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O. Still in the blanks. "Contextual background."

- REMEMBER -

INT: This one word in this Sermon-Title was and is very imp. to the Lord and was used extensively in the O. T. and N. T. alike.

O. T. Word used: 92 times in 39 chs. "Remember what the Lord did for Israel...." D.24:9. Num. 15:39. "Remember all the commandments of the Lord your God...." To their youth:

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Ecc. 12:1.

N. T. use: 22 times in 27 chs.

"Remember Lot's wife,...." Lk. 17:32. "Remember the Words of the Lord Jesus..."

Acts 20:35. "Remember the words of the Apostles of Jesus...." Jude 17.

WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN? What does it mean to remember?

DEF. To call back something to one's mind.

Thus: To put something into one's mind. "A former knowledge." Known before."

Gr. Awaken the mind OR re-awaken one's mind to some former knowledge.

LITERALLY: Put something into the mind to "KEEP" it there!

COINCIDENCE: This lesson prepared a month ago. July issue of CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE just arrived with an article (editorial) on this exact message I want to share with you this hour. Editorial entitled: "IT IS TIME FOR CLEAR TALK ON THE CHURCH." I could not have said it better.

I. THIS IS ALL ABOUT THE CHURCH - CHRIST DIED/ON THE CROSS.

Unique, Distinctive! one of a kind!

A. My premise: If the church was so precious to Jesus that He would die for it then I believe it behooves me and you to REMEMBER WHAT He DID and HOW He did it. Also we MUST adhere faithfully to His will in these matters.

Note: This information must be preached over and over to keep the Spr. "APPETITE" of God's Children whetted to the truth, the whole truth, and NOTHING but the TRUTH. John 14:15. Love me? Do right !!

B. Notice: Jesus put His church FIRST! Matt. 6:33. Why? It is the pillar and ground of the truth. I Tim 3:15. (1. It's the SOURCE of The Abundant LIFE!

(2. The TRUTH produces great marriages, families and children. It governs the true basis of EDUCATION. It provides the Rule-Book for proper and God-Approved Business and Industrial practices. The church of Christ is No. 1, first and above all else.

C. QUESTION: What is the greatest number in Religious Literature/The Bible? Sacred number. 144,000? 70 40? 12? 7? 3? 1!!! ONE! *Not a multiple-choice religion!*

* Eph. 4:1-6. This is the MESSAGE today to forever be remembered by all those who Love the LORD, the Lord's WORD, the Lord's SON and the Lord's CHURCH.

II. THE LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD: Eph. 4:1-6 ET AL.

V. 4..... A. ONE "BODY": Col.1:18 says Body of Christ and Church of Christ are one and the same.

In the U. S. : Hundreds of Denominations, sects, creeds, divisions and groups, Bodies!

***JESUS BUILT ONE CHURCH. "MY church". Matt. 16:18. GOD'S "SAVED" CHILDREN ARE IN GOD'S ONE CHURCH - purchased by the Blood of His Son. No more, no less. ONE!

NOTE: The Bible doesn't argue this point. ONE! * Matt. 15:13.

V. 4..... B. ONE "SPIRIT": I Cor. 12:12-13. Only truth-lovers have this ONE SPIRIT & ARE SAVED.

V. 4..... C. ONE "HOPE": Mark 16:15-16. Hope is based on truth and promises. Here it is !!

V. 5..... D. ONE "LORD": John 14:6. Acts 4:12. Matt. 12:30. It's Jesus or damnation.

Philip - Eunuch (2.)

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- ...E. ONE "FAITH": Christians have one creed: CHRIST! Acts 8:35-37. Gospel is the One Faith - *Rom. 1:16 *math. 10:32.*
- v. 5....F. ONE "BAPTISM": Burial in water. Rom. 6:3-5. For the remission of sins. Acts 2:38.
- ...G. ONE "GOD": Deut. 6:4. *EX. 20:3.* John 17:3 Only true God. Tell this to: Buddhists, Hindus, Confucious' disciples, Jainites, Muslims and the Zoroasterians ----their response? You are narrow minded. YES !!! As natrow as the truth. No more no less.

v. 7, Acts 20. ONE "LORD'S SUPPER": Observed on the Lord's Day, each Lord's Day, Every L. D. !!! SUN!
 NO EXCUSE nor authority to observe the L. S. on Thurs, Fridays, or Sat, as some do.
 Not observe the spiritual Memorial Feast on any week day at Funerals or Weddings.

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v. 19 of Eph. 5: and V. 16 of Col. 3: teach there is one MUSIC in the church of Christ.
 "making melody in your heart,....." Human heart is the instrument God wants active.
 "teach and admonish in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs- singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." THE FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN SAYS: Instrumental music in the worship to Jesus is NOT taught nor allowed in the N. T. church, so I can only sing and make melody in my HEART. No more, no less. I know THAT pleases Him.

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see Acts 16: not taught against any more!

THIS is the way it was in the early church of Christ. No one has changed any of it.
 This pattern still stands. This is what Jesus offers YOU today and the Whole World.

INV. He said: * Mark 16:15-16. *one Word. One Gospel. One Way. One Savior!*

WE WILL presently stand and sing the Lord's Invitation Song.
 WHILE we sing, the Lord wants us to ponder this QUESTION: "Is there anything I need to do this moment to bring my life into Harmony with the Will of God?"
 If so, we urge you to COME TO JESUS now !!!