Let Us Keep Certain Things in Remembrance

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Introduction:

1. These verses reveal "who" is to be kept in remembrance when the Lord's Supper is eaten.
2. As we pointed out this morning, Jesus said: "this do in remembrance of me."
3. This evening we are covering a number of details that relate to the Lord's death.
4. As we eat the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him, let us also keep these "things" in remembrance.
5. The first point we need to make is that . . .

Discussion:

I. GREAT SUFFERING WAS INVOLVED IN THE LORD'S DEATH

A. Jesus knew what was going to happen to Him (Matthew 20:17-19).
B. Jesus was troubled before His arrest (Matthew 26:36-39; Luke 22:41-44; Hebrews 5:7).
C. During His trials Jesus was severely abused (Matthew 26:67-68; 27:26, 29-31).
D. Jesus was executed by crucifixion (Mark 15:25).
E. After approximately 6 hours, Jesus died (Mark 15:34-37).
F. The Lord's suffering helps us to appreciate how . . .

II. GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE WERE INVOLVED IN THE LORD'S DEATH

A. We learn from Hebrews 2:9 that God demonstrated His grace when Jesus died.
   1. The first 2 chapters of Hebrews show how Jesus is superior to the angels.
   2. According to Hebrews 2:9, Jesus "was made a little lower than the angels."
   3. There was a reason for this -- "for the suffering of death."
   4. Note: Jesus tasted death for every man "by the grace of God."
   5. The writer showed in vs.14-15 how we are blessed because Jesus died.
B. We learn from Romans 5:6-8 that God demonstrated His love when Jesus died.
   1. Jesus did not die for us because we deserved such a sacrifice.
   2. He died:
      a. "for the ungodly" (vs.6)
      b. "while we were yet sinners" (vs.8).
   3. Paul continued in vs.9-11 by showing how we are blessed because Jesus died.
C. The Lord's death involved:
   1. great suffering on His behalf
   2. grace and love on God's behalf.

Conclusion:

1. The passages we have examined, as well as many others, reveal the details of the Lord's death that we show each Sunday when we eat His Supper.
2. Let us carry out the Lord's wishes of observing His Supper in remembrance of Him.
3. As we do so, let us keep these other things in remembrance.