

OUT OF BONDAGE INTO ABUNDANCE

Part 2: The Passover

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I. THE SLAVERY OF EGYPT & THE SLAVERY OF SIN

- A. Just as Israel had spent 400 years in cruel slavery and oppression under Pharaoh in Egypt, so the sinner finds himself enslaved by another master, sin – he is sold as a slave and prisoner to the law of sin:
1. **John 8:32-36:** ³²“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered Him, “We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can You say that we shall be set free?”
³⁴Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, **everyone who sins is a slave to sin.** ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”
 2. **Rom. 6:12-17:** ¹²Therefore do not let **sin reign** in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For **sin shall not be your master**, because you are not under law, but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are **slaves to sin**, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that, though **you used to be slaves to sin**, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted.
 3. **Rom. 7:14-25:** ¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, **sold as a slave to sin.** ¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For **what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.** ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For

what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me **a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.** ²⁴**What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?** ²⁵Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

B. There were at least **four reasons** why God purposed to deliver the Israelites out of their bondage:

1. They were God's chosen, covenant people – God wanted to separate them unto Himself to be His treasured possession
 - a) **Deut. 7:6-9:** ⁶For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your **God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession.** ⁷The LORD did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸But it was **because the LORD loved you and kept the oath He swore to your forefathers** that He brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, **keeping His covenant of love** to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands.
 - b) Under the New Covenant, believers from all nations become God's chosen people (**1 Pet. 2:9-10**): ⁹But you are **a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God**, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you **out of darkness into His wonderful light.** ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but **now you are the people of God**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

2. God heard their cry and had compassion on them
 - a) **Ex. 2:23-25; 3:7-8:** ²³During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The **Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out**, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. ²⁴**God heard their groaning** and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. ²⁵So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them... ⁷The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of My people in Egypt. **I have heard them crying out** because of their slave drivers, and **I am concerned about their suffering.** ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians...
 - b) Similarly, God now saves those who call on Him (**Rom. 10:13**): For, “Everyone who **calls on the name of the Lord** will be saved.”
3. God wanted them to be free so that they could serve and worship Him:
 - a) Pharaoh was repeatedly challenged by God: “**Let My people go, so that they may worship** [“serve” – KJV] **Me**” (Ex. 5:1; 7:16; 8:1,20-21; 9:1,13; 10:3).
 - b) For this same reason, God sent Jesus Christ into the world (**Luke 1:67-75**): ⁶⁷His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: ⁶⁸“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and has redeemed His people. ⁶⁹He has **raised up a horn of salvation** for us in the house of His servant David ⁷⁰(as He said through His holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—⁷²to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, ⁷³the oath He swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴**to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve Him** without fear ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.
4. God was bringing them out of Egypt to take them into Canaan, the Promised Land
 - a) **Ex. 6:6-8:** ⁶“Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and **I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.** I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷I will take you as

My own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. ⁸And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

- b) In a similar way, the sinner is delivered so that he may enter into the inheritance that God has prepared for him (**1 Pet. 1:3-4; 2:9**): ³*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth INTO a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and INTO an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you... ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you OUT of darkness INTO His wonderful light.*

C. Nine attempts were made to release the Israelites from Pharaoh’s yoke of slavery, but only the blood of the Passover lamb could liberate them!

1. In the tenth and final plague, God smote all of the firstborn of Egypt

- a) **Ex. 12:11-12, 29-30:** ¹¹*This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. ¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD... ²⁹At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.*
- b) The firstborn represented the firstfruits and chief of all their strength (Ps. 105:36), signifying that Pharaoh’s stronghold and dominion over God’s people had been broken

- c) In the same way, the dominion and yoke of slavery to sin are broken through the blood of Christ (Rom. 6:14; Gal. 5:1)
2. That same night, the Lord saved all those Israelites who had placed the blood of the Passover lamb upon their doorways, promising that His judgment and destruction would “pass over” their houses when He saw the blood

a) **Ex. 12:12-13, 23, 27:** ¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt...** ²³When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, He will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and He will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down... ²⁷Tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who **passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when He struck down the Egyptians.**’”

b) Similarly, God has provided an escape from His wrath and judgment for sin through the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Passover Lamb

(1) **1 Cor. 5:7-8:** ⁷Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For **Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.** ⁸Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

(2) NOTE: Christ was crucified at the very time of the Jewish Passover, thus fulfilling in every way the Old Testament type as God’s Passover Lamb; He even celebrated the Passover Feast with His disciples the night before His crucifixion, revealing the true meaning to them (**Mat. 26:17-28**): ¹⁷On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the

disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do You want us to make preparations for You to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: **My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with My disciples at your house.**’” ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover... ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat; **this is My body.**” ²⁷Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸**This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**”

(3) **Rom. 5:6-9:** ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** ⁹Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!

D. The Israelites needed two essential things in order to escape Pharaoh's bondage and the impending judgment of God – **faith** and **obedience**

1. **Faith** – The blood of the slain Passover lamb had to be personally applied to each individual home as an act of faith to secure salvation (**Heb. 11:28**): **By faith** he [Moses] kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.
2. **Obedience** – In Ex. 12, God gave numerous, specific instructions about how, when and where the Israelites were to celebrate the Passover – it had to be a perfect lamb without blemish, no leaven, bitter herbs, etc. (**Ex. 12:24**): **Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.**

3. In the exact same way, salvation for the New Testament believer is a personal matter, requiring the individual to repent and believe the Gospel; he “applies” the blood to his own life by faith and confession of Christ as Lord
 - a) **Rom. 10:9-10:** *⁹That if you **confess** with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and **believe** in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*
 - b) **Rev. 12:11:** *They overcame him [the devil] **by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony**; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*
 4. **Rom. 1:5:** *Through Him and for His name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the **obedience that comes from faith**.*
- E. The Passover lamb had to be a **perfect sacrifice** without spot or blemish
1. **Ex. 12:3, 5:** *³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household... ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males **without defect**, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.*
 2. Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament type of the Passover lamb in every way (**1 Pet. 1:18-19**): *¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of **Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect**.*
 3. Christ, the perfect Lamb of God, was examined by all and none could find any fault in Him – He “*had no sin*” (2 Cor. 5:21), “*committed no sin*” (1 Pet. 2:22), and “*in Him is no sin*” (1 John 3:5)
 4. There is *NO* other sacrifice acceptable for man’s deliverance from sin: only the “*Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world*” (Rev. 13:8) is “*able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He... is **holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens***” (Heb. 7:25-26).

- F. The entire congregation of Israel had to slaughter the lambs for Passover, and thus **all** were guilty of their death
1. **Ex. 12:6** (KJV): *The **whole assembly** of the congregation of Israel **shall kill it** in the evening.*
 2. Likewise, God has declared the entire world guilty of sin and thus, directly or indirectly, guilty of the death of Jesus, the Lamb of God
 - a) **Rom. 3:19, 23:** *¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that **every mouth** may be silenced and the **whole world held accountable** [“guilty” – KJV] **to God...** ²³*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**
 - b) **1 John 2:2:** *He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for **the sins of the whole world.***
- G. The children of Israel had to eat the Passover with **bitter herbs** and there could be **no yeast** (leaven) in their houses
1. **Ex. 12:8, 15-20:** *⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along **with bitter herbs**, and bread made without yeast... ¹⁵For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day **remove the yeast from your houses**, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel... ¹⁷“Celebrate the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come... ¹⁹For seven days **no yeast is to be found in your houses**. And whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native-born. ²⁰Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.”*
 2. The bitter herbs show the need for deep remorse and godly sorrow over sin, resulting in sincere repentance, without which the sinner cannot come to Christ for salvation
 - a) **2 Cor. 7:10-11:** *¹⁰**Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation** and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. ¹¹See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to*

see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

- b) The Passover celebration was to be an annual reminder of their deliverance from the bitter bondage of Egypt (**Ex. 12:14**): *This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.*
- 3. Yeast (leaven) is a symbol of hypocrisy and hidden sin, and the Christian is exhorted to eat the unleavened bread of “sincerity and truth”
 - a) **1 Cor. 5:6-8**: *⁶Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? ⁷Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.*
 - b) NOTE: The word translated “sincerity” in the above verse comes from the Greek *eilikrines* which literally means “to be judged by the sun’s rays; to be tested as genuine, pure or clear;” thus a sincere person is one who walks and lives in the light of God continually (**1 John 1:6-10**): *⁶If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷But 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, purifies us from all sin. ⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.*

H. The Passover was to be eaten **in haste** because the children of Israel were being driven out of Egypt and they could not tarry or delay

- 1. **Ex. 12:11, 33, 39** (NKJV): *¹¹And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover... ³³And the Egyptians urged the people,*

*that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, “We shall all be dead...”³⁹ And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because **they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait**, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.*

2. This highlights the urgency of our repentance: the New Testament warns us to “**flee immorality**” (1 Cor. 6:18), “**flee from idolatry**” (1 Cor. 10:14), “**flee from youthful lusts**” (2 Tim. 2:22) and “**flee from the wrath to come**” (Luke 3:7).
 3. Jesus told Zacchaeus to “**make haste and come down... for this day is salvation come to this house**” (Luke 19:5, 9)
 4. Now is always the time for the sinner to respond to the Gospel for God says “**now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation**” (2 Cor. 6:2)
- I. By eating the Passover lamb, the Israelites were not only delivered from the yoke of slavery, but they were also **healed of all sickness and disease**
1. **Deut. 7:15:** *The LORD will keep you free from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but He will inflict them on all who hate you.*
 2. **Ps. 105:36-37** (NKJV): ³⁶*He also destroyed all the firstborn in their land, The first of all their strength.* ³⁷*He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble* [“weak, sick”] *among His tribes.*
 3. Under the New Covenant, Jesus died not only for man’s sins, but also for his sicknesses – an integral part of God’s salvation is healing from all sickness and disease
 - a) **1 Pet. 2:24:** *He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.*
 - b) **Mat. 8:16-17:** ¹⁶*When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to Him, and He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.* ¹⁷*This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.”*

- c) **Acts 10:38:** *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how He went around doing good and **healing all** who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him.*
- J. The Passover was to be an annual **memorial celebration**, a time for them to remember their miserable life in bondage as slaves in Egypt and God’s miraculous deliverance
1. **Ex. 12:14:** ***This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.***
 2. **Ex. 13:1-9:** ¹*The LORD said to Moses,* ²*“Consecrate to Me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to Me, whether man or animal.”* ³*Then Moses said to the people, “**Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast.*** ⁴*Today, in the month of Abib, you are leaving.* ⁵*When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites and Jebusites—the land He swore to your forefathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey—you are to observe this ceremony in this month:* ⁶*For seven days eat bread made without yeast and on the seventh day hold a festival to the LORD.* ⁷*Eat unleavened bread during those seven days; nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders.* ⁸*On that day tell your son, ‘I do this because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.’* ⁹***This observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and a REMINDER on your forehead that the law of the LORD is to be on your lips. For the LORD brought you out of Egypt with His mighty hand.***
 3. **Deut. 16:1-3:** ¹*Observe the month of Abib and **celebrate the Passover** of the LORD your God, because in the month of Abib He brought you out of Egypt by night.* ²*Sacrifice as the Passover to the LORD your God an animal from your flock or herd at the place the LORD will choose as a dwelling for his Name.* ³*Do not eat it with bread made with yeast, but for seven days **eat unleavened bread, the bread of affliction**, because you left Egypt in haste—so that all*

the days of your life you may remember the time of your departure from Egypt.

4. **Deut. 15:15:** *Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.*
5. Each year, as they kept the Passover and remembered all of these things, their hearts would be forever grateful to God and they would *NEVER* think of returning to Egypt; but because they “*soon forgot what He had done*” (Ps. 106:13), before long they were complaining and so confused that they were saying that *Egypt* had been the land flowing with milk and honey!
 - a) **Num. 11:1-5, 18:** *¹Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the LORD, and when He heard them His anger was aroused. Then fire from the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp... ⁴The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic... ¹⁸The LORD heard you when you wailed, “If only we had meat to eat! **We were better off in Egypt!**” Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it.*
 - b) **Num. 16:13-14:** *¹³Isn't it enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the desert? And now you also want to lord it over us? ¹⁴Moreover, you haven't brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards.”*
 - c) **Num. 14:2-4:** *²All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! ³Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. **Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?**” ⁴And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”*
 - d) **Ps. 78:42-55:** *⁴²They did not remember His power—the day He redeemed them from the oppressor, ⁴³the*

day He displayed his miraculous signs in Egypt, His wonders in the region of Zoan. ⁴⁴He turned their rivers to blood; they could not drink from their streams. ⁴⁵He sent swarms of flies that devoured them, and frogs that devastated them. ⁴⁶He gave their crops to the grasshopper, their produce to the locust. ⁴⁷He destroyed their vines with hail and their sycamore-figs with sleet. ⁴⁸He gave over their cattle to the hail, their livestock to bolts of lightning... ⁵¹He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, the firstfruits of manhood in the tents of Ham. ⁵²But He brought His people out like a flock; He led them like sheep through the desert. ⁵³He guided them safely, so they were unafraid; but the sea engulfed their enemies. ⁵⁴Thus He brought them to the border of **His Holy Land**, to the hill country His right hand had taken. ⁵⁵He drove out nations before them and allotted their lands to them as an inheritance; He settled the tribes of Israel in their homes.

- e) **Ps. 106:7, 13:** ⁷When our fathers were in Egypt, **they gave no thought to Your miracles; they did not remember** Your many kindnesses, and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea... ¹³But **they soon forgot what He had done** and did not wait for His counsel.
6. There was a long lapse from the time of Samuel until King Josiah where the celebration of the Passover was neglected (**2 Chron. 35:18**): **The Passover had not been observed like this in Israel since the days of the prophet Samuel; and none of the kings of Israel had ever celebrated such a Passover as did Josiah, with the priests, the Levites and all Judah and Israel who were there with the people of Jerusalem.**
7. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, reminding them that they also had a Passover feast to keep and that the Lord's Supper was to be a regular "remembrance of Christ"
- a) **1 Cor. 5:7-8:** ⁷Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore **let us keep the Festival**, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

- b) **1 Cor. 11:23-26:** 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, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**” ²⁵In 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.**” ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you **proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.***

II. CONCLUSION

- A. After 400 years in bondage to Pharaoh, and even after nine miraculous plagues of judgment brought on Egypt by the mighty hand of God, the Israelites could only be liberated through the blood of the Passover lamb!
- B. This is a graphic illustration to all of us that “nothing but the blood of Jesus” can ever set us free from the slavery of sin!
- C. So amazing was Israel’s deliverance that God made the Passover celebration an annual reminder so that they and their descendants would never forget what God had done for them
- D. In like manner, every Christian has a “Passover Feast” to keep ensuring that he always remembers the Lord’s death until He comes again!