

A TALE OF TWO SUPPERS

Many of our brothers and sisters among Jehovah’s Witnesses, have not yet decided whether they will attend a Memorial “meeting” hosted by the Watchtower organization. Most of these undecided ones are coming to recognize that the Watchtower Memorials are nothing more than occasions to formally and unabashedly reject communion with Christ. Their meetings are better described as anti-communions.

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<p>The Governing Body sees Jesus – as nothing more than a sacrificial offering who performed a service. They do not appreciate his magnificent life and his glorious ministry, his unmatched teachings and his superlative personal example.</p>	<p>The focus is on Jesus’ life and ministry, and his plain teaching that he is “the way, the truth and the life” and the only means to salvation. (John 14:6) They acknowledge that Jesus’ death provided a ‘ransom for many,’ but they also understand that the ransom only provides a clean conscience, a clean slate, a new beginning.</p>
<p>At a Watchtower Memorial, the speaker will explain “the two distinct hopes set out in the Bible for Christians”.</p> <p>Right from the outset, a division is created among the congregation – those who are in union with Christ (Christians) and those who are not in union with Christ (so-called friends of God).</p>	<p>What we do with that new beginning and what we build on that new foundation is what creates salvation value. One may have entered the race, but one must thereafter run in such a way so as to attain the prize. (1 Corinthians 9:24) That means examining and imitating Jesus’ life and teachings, not simply acknowledging his ignominious death. Paul explained this: “For if, when we were enemies, we became reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, now that we have become reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only that, but we are also exulting in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.” – Romans 5:10-11</p>
<p>For those who choose to attend these “meetings,” this is the time to pay close attention to the speaker’s explanation. Here is where you will see the weak and scanty “evidence” of the two-hope doctrine because it is not supported by scriptures. While the Governing Body requires the speaker to explain the doctrine, their outline provides little direction. The speakers will be left on their own to try to create a plausible explanation for a non-existent doctrine that separates individuals from Christ. By so doing, these men will bring upon themselves bloodguilt for misleading the ‘little ones.’ (Matthew 18:6)</p>	<p>All are welcomed as brothers in the united hope of their heavenly inheritance, with equal standing before God. Because the Christian writings are replete with, whole discussions that confirm the heavenly hope for all, there will be plenty of reasonable, logical and sane scriptural discussion. “For all who are led by God’s spirit are indeed God’s sons. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery causing fear again, but you received a spirit of adoption as sons, by which spirit we cry out: “Abba, Father!” The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are God’s children. If, then, we are children, we are also heirs—heirs indeed of God, but joint heirs with Christ—provided we suffer together so that we may also be glorified together.” - Romans 8:14-17</p>
<p>However, if the speaker attempts to give it a valiant effort, he will begin with a faulty and unscriptural premise – that it was God’s original purpose for man to live forever on earth. He will wholly ignore Paul’s words that ‘from the founding of the world,’ God intended to adopt mankind into the heavens as his sons. (Ephesians 1:3-5) He will then quickly mention a few unrelated scriptures that are taken out of context, then mix in some of the ‘old wine’ of the Old Testament, jump over to prophecy in Revelation.</p>	<p>“You are all, in fact, sons of God through your faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor freeman, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in union with Christ Jesus.”– Galatians 3:26</p> <p>“I am pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God by means of Christ Jesus. Therefore, let those of us who are mature be of this mental attitude, and if you are mentally inclined otherwise in any respect, God will reveal the above attitude to you.” – Philippians 3:14-15</p>
<p>When the speaker has completed his convoluted explanation of the two-hope doctrine, the ushers will begin to pass the emblems. The speaker will remind the audience that “few (or perhaps no one) will partake of the bread.” There will be several plates of broken bread and many cups of wine passed through the audience so that each and every person present will have the opportunity to look upon the emblems of Christ’s presence and make the decision NOT to ‘take and eat’ as Jesus commanded. (Matthew 26:26) Instead, they will politely refuse, saying, in effect, “No thank you, Jesus. The Governing Body has explained that we do not have to eat and drink with you to have everlasting life.”</p>	<p>At a Memorial hosted by a son of God, the entire audience will be eager to partake of the Christ. They willingly obey Jesus who said: “Most truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in yourselves. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life, and I will resurrect him on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in union with me, and I in union with him.” – John 6:53-56</p>
<p>After the emblems have been passed at a Watchtower Memorial, the speaker will express satisfaction that “most in attendance respectfully abstained from partaking of the emblems” and chose instead to be “respectful observers.” and they will not accept the baptism into his death. (Romans 6:3) Instead they will speak about their “earthly hope” where they can eat great food, live in fancy houses, play with animals, and most of all, preserve their flesh. They do not realize that “It is the spirit that is life-giving; the flesh is of no use at all.” (John 6:63)</p>	<p>No one present will even consider refusing to confess union with Christ. Such a thing is unthinkable! Communing with Christ is the whole reason they came! And as they do, they rejoice with one another and for one another. They have confidence that when Christ sees their personal confession of unity with him, then he will confess union with them to the Father. (Matthew 10:32-33) The restrictions and opinions of men will be so far from their minds as to be non-existent.</p>
<p>Then, at a Watchtower Memorial, the recruiting and proselytizing will begin. While the speaker did not want the audience to join in union with Christ, they certainly want the audience to join in union with the Watchtower organization. They will extol the virtues of “Jehovah’s organization” as the only means to gain salvation. And then comes the real reason for the Memorial “meeting” – to have a large audience to promote their more important meeting – the “Special Talk for the Memorial Season” scheduled for an upcoming weekend.</p>	<p>The brothers and sisters will rejoice that they all had a sharing with Christ. They know that there is no such thing as ‘respectfully abstaining’ from partaking with Christ. They know that any such action is blatant disrespect. Instead, they will reaffirm their dedication and consecration to do the Father’s will, as revealed by Jesus, no matter what circumstances or hardships befall them. They willingly accept the fact that they will all one day have to surrender their fleshly lives in full faith that they will receive spiritual lives in a heavenly resurrection, as did Jesus. (John 10:18) All of the conversations will be about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to the glory of the Father. They will extol the virtues of Jesus as ‘the way, the truth and the life.’</p>

Both groups will likely end the evening in song. But one group will sing praises to Jehovah, and the other will sing praises to Jehovah’s appointed sovereign, Christ Jesus, ‘the one to whom every knee should bend’ (Philippians 2:10) and the one in whose honor the Supper was held.

As you reflect on the differences between the Watchtower Memorial “meetings” and the Memorial Suppers hosted by the sons of God, which one appeals most to you? Which one appeals to your spirit? Which one is more in line with scripture? And at which one do you think Jesus will be present? (Matthew 18:20)

We think it is quite obvious to those who consider themselves Christians. They are either Christ-like, Christ-oriented, Christ-minded, Christ-following, or they are following men.

It is time that the “Memorials Of Offense” come to an end. It is time for the sons of God to break free from the ignorant machinations of men, and experience the freedom of the sons of God who stand in union with Christ Jesus to the glory of God the Father. Which Memorial Supper will you attend?