

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On February 11, 2014, we received the following comment and inquiry:

“My friends, Thank you for your kind response to my question. It has only reinforced what I have always believed. Unfortunately during this upcoming memorial season, I am completely alone here in the Northern California area. After reading "[A Memorial of Offense](#)", it only seemed too obvious of what has been going on. So many of the friends just take as "Gospel" anything that is printed in the Watchtower publications by the Governing Body without really researching the facts for themselves. They are either afraid of what they will find or what someone might say, or they are too complacent/lazy to research, possibly save themselves, their friends and family. Most will say that "millions of us can't be wrong. Surely Jehovah is blessing and directing our efforts." The next couple of Watchtower studies and Service Meeting parts of which I was supposed to conduct just finally made me make some serious decisions. It would be nice to meet up with those of the same mindset as sons of God for the annual observance. I've tried to be discrete, but there doesn't seem to be anyone here of the same understanding. Do we just do it alone? Would that be acceptable?

“This week I tried to step down as an elder for "personal reasons" and all I could get was, "let's see how you feel about it few weeks/month. The other brothers will just pick up your assignments". I'm trying not to make waves so that I can give food and continue to interject the glorious hope ahead that so many are missing. But it is obvious due to my reaffirmed faith that this will be a permanent decision. At some point though, it seems that it is only a matter of time before we as sons of God are to be united in various localities to bring a shout of praise to our Savior together. I welcome your thoughts. Your brother.”

To the author, congratulations on your courageous stand and your determination to follow the Christ. Last year, we received an email from a sister with a similar question about celebrating the Memorial alone. Please take a look at it, [Question and Response 3/19/13-2](#). Our direct answer is that you certainly can commemorate the Memorial Supper alone. Many did last year. But it is much better and more fulfilling if you can share the evening with others who have a love for Christ and wish to have a sharing with him.

And we would like you to consider these additional ideas:

1. If you have a wife and children, you can make the Memorial Supper the subject of your ‘family studies.’ After explaining the importance of participating, perhaps you can share with them your intentions and see if they would want to participate with you.
2. If you currently have Bible students whom you would ordinarily invite to the Memorial, why not have a series of discussion with them about the important of the Memorial and invite them to share the Memorial Supper with you.
3. Spend the next several weeks leading up to the Memorial in discussion with extended family, friends, and workmates about the Memorial Supper and you can invite those who wish to partake with Christ to commemorate the Supper with you. You will find that your family, friends or workmates who are already Christians, who have not been tainted with the idea of an ‘earthly hope,’ will be honored to share the Supper with you.

In your discussions, be sure to explain that sharing in the Memorial Supper is a natural and normal requirement for a Christian and the entire Christian family, just as the Passover was a celebration that included every member of the Jewish family. The old covenant was for Abraham's children – the entire nation. The likewise the new covenant is for the entire believing Christian nation, which is the body of Christ (*Ephesians 1:22-23*), also, referred to as 'Abraham's children.'

“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. Moreover, if you belong to Christ, you are really Abraham's offspring, heirs with reference to a promise.” – *Galatians 3:26-29*

By partaking at the Memorial Supper, we are openly confessing union with Christ so that he will openly confess union with us. (*Matthew 10:32-33*)

One does not need to experience some supernatural manifestation in order to 'qualify' to partake. The Watchtower Society has created a false teaching that only 144,000 qualify to partake. This doctrine is so blatantly in error that we wonder how we even believed it ourselves. We show this clear error in the article **The Great Crowd of Partakers**. The Watchtower Society has also created a false mystique around the term 'anointed' such that the average Jehovah's Witnesses cannot understand its simplicity. See **Question and Response 2/23/12** where we discuss this in more detail.

In its simplest term, being anointed means being led by spirit – following its leadings, making decisions based on the will of God. But even if one cannot yet accept this simple truth that the heavenly hope is for all, they should still understand that unless they partake of the Christ, they will not gain everlasting life or a resurrection under any circumstances:

“So Jesus said to them: ‘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**.’” – *John 6:53-54*

You have some time until the Memorial, on April 14, 2014, to work these things out. And during that time, your circumstances may change, and you may be blessed with spiritual brothers and sisters to share the evening with.

This year, we encourage all our brothers to expect the unexpected. And whatever happens with you, we hope you will share your experience with us. After the Memorial, we will be posting a page, **Memorial Experience 2014**, for the encouragement of all who had a share in that most holy night.

“Elaia Luchnia”
