

Christ's Saving Deeds Celebrated

The House of God Pentecostal Church that I attend celebrates the Great Three Days by declaring a week of fast starting on Monday. On Thursday the service begins with an opening prayer, a portion of the bible is chosen normally from one of the Gospels to commemorate the Last supper. The worship team then takes over and they begin with and hymn and normally the congregation joins in accompanying them by singing or raising their arms in worship once the hymn has concluded they would take a pause and the lead worshipper would ask the pianist to play a soft melody and she would begin just saying Hallelujah, praise the Lord, and as she switches over and speaks to the congregation asking them join in exalting our Lord for his wondrous deeds in doing so a partaker can literally feel as if you are being transported into a spiritual realm that you do not want to leave from it. The praising could go on for 10-15min or even a bit longer.

Normally, the pastor assigns 3 church members the final 7 words of Christ for them to bring forth the word for the night. Once the message is completed the church prepares to do communion words to a church member church. The next step is to allow the selected orators to begin presenting the assigned Christ's words spoken from the cross In between, each orator the worship team sings and hymn. Once the orators have concluded the mic is turn over to the Pastor and he asks the deacons and church officials to make ready the communion to be served.

During this period in which the communion is being prepared the Pastor is asking the church to take a moment and do a self-inventory of themselves and who is Christ in their lives and in doing so he encourages the Church to praise the Lord and his great deeds. Once the communion is ready the Pastor asks the church to as well as visitor to give God the reverence that the following act entails by standing. He mentions that this is a voluntary act that believers do in remembrance of the Lords sacrifice for humanity and the new covenant that he established. No one is forced to take communion. Once he explains this he request for those that are interested in communion to please come to the front and stand in front of the alter at this time the deacons and leaders assist in passing out the bread and grape juice and to hold on to it until the Pastor provides direction. The worship team is directed by the Pastor to play an instrumental hymn in the background as he reads from the gospel of Matthew and guides the brethren in partaking of the communion. Once the communion has been consumed it never fails brethren begin to cry, praise God some raise

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their arms and wave them towards heaven it is such a solemn experience I can only imagine once we are in the Lord's presence the amazing celebration that will occur.