

TO PREVENT DRIFT WE NEED . . .**AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE TRUTH.**

Hebrews 2:1 (NLT) So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.

AN UNENDING EMBRACE OF THE CROSS.

2 Corinthians 4:10 (NIV) We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

When We Remember The Cross . . .**WE HAVE UNITY IN THE CHURCH.**

1 Corinthians 11:17-22 (ESV) But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

WE UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF THE CROSS.

1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (ESV) For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when 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 also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The Cross Means . . .

The PENALTY for my sin has been paid.

The GIFT of salvation has been offered.

The POWER to overcome sin has been given.

Romans 8:1-2 (NLT) So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

WE HAVE URGENCY ABOUT THE GOSPEL.

1 Corinthians 11:26 (ESV) For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.