ's "brothers" \(Heb 2:17\)](#)
[Those with an earthly hope, his children. \(Isa 9:6\)](#)

The scriptural references you provide do not offer any commentary to support the idea that the children of the "Eternal Father" are any different from the "brothers" of Christ or that they have different eternal destinies. Perhaps you will provide further information to explain this strange distinction. To us, it seems a little unfair to direct the elders to teach from the platform ideas that have no scriptural support.

We all know that about 50% of their audience will not be Witnesses and will be looking for a Biblical explanation as to why they are being discouraged from participating in the Memorial supper. How will such elders maintain their credibility and self respect?

More importantly, we are certain the elders selected to give the Memorial talk would not want to be complicit in misleading ‘the least of Christ’s brothers’ away from the public declaration of their hope. We hope all these elders to seek prayerful guidance in this regard. For our part, we hope to provide information soon that may be of benefit to elders who have this weighty responsibility. While you brothers have clearly made some moves toward becoming a spirit-led brotherhood, the Memorial outline indicates that we still have much more work to do. But we are determined and steadfast.

We know it is difficult to abandon the so-called earthly hope, given how much emphasis you have put on it over the past few decades. But our brothers and sisters are opening their eyes in response to the Spirit’s leading. Yes, the Spirit of Truth is indeed bearing witness with the indwelling Spirit of the Father that we are **all** sons of God and heirs of Christ Jesus. (*Romans 8:16-17; Galatians 3:26*) The 2013 Memorial supper will demonstrate to you men the Spirit’s work in our association. We hope the local brothers have sufficient provisions on hand to handle the increased number of partakers. We think it will more than double!

In the meantime, should you wish to contact us, we remain available to you via email at info@AnointedJW.org. As Paul wrote, love is long-suffering, does not behave indecently, does not become provoked, bears all things, hopes all things, and never fails. (*1 Corinthians 13:4-8*) We do not intend to fail our brothers in this ministry; and we will continue to show brotherly love to you as you contemplate how you will respond to the Spirit’s obvious manifestation in our association.

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