

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).

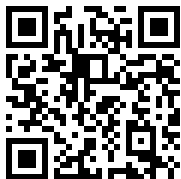
The importance of this event cannot be overestimated. It signaled not only the release of the Israelites from slavery, but the dawning of a new covenant with their Redeemer. At the same time, it constituted a picture: guilty people face death, and the only way to escape that sentence is if a lamb dies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

8/5 Small Groups
8/13 Flourishers Movie Night
6:30 PM
8/16 & 8/23 Baptisms and
Testimonies

Give



Upcoming Events



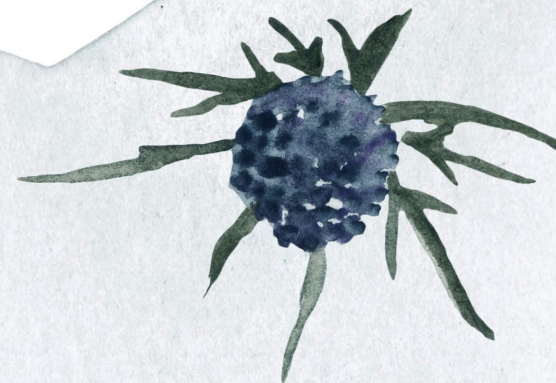
Pastors

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



August 2, 2020



GRACE
REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

**[Chorus] Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave**

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this?
He is

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

[Chorus]

[Bridge] From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is! He is!

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Scripture Reading Acts 24:2-23, page 933

Pastoral Prayer

Preparatory Hymn Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us
(repeat)

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy,
Have mercy, have mercy on us

O Lord, My Rock & My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other, True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom, Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver, And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me, My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding, Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders, In my place You suffered bleed and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered,
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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Sermon Closing Song

Pastor Stu Johnston #216 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Preparatory Hymn

Jack Dix #53 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah Acts 24:24-25:12, page 934

#21 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Sermon Closing Song Lee Davis God Undefeatable

1. Behold the King who conquered and overcame our sin.
Behold our glorious Victor whose mercy knows no end.
He is true, He is right, death is broken, He is alive.

(Chorus)

God undefeatable, Kingdom unshakeable; in majesty and power You reign.

Love undeniable, matchless and bountiful; to waken us to life You came. You came.

2. And now our way is certain, our souls in You secure
through every pain and struggle Your victory endures.
For You are true, and You are right, death is broken, and You are alive. **(Chorus)**

(Bridge)

The love of God is greater than we dare to hope or dream.
The hold of God is stronger than we dare to hope or dream. **(Chorus)**

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