

Christ Our Passover by D.A. Carson For the Love of God, March 1

The Passover was not only the climax of the ten plagues, it was the beginning of the nation. Doubtless Pharaoh had had enough of Moses; God had had enough of Pharaoh. This last plague wiped out the firstborn of the land, the symbol of strength, the nation's pride and hope. At the same time, by his design it afforded God an opportunity to teach some important lessons, in graphic form, to the Israelites. If the angel of death was to pass through the land, what principle would distinguish the homes that suffered death from those where everyone survived?

God tells the Israelites to gather in houses, each house bringing together enough people to eat one entire year-old lamb. Careful instructions are provided for the preparation of the meal. The strangest of these instructions is that a daub of blood is to be splashed on the top and both sides of the doorframe: "and when I see the blood, I will pass over you" (Ex. 12:13).

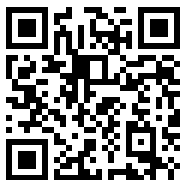
The importance of this event cannot be overestimated. It signaled not only the release of the Israelites from slavery, but the dawning of a new covenant with their Redeemer. At the same time, it constituted a picture: guilty people face death, and the only way to escape that sentence is if a lamb dies instead of those who are sentenced to die. The calendar changes to mark the importance of this turning point.

A millennium and a half later, Paul would remind believers in Corinth that Christ Jesus, our Passover Lamb, was sacrificed for us, inaugurating a new covenant (1 Cor. 5:7; 11:25). On the night that he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and wine, and instituted a new commemorative rite—and this too took place on the festival of Passover, as if this new rite connects the old with that to which it points: the death of Christ. The calendar changed again; a new and climactic redemption had been achieved. God still passes over those who are secured by the blood.

Events

- 3/13 Mystery Dinner
6:30 PM
- 3/28 Ladies Missionary
Society 9 AM
- 3/28 Haizlip/Escamilla
wedding 2 PM
- 3/29 Special testimony &
baptism service PM

Give



Upcoming Events



Pastors

Stephen Byrd Stu Johnston
Michael Lopes Bob Prentice

Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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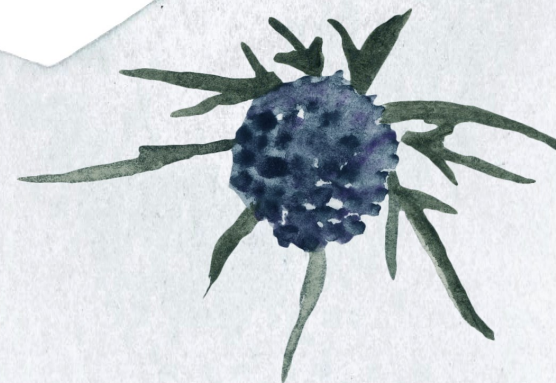
May the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy
Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13



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March 8, 2020



Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Congregational Reading
Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Preparatory

Pastor Bob Prentice
Psalm 121, page 516
#223 Arise My Soul, Arise
Acts 17:16-34, page 926
#177 Beneath the Cross
O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary, Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears, They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone

(Chorus)
O praise the name of the Lord our God, O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise, Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King

(Chorus)
He shall return in robes of white, The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Interlude
(Chorus 2x)
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

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Sermon Pastor Stu Johnston

Evening Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn

Brad Hicks
Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is "Love", who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart,
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.

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Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-16, page 977
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory/Preparatory Jesus Sinners Does Receive

"Jesus sinners does receive:" word of surest consolation;
Word all sorrow to relieve, word of pardon, peace, salvation!
Naught like this can comfort give:
"Jesus sinners does receive," naught like this can comfort give!

On God's grace we have no claim, yet to us His pledge is given;
He hath sworn by His own name, open are the gates of heaven.
Take to heart this word and live:
"Jesus sinners does receive," take to heart this word and live!

When a helpless lamb doth stray, after it, the Shepherd pressing
thro' each dark and dangerous way, brings it back, His own possessing.
Jesus seeks thee, O believe: "Jesus sinners does receive,"
Jesus seeks thee, O believe! Jesus seeks thee, O believe!

Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow, by Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe: "Jesus sinners does receive,"
For these words I now believe!

Now my conscience is at peace, from the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release, and my every sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve: "Jesus sinners does receive,"
Naught remains my soul to grieve! Naught remains my soul to grieve!
"Jesus sinners does receive:" word of surest consolation;
Word all sorrow to relieve, word of pardon, peace, salvation!

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Sermon Pastor Michael Lopes
Communion Pastor Michael Lopes
#115 None Other Lamb
#185 By the Cross of Jesus
Standing
Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could, Rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have, Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost our way

(Chorus) You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us, Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne
(Chorus 2x)

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