Authentic Christianity: A Christian Remembers

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1 Corinthians 11:23-25

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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1. REMEMBERS WHO THEY <u>WERE</u> OUTSIDE OF CHRIST

Romans 3:10-12

10... There is <u>no one righteous</u>, <u>not even one</u>; 11 there is <u>no one</u> <u>who understands</u>, <u>no one who seeks God</u>. 12 <u>All have turned</u> <u>away</u>, they have together become worthless; there is <u>no one who does good</u>, <u>not even one</u>."

Romans 3:23

all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Revelation 2:2-5 (to the Church in Ephesus)

- 2 <u>I know your deeds</u>, your <u>hard work</u> and your <u>perseverance</u>. I know that you <u>cannot tolerate wicked men</u>, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have <u>persevered</u> and have <u>endured hardships for my name</u>, and have <u>not grown weary</u>.
- 4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. 5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.

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2. REMEMBERS WHAT CHRIST HAS <u>DONE</u> FOR THEM

Romans 5:6, 8

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7... 8 ... God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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3. REMEMBERS WHO THEY ARE IN CHRIST

Hebrews 8:12 (quoting from Jeremiah)

[God said] "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Psalms 103:8-12

8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. 9... 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 ... if anyone is <u>in Christ</u>, he is a <u>new creation</u>; the <u>old has</u> gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made <u>him who had no sin</u> to be <u>sin for us</u>, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Galatians 3:27

for all of you who were <u>baptized into Christ</u> have <u>clothed</u> yourselves with Christ.