

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 door-frame: "and when I see the blood, I will pass over you" (Ex. 12:13).

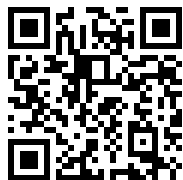
The importance of this event cannot be overestimated. It signaled not only the release of the Israelites from slavery, but the dawning of a new covenant with their Redeemer. At the same time, it constituted a picture: guilty people face death, and the only way to escape that sentence is if a lamb dies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

6/17 Small Groups
6/20 Olivia Knight bridal
shower 11 AM—1 PM
7/9-12 Summer VisionYouth
Conference
7/20-24 Vacation Bible
School 6 PM

Give



Upcoming Events



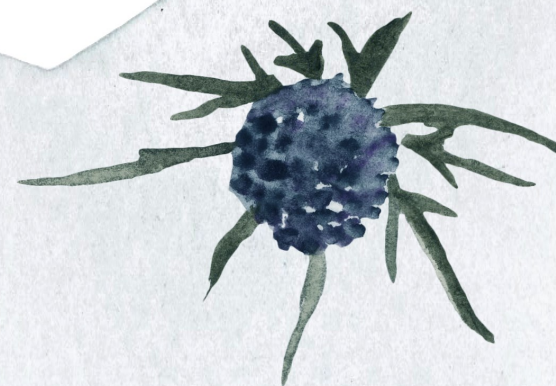
Pastors

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



June 14, 2020



GRACE
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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice
Stronger

1. There is love that come for us; humbled to a sinners cross.
You broke my shame and sinfulness. You rose again victorious.
2. Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire.
There is truth that sets me free: Jesus Christ who lives in me.

(Chorus)

**You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me.
It is written, Christ is risen. Jesus, You are Lord of all.**

3. No beginning and no end; You're my hope and my defense.
You came to seek and save the lost. You paid it all upon the cross.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.
So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.

(Chorus 2x)

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer

Acts 21:17-36, page 930

Preparatory Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

**Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.
(repeat)**

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Sermon Closing Song

Pastor Stu Johnston
#580 It is Well

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Nathan Allen
Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

**(Chorus) Lord, I need You, oh I need You. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

(Chorus)

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

(Chorus)

**You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer

Psalms 51, page 474

Preparatory Hymn Sermon

**#27 Great is Thy Faithfulness
Kent Thompson**

Closing Song

You are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel; Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

**(Chorus) Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; rising again, I bless Your name.
You are my all in all.

When I fall down You pick me up; when I am dry you fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

(Chorus)

**Round - (Vs. 1-Men, Chorus-Women) Round - (Vs. 2-Women, Chorus-Men)
All sing chorus a final time.**

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