

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).

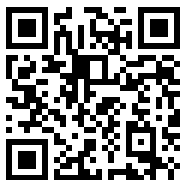
The importance of this event cannot be overestimated. It signaled not only the release of the Israelites from slavery, but the dawning of a new covenant with their Redeemer. At the same time, it constituted a picture: guilty people face death, and the only way to escape that sentence is if a lamb dies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

7/17 Knight/Gwyn Wedding
Livestream 5 PM
7/20-24 Vacation Bible
School 6 PM

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Upcoming Events



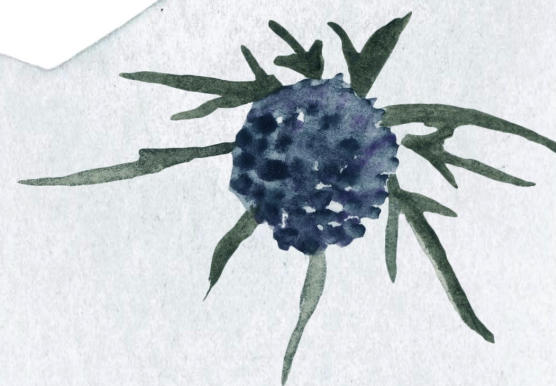
Pastors

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



July 12, 2020



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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice
He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Refrain) He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Refrain)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Refrain 2x)

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Preparatory Hymn

Acts 23:25-24:2, page 933

Complete in Thee

Complete in Thee! no work of mine could take, dear Lord, the place of Thine
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and I shall stand complete in Thee

(Chorus) Yea, justified! O blessed thought!
And sanctified! Salvation wrought!
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

Complete in Thee each want supplied and no good thing to me denied
Since Thou my portion, Lord wilt be, I ask no more, complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Complete in Thee! no more shall sin Thy grace hath conquered, reign within
Thy blood shall bid the tempter flee and I shall stand complete in Thee **(Chorus)**

Dear Savior, when before Thy bar all tribes and tongues assembled are
Among Thy chosen I shall be at Thy right hand, complete in Thee **(Chorus 2x)**

Thy blood hath pardon bought for me and glorified, I too, shall be!

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Sermon Closing Song

Pastor Michael Lopes
All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise this house, In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ
(Chorus)

When on that day the great I AM, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us, And be our steadfast light
And we shall e're His people be, all glory be to Christ
(Chorus 2x)

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Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Jack Dix
All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost.
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross,
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now Lord I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,
and let my song forever be my only boast is You.
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.
(a cappella)
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Preparatory Hymn Sermon Closing Song

Psalms 51, page 474

#188 There is a Fountain
Kent Thompson
Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me