

Christ Our Passover - 1 Cor 5:7

Our Beliefs are our Identity.

Besides the Authority of the Scriptures, the way we practice the Ordinances of the Church Identify us.

Paul only mentions 2 Ordinances that he imparted.

[BAPTISM –1 Cor 1:17] [LORD’S SUPPER -1 Cor 11:23-24]

1 Cor 11:2a “*Keep the Ordinances*” *We are to Perform them They are Memorials, not a Means of Grace.*

1 Cor 11:2b “*As I delivered them unto you*”
They are Not subject to modification.

What is the biblical teaching on the Lord’s Supper?

(1 Cor 11:23-27) referring back to the upper room.

(Luke 22:15-20)

Vs 15 *They were eating the Passover.*

Vs 20 *New Testament*

(Heb 8:8-13) quoting (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Jesus Christ was the Fulfillment of the Passover:

(Jn 1:29, 35-36) All Israel knew what John was talking about. The Passover Lamb.

When John said “*Behold the Lamb which taketh away the sins of the world*”

He gave them a whole new dimension to the concept.

It wasn’t just an animal anymore,

It wasn’t just a ceremony, but a Person!

This Lamb is a Picture and Prophecy of Christ

Explain the 10th and final Plague, The Death of the 1st Born Child or of a Substitutionary Lamb

Also Seen in Gen 3: with Adam and Eve

Gen 22:7-8,13-14 Abraham, Isaac, and the Ram caught in a thicket

Let’s look at several things about this Lamb

Ex 12:3 The Choosing the Lamb

God was particular about this Lamb b/c it pictures Christ. If He left the choice to us we wouldn’t picked the best, but the Mangiest.

Ex12:5 A Perfect Lamb All his teeth, both eyed, no mange

Ex 12:6 it had to be scrutinized, and then Slain.

One Blemish would have disqualified the lamb.

Only a Perfect Lamb would be suitable to Symbolize the Sinlessness of Christ.

Had Jesus not been sinless, He would have been disqualified to satisfy a Holy God.

Illus: The Rabbis of Jerusalem, to ensure the best, started to raise lambs in the fields of Boaz outside of Bethlehem.

The night the Angels appeared to the Shepherds, they were raising Passover Lambs.

The Angels proclaimed that the true Passover Lamb had come.

These Passover Lambs were brought in to Jerusalem on the 10th day of the month to be examined by the priests.

At the Time of Christ’s triumphal entry, Palm Sunday, was the same day the Lambs came in through the Sheep Gate.

Much of the Gospel writings involves the last week of Christ's life.

*He was presenting Himself for the scrutiny of the Priests, Saducees, & Pilate. **None Found Fault (John 19:4,6)***

*On the 14th day of that month, as the Levites were lifting the heads and slitting the throats of those little Passover lambs, God's Passover Lamb was dying on the cross of Calvary. As he hung their bleeding, He cried **"IT IS FINISHED"**!*

The Passover Lamb was a Picture & Prophecy of Christ.

God wanted the very best.

It was representing His very Best! (**Heb 4:15**) w/o sin.

This is why the Bible teaches we should give God our best, wear our best, and behave our best.

It's not about me but about the one who gave His very best for me!

God is particular on the way His things are done.
(1Cor 14:33) "*God is not the author of confusion*"

I'll worship God any old way I want & its acceptable.

I Don't Think So! That's not what I see in scripture.

(Jn 4:23-24) "*Spirit and Truth*"

Right Attitude, Right Method = Bible Method!

Why the Big deal?

The blood makes us safe, but the Word makes us SURE!

God gave specific instruction to the building of the Arc.

God gave specific instruction on the building of the Tabernacle. (Ex 25:9, 40; Num 8:4)

God does not leave us to guess, or doubt on so many of the Bible symbols; why is it so strange to many that He left no room here?

(1 Cor 11:20) It's the LORD'S Supper, we are just guests.

(1 Cor 11:2) We are to keep it as Paul had taught them!

The Bible is clear on who is to partake, How, and the penalty for doing it wrong.

(1 Cor 11:18) **Who:** It for the Church Members.

(Ex 12:43-45) No Foreigner, Uncircumcised.

(1 Cor 11:20) **Where:** at an Assembly of the Church.

(Ex 12:46) One House.

(1 Cor 11:21) **How:** Organized Service. (Ex 12:47)

(1 Cor 11:29) **Penalty:** Damnation, Weak, Sick, Dead.

So, What's the Big Deal?

The Passover Lamb is a Picture and Prophecy of Christ

The Lamb was to be Spotless

The Lamb was to be a Male without Blemish.

(Ex 12:6) **The Lamb was to be Slain**

(Ex 12:46) **No Broken Bones.**

(Ex 12:7) **The Blood was to be applied a specific way.**

It wasn't the act that saved them but the Blood.

(Heb 9:22) Adam and Eve-Coats of Skin;

Cain and Abel; Abraham and Isaac

(Ex 12:13) **They were to catch the Blood, spread it on the door posts and lintel. The sign of the Cross!**

Signifying our Past, Present, & Future Sins

Everyone who entered the House went UNDER the BLOOD.

He didn't say, "When I see you choosing the best."

He didn't say, "When I see you scrutinizing it."

Illus: It was not based on their Best Intentions!

It was only good when the Blood is Applied.

(Heb 9:11-12) *But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*

Salvation is not in a method or actions but in application.

Illus: I go to church, give \$\$, I have read my bible.

(Eph 2:8-9) Not of Works! (Titus 3:5) Not by works!

*If they had tied a live lamb to the door; would have done no good, **it's not the life lessons of Christ that saves.***

*Had they adorned the door with gold, silver, precious stones; would have done no good, **it's not Our Offerings to God that saves.***

*Had they carved the 10 Commandments; It would have done no good, **The Law was only given to Condemn, not Justify.***
(He 10:1)

IT's The BLOOD!

Has the Blood been Applied to you?

When was the Blood applied to you?

God the Father: Before the foundation of the world

God the Son: 33AD on the Cross of Calvary

ME: 10/9/1990 9pm 706 N. Fulton St. Lacon IL. Apt B

How About YOU: ????????

(Ex 12:23) This was a Lamb of Deliverance.

God heard the cry of Israel in bondage, He spared Moses
He used the plagues and the Passover to free His people.

It was the blood God saw and stayed the hand of the destroyer.

(Ex 12:23) They were protected, the destroyer will not smite you!

When we think of Blood, we think of Death.

In the Bible, The Blood is always in the context of LIFE!

(Lev 17:11) Given for atonement

(1 Pet 1:18-19) The blood of Jesus was given on the cross to deliver us from the bondage of sin.

When we received Jesus, we received the protection from the penalty of Sin, and no longer under the wrath of Almighty God.

The Blood gave life. (Lev 17:11) "The Life of the Flesh is in the Blood"

All those under it were spared their lives

When we are saved, the Blood of Jesus Christ gives us life, **Eternal Life.**

(Ex 12:14, 24-27) This Passover was to be kept year by year looking Backward to their deliverance from Slavery.

This Passover was to be kept year by year,

looking forward **to the true Passover Lamb, Christ.**

Illus: Still Today in the Jewish - Sader Meal

Empty Chair – Messiah's place, Messiah's Cup,

Matza Bag with 3 pieces, remove the center piece

(Heb 9:12-14) The True Passover Lamb.

(1 Cor 5:6-7) Leaven (Yeast) is a picture of Sin:

Every time Israel was to observe the Passover, they were to rid Leaven from their houses.

Illus: The Bread was unleavened b/c Christ is Sinless. The Unfermented Grape juice symbolized His uncorrupted Blood.

The Cup Symbolized his Suffering. (Matt 20:20-23)

(1 Cor 11:28, 31) Just as the Jews were to remove Leaven from their houses, We in like manner are to examine our self, and purge our self from sin before partaking of the Lords Supper.

So Many people partake of the Lord's Supper, but Not One Time do they
Some may say, Well I won't partake till I am ready to get rid of certain Pet sins I like too Much.

It is a command that the church observe the Lord's Supper:

(1 Cor 5:8) *Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

It is to be kept without Leaven = Sin

From the Foundation of the World God has planned this marvelous work in our lives.

The True Passover Lamb was sacrificed for us some 1900 years ago fulfilling Gods plan.

It has been God's plan to provide you with the means of Salvation. **Heb 10:28-31**

If you are lost today, you are trodding under your feet the Son of God, and counted the blood of His covenant as an unholy thing.

(Heb 2:3) *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;*

Today, Pray and ask the Lord to start revealing to you sin that needs to be confessed.

Start now to prepare yourselves. *Search me Oh God.*

If you have yet to join the church, now is the time. Don't wait!