Message Five
The Passover

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Scripture Reading: Exo. 12; John 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7-8; 1 Pet. 1:18-20

Exo 12:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
Exo 12:2 This month will be the beginning of months for you; it shall be the first of the months of the year to you.
Exo 12:3 Speak to all the assembly of Israel, saying, On the tenth of this month each man shall take a lamb according to his fathers' house, a lamb for a household.
Exo 12:4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor next to his house shall take one according to the number of the persons in the houses; according to each man's eating you shall make your count for the lamb.
Exo 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.
Exo 12:6 And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole congregation of the assembly of Israel shall kill it at twilight.
Exo 12:7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.
Exo 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread with bitter herbs.
Exo 12:9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire-its head with its legs and with its inward parts.
Exo 12:10 And you shall not let any of it remain until the morning, but any of it that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire.
Exo 12:11 And this is how you shall eat it: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is Jehovah's passover.
Exo 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. Also against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments. I am Jehovah.
Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be a sign for you upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there will be no plague upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.
Exo 12:14 And this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall keep it as a feast to Jehovah; throughout your generations as a perpetual statute you shall keep it as a feast.
Exo 12:15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.
Exo 12:16 And on the first day you shall have a holy convocation, and on the seventh day a holy convocation. No work at all shall be done on them, except to prepare what every person will eat; that alone may be done by you.
Exo 12:17 And you shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall keep this day throughout your generations as a perpetual statute.
Exo 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month in the evening.
Exo 12:19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the assembly of Israel, whether a sojourner or a native of the land.
Exo 12:20 You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.
Exo 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, Draw out and take lambs according to your families, and slaughter the passover.
Exo 12:22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and you shall apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and to the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the entrance of his house until the morning.
Exo 12:23 For Jehovah will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood upon the lintel and on the two doorposts, Jehovah will pass over the entrance and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to smite you.
Exo 12:24 And you shall observe this matter as a statute for you and for your sons in perpetuity.
Exo 12:25 And when you come to the land which Jehovah will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this service.
Exo 12:26 And when your children say to you, What do you mean by this service?
Exo 12:27 You shall say, It is the passover sacrifice to Jehovah, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians and delivered our houses. And the people bowed and worshipped.
Exo 12:28 And the children of Israel went and did so; just as Jehovah had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.
Exo 12:29 And at midnight Jehovah struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle.
Exo 12:30 And Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no house where there was not someone dead.
Exo 12:31 And he called for Moses and Aaron in the night and said, Rise up, go out from the midst of my people, both you and the children of Israel; and go, serve Jehovah, as you have said.
Exo 12:32 Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said; and go and bless me also.
Exo 12:33 And the Egyptians urged the people on, so as to hasten their departure out of the land, for they said, All of us will be dead.

Exo 12:34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.
Exo 12:35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses, and they asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.
Exo 12:36 And Jehovah gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.
Exo 12:37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children.
Exo 12:38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them, as well as flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock.
Exo 12:39 And they baked the dough which they brought out of Egypt into unleavened cakes, for it had not been leavened because they were driven out of Egypt and could not delay; nor had they prepared for themselves any provisions.
Exo 12:40 Now the time of the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred thirty years.
Exo 12:41 And at the end of four hundred thirty years, on that very day, all the armies of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt.
Exo 12:42 It was for Jehovah a night of watching, to bring them out from the land of Egypt. That same night is a night of watching to Jehovah for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.
Exo 12:43 And Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron, This is the statute of the passover: No foreigner shall eat of it.
Exo 12:44 However, any man's servant who is bought with money, when you have circumcised him, then he shall eat of it.
Exo 12:45 A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat of it.
Exo 12:46 It shall be eaten in one house. You shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break any of its bones.
Exo 12:47 All the assembly of Israel shall keep it.
Exo 12:48 But if a stranger sojourns with you and will observe the Passover to Jehovah, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to observe it; and he will be like one who is a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.
Exo 12:49 One law shall be for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.
Exo 12:50 And all the children of Israel did so; just as Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.
Exo 12:51 And on that very day Jehovah brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.
John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
1 Pet 1:18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers,
1 Pet 1:19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;
1 Pet 1:20 Who was foreknown before the foundation of the world but has been manifested in the last of times for your sake,

I. The detailed account of Christ's redemption typified in Exodus indicates that God intends for us to remember Christ's redemption in a specific and detailed way—12:14; 13:9; 1 Pet. 1:18-20; Matt. 26:28-29; cf. Rev. 22:1:

Exo 12:14 And this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall keep it as a feast to Jehovah; throughout your generations as a perpetual statute you shall keep it as a feast.
Exo 13:9 And it shall be for a sign to you upon your hand and for a memorial between your eyes, that the law of Jehovah may be in your mouth; for with a mighty hand Jehovah brought you out of Egypt.
1 Pet 1:18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers,
1 Pet 1:19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;
1 Pet 1:20 Who was foreknown before the foundation of the world but has been manifested in the last of times for your sake,
Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Matt 26:29 But I say to you, I shall by no means drink of this product of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father.
Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

A. Fallen man ended up "in a coffin in Egypt" (Gen. 50:26); this is the reality of being "dead in your offenses and sins" and of "having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:1, 12).

Gen 50:26 And Joseph died, being one hundred ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.
Eph 2:1 And you, though dead in your offenses and sins,
Eph 2:12 That you were at that time apart from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

B. On the day we believed into Christ as our Passover, we had a new birth, a new beginning, and our age according to the "sacred calendar" began—Exo. 12:2-3:

Exo 12:2 This month will be the beginning of months for you; it shall be the first of the months of the year to you.

Exo 12:3 Speak to all the assembly of Israel, saying, On the tenth of this month each man shall take a lamb according to his fathers' house, a lamb for a household.

1. The Passover, a new beginning for the children of Israel, was held in the first month of the sacred year, the month of Abib—13:4.

Exo 13:4 On this day in the month of Abib you are going out.

2. *Abib*, meaning "sprouting," "budding," denotes a new beginning of life and the beginning of life's energy; God's people have two births, two beginnings: a physical birth with a physical beginning and a spiritual birth with a spiritual beginning for their salvation (cf. John 3:5-6).

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

II. The passover is a type of Christ, who is not only the Passover lamb but also every aspect of the passover—1:29; Exo. 12:13; 1 Cor. 5:7:

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be a sign for you upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there will be no plague upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.

A. The noun *passover*, from the verb *pass over* (Exo. 12:13), indicates that the judgment of God passes over us because of the blood of Christ, the real Passover lamb (John 1:29).

Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be a sign for you upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there will be no plague upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

B. The lamb being for every house reveals that the unit of God's salvation is the house, the family—Exo. 12:3-4; Luke 19:9; Acts 11:14; 16:30-31.

Exo 12:3 Speak to all the assembly of Israel, saying, On the tenth of this month each man shall take a lamb according to his fathers' house, a lamb for a household.

Exo 12:4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor next to his house shall take one according to the number of the persons in the houses; according to each man's eating you shall make your count for the lamb.

Luke 19:9 And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.

Acts 11:14 Who will speak words to you by which you shall be saved, you and all your house.

Acts 16:30 And leading them outside, he said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household.

C. Just as the passover lamb was examined for four days and was to be without blemish, so Christ was examined and found to be perfect, without fault, before He was killed on the day of the Feast of the Passover—Exo. 12:6; John 8:7, 46; 18:38; 19:4, 6; Luke 22:7-8, 14-15; John 18:28.

Exo 12:6 And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole congregation of the assembly of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

John 8:7 But when they persisted in questioning Him, He stood up and said to them, He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.

John 8:46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? Since I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?

John 18:38 Pilate said to Him, What is truth? And having said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, I find no fault in Him.

John 19:4 And Pilate went outside again and said to them, Behold, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no fault in Him.

John 19:6 When therefore the chief priests and the attendants saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify! Crucify! Pilate said to them, You take Him and crucify Him, for I do not find fault in Him.

Luke 22:7 And the day of Unleavened Bread came, on which the passover had to be sacrificed.
Luke 22:8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare the passover for us, so that we may eat it.
Luke 22:14 And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him.
Luke 22:15 And He said to them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer,
John 18:28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the praetorium, and it was early morning. And they themselves did not enter into the praetorium, so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the passover.

D. For the lamb to be a year old reveals that in the eyes of God, when the Lord Jesus was put on the cross, He was fresh, never having been used for another purpose—Exo. 12:5; Heb. 10:5-10.

Exo 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.
Heb 10:5 Therefore, coming into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.
Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not delight.
Heb 10:7 Then I said, Behold, I have come (in the roll of the book it is written concerning Me) to do Your will, O God."
Heb 10:8 Saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not desire nor delight in" (which are offered according to the law),
Heb 10:9 He then has said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first that He may establish the second,
Heb 10:10 By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

E. Just as the lamb was killed by the whole congregation of the assembly of Israel, so we all had a part in killing the Lamb of God—Exo. 12:6; Acts 3:14-15; John 19:20; Isa. 53:5-6.

Exo 12:6 And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole congregation of the assembly of Israel shall kill it at twilight.
Acts 3:14 But you denied the holy and righteous One and asked that a man who was a murderer be granted to you;
Acts 3:15 And the Author of life you killed, whom God has raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.
John 19:20 This notice therefore many of the Jews read, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.
Isa 53:5 But He was wounded because of our transgressions; / He was crushed because of our iniquities; / The chastening for our peace was upon Him, / And by His stripes we have been healed.
Isa 53:6 We all like sheep have gone astray; / Each of us has turned to his own way, / And Jehovah has caused the iniquity of us all / To fall on Him.

F. Just as the flesh of the passover lamb was to be eaten for life supply, so we need to eat Christ for our life supply—Exo. 12:8-10; John 6:53, 55-57:

Exo 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread with bitter herbs.
Exo 12:9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire-its head with its legs and with its inward parts.
Exo 12:10 And you shall not let any of it remain until the morning, but any of it that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire.
John 6:53 Jesus therefore said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within yourselves.
John 6:55 For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.
John 6:56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him.
John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

1. To solve the problem of the fall of man and to accomplish God’s original intention, both life and redemption are needed.
2. God’s judicial redemption through the blood of Christ is the procedure to reach God’s goal of dispensing Christ as life into us for our organic salvation—Rom. 5:10.

Rom 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

G. The flesh of the lamb was to be roasted with fire and was not to be eaten raw or boiled—Exo. 12:8-9:

Exo 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread with bitter herbs.
Exo 12:9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire-its head with its legs and with its inward parts.

1. To be roasted with fire signifies Christ's suffering under the holy fire of God's judgment—Isa. 53:4, 10; Psa. 22:14-15; John 19:28.

Isa 53:4 Surely He has borne our sicknesses, / And carried our sorrows; / Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, / Smitten of God and afflicted.

Isa 53:10 But Jehovah was pleased to crush Him, to afflict Him with grief. / When He makes Himself an offering for sin, / He will see a seed, He will extend His days, / And the pleasure of Jehovah will prosper in His hand.

Psa 22:14 I am poured out like water, / And all my bones are out of joint. / My heart is like wax; / It is melted within me.

Psa 22:15 My strength is dried up like a shard, / And my tongue is stuck to my jaws; / You have put me in the dust of death.

John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had now been finished and so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, I thirst.

2. To be eaten raw signifies not to believe in Christ's redemption but to regard Him merely as an example of human life to be imitated.
3. To be eaten boiled signifies regarding His death on the cross not as death for redemption but as the suffering of human persecution for martyrdom.

H. The children of Israel were to eat the lamb with its head, legs, and inward parts, signifying that we must take Christ in His entirety, with His wisdom, His activity and move, and His inward affection and feeling—Exo. 12:9; John 6:57; 1 Cor. 1:24; Rev. 14:4b; Phil. 1:8.

Exo 12:9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire-its head with its legs and with its inward parts.

John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

1 Cor 1:24 But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Rev 14:4b … These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. These were purchased from among men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

Phil 1:8 For God is my witness how I long after you all in the inward parts of Christ Jesus.

I. The lamb was to be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs, signifying to eliminate all sinful things and to have a bitter taste regarding them—Exo. 12:8.

Exo 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread with bitter herbs.

J. The children of Israel were not to break any bones of the passover lamb—v. 46:

Exo 12:46 It shall be eaten in one house. You shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break any of its bones.

1. When the Lord Jesus was crucified, His bones were not broken— John 19:33, 36.

John 19:33 But coming to Jesus, when they saw that He had already died, they did not break His legs;

John 19:36 For these things happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "No bone of His shall be broken."

2. Christ's unbroken bone signifies His unbreakable and indestructible eternal life that imparts His life into us—Gen. 2:21-22.

Gen 2:21 And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place.

Gen 2:22 And Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man.

K. The children of Israel had to eat the lamb with their loins girded, with their sandals on their feet, with their staff in their hand, and in haste—Exo. 12:11:

Exo 12:11 And this is how you shall eat it: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is Jehovah's passover.

1. The eating of Christ as the Lamb energizes us to move out of Egypt, the world.
2. The redeemed ones applied the passover in such a way that they could become God's army—vv. 17, 41, 51; 13:18.

Exo 12:17 And you shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall keep this day throughout your generations as a perpetual statute.

Exo 12:41 And at the end of four hundred thirty years, on that very day, all the armies of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt.

Exo 12:51 And on that very day Jehovah brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by

their armies.

Exo 13:18 Thus God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up arrayed for battle out of the land of Egypt.

L. The blood of the lamb in a basin was applied to the lintel and two doorposts of the house by a bunch of hyssop—12:22:

Exo 12:22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and you shall apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and to the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the entrance of his house until the morning.

1. Hyssop, the smallest of plants, signifies our faith, which is the smallest in quantity; it is by such little faith that the blood of Christ is applied—1 Kings 4:33; Matt. 17:20.

1 Kings 4:33 And he discoursed about trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that shoots forth out of the wall; he also discoursed about animals and about birds and about creeping things and about fish.

Matt 17:20 And He said to them, Because of your little faith; for truly I say to you, If you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

2. The blood of the lamb being in a basin, not a large vessel, signifies that in our experience of conversion, the redeeming blood of Christ was made available to us in a way that was small and easy to apply.

M. Christ is not only the lamb, the unleavened bread, and the bitter herbs but also the house whose lintel and doorposts have been sprinkled with the redeeming blood—1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:7:

1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace,

1. The blood opens the way for us to get into Christ, who is typified by the house, and protects us from God's judgment— Heb. 10:19; Exo. 12:13, 23.

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,

Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be a sign for you upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there will be no plague upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Exo 12:23 For Jehovah will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood upon the lintel and on the two doorposts, Jehovah will pass over the entrance and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to smite you.

2. The children of Israel were required to stay in the house whose door had been touched with the blood; they were not to go out of it until the morning—v. 22:

Exo 12:22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and you shall apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and to the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the entrance of his house until the morning.

a. We should maintain our identification with Christ, with a constant realization that we are nothing and that He is everything— John 15:4-5.

John 15:4 Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

b. The redeeming blood keeps us in Christ—1 John 1:7, 9.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

III. The children of Israel were to observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days as a continuation of the Feast of the Passover—Exo. 12:15-20; 13:6-7; Matt. 26:17:

Exo 12:15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

Exo 12:16 And on the first day you shall have a holy convocation, and on the seventh day a holy convocation. No

work at all shall be done on them, except to prepare what every person will eat; that alone may be done by you.

Exo 12:17 And you shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall keep this day throughout your generations as a perpetual statute.

Exo 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month in the evening.

Exo 12:19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the assembly of Israel, whether a sojourner or a native of the land.

Exo 12:20 You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.

Exo 13:6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to Jehovah.

Exo 13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days, and nothing leavened shall be seen with you, nor shall any leaven be seen with you in all your territory.

Matt 26:17 Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the passover?

A. Christ is our unleavened bread, our sinless life supply of sincerity and truth, absolutely pure, without mixture, and full of reality—1 Cor. 5:7-8.

1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.

1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

B. No leaven was to be seen with the children of Israel; this signifies that we must deal with the sin of which we are conscious, with any sin that is manifested, that is seen—Exo. 13:7; 12:19; 1 Cor. 5:7a; Heb. 12:1-2a:

Exo 13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days, and nothing leavened shall be seen with you, nor shall any leaven be seen with you in all your territory.

Exo 12:19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the assembly of Israel, whether a sojourner or a native of the land.

1 Cor 5:7a Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; …

Heb 12:1 Therefore let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race which is set before us,

Heb 12:2a Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, …

1. To deal with manifested sin is to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread; if we tolerate sin once it is exposed, we will lose the enjoyment of the fellowship of God's people—Exo. 12:19; 1 Cor. 5:13.

Exo 12:19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the assembly of Israel, whether a sojourner or a native of the land.

1 Cor 5:13 But those who are outside, God will judge. Remove the evil man from among yourselves.

2. The only way to eliminate sin is to daily eat Christ as the crucified, resurrected, and sinless life, signified by the unleavened bread.

C. The entire Christian life (signified by seven days), from the day of our conversion to the day of rapture, should be a feast, an enjoyment of Christ as our banquet, the rich supply of life— Exo. 12:16, 18-19.

Exo 12:16 And on the first day you shall have a holy convocation, and on the seventh day a holy convocation. No work at all shall be done on them, except to prepare what every person will eat; that alone may be done by you.

Exo 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month in the evening.

Exo 12:19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the assembly of Israel, whether a sojourner or a native of the land.