

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

Do you realize that prayer is the lifeline in everything for the believer? We live in a world in the Spirit in the Lord. Therefore, it is not the things of the flesh; it is not what we see and what we feel and all those things which so absorb us so often. This lifeline is a communication all the time to the Lord. It is a life that when we suddenly come out of this flesh and are in the presence of the Lord, it is as if it was just a conversation carried over as we are going to be forever with Him. Therefore, He wants us to be intimate in this timing of prayer. Not only times we set aside for prayer, but all through the day.

The Last Supper, the Passover table, was over. The Lord had already broken and given the bread to His disciples, followed by poured out wine. Both were memorials of His dying love. Jesus said clearly, . . . **this do this in remembrance of me. (1 Corinthians 11:24)**. “Gather together in such a manner until I return in glory.” We see a very unique thought here. In this illustration He showed forth His death, which was their union with Himself and with each other. It is impossible to be in touch with the Lord and not be in touch with the rest of His body, the family of God. It is impossible for us to isolate ourselves as somebody who is super-duper spiritual and we are going

to get alone somewhere and talk to God. We need each other, not just because of the joy of social contact, but Jesus shows us in **John 14** that words of life and love and comfort, peace and hope and utterances of inexpressible love are found in the position that every one of us has with our identification with Jesus. The position and the consequence of that identification actually is our portion.

Jesus said in **John 15** -

**1 I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.**

**2 Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing]**

**He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to**

**make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.** Yes, Jesus,

the Vine, in this chapter is talking to His disciples . He is actually

about to have the roots of the vine in His risen, glorified humanity at

the very throne of God. As a believer, you and I have the royal blood of

heaven in our actual veins. With this one body, we see each other, not

as the eye sees, not with all the flaws that are so obvious; we see each

other because we are united by this precious royal blood of heaven.

Through Christ Jesus, we belong in Him - the same Vine. Hence, it is

essential that we understand that we are standing against the world;

we are not standing against each other. We need to see the need to

start praying for one another in a way that puts us where we should

be: that is, at the Cross; that we humble ourselves and, as for the

person who annoys or irritates, we pray for that one in love.

We have been told in **John 15** -

**18 If the world hates you, know that it hated Me before it hated you.**

**19 If you belonged to the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you.** Hence, can you see why we need to stand in His body with love? The one thing that God made very clear through Christ Jesus, as He was about to leave this world and send forth His Spirit, was that we love one another. Sometimes we see each other as if we belong to a secular group of people, but we are not of the world. Therefore, we need to pray; we need to fill; we need to wash the feet of the other; we need to encourage the other. Perhaps it is that we need to stand in the Name of Jesus against the satanic attack that is blinding that person and is allowing them to be deceived by their power or their position or something about them they feel they have achieved. Instead of despising this, we need to see this is warfare. We are responsible to set them free. As a mother would see her child in trouble in the yard, she would not just complain he should not have been there, but she would do everything she can to release that child from the danger and love and protect and encourage. We need to do this.

Every one of us can say that apart from Christ, there is nothing good

about us. Therefore, in a new way, it is a very important thing that we see that when we remember the memorial feast and we remember our Lord, we remember His body. We remember those who are fellow believers. In a new way, let us ask God to put His finger on our lives that we might pray one for the other, not because we ought to, but because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, and Jesus is glorified by our doing so.

*Amen.*