

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.

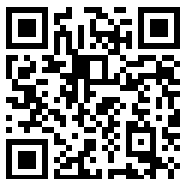
Events

TODAY Testimonies

8/26 Campus Outreach
presentations 7:15 PM

9/2 Small Groups

Give



Upcoming
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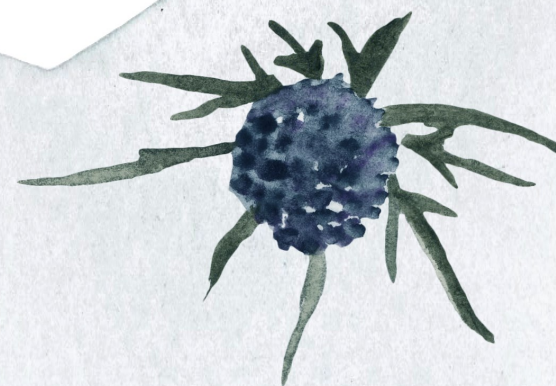
Pastors

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 23, 2020



GRACE
REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Stephen Byrd

Opening Hymn

How Great is Our God

The splendor of a king, Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice.

**(Chorus) How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see
How great, how great is our God**

Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands,
eginning and the end, Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb. **(Chorus)**

**(Bridge 2x) Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God
(Chorus 2x)**

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Scripture Reading

Acts 27:1-44, page 936

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn

#27 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Preparatory Hymn

I Need No Other

My faith has found a resting place, Not in device or creed
I trust the ever living One, For me his wounds shall plead

**(Chorus) I need no other argument, I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me**

It's enough for me that Jesus saves, This ends my fear and doubt
A sinful soul I come to Him, He'll never cast me out **(Chorus)**

My great Physician heals the sick, The lost He came to save
For me His precious blood was spilled, For me His life He gave **(Chorus 2x)**

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Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston

Closing Song

#580 It is Well

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Kent Thompson

Opening Hymn

Our God is an Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God;
He reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love;
Our God is an awesome God.
(repeat)
Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!

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Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:24-50, page 834

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

(Chorus)

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?

**Amazing love, I know it's true, and it's my joy to honor You,
in all I do to honor You.**

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

(Chorus)

(Bridge) You are my King. You are my King.

Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

(Chorus 2x)

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Preparatory Hymn

#400 Come Thou Fount

Sermon

Pastor Michael Lopes

Closing Song

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love, and sing, and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the Conqueror's crown,
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:

"Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"