

Christ Our Passover

1 Cor 5:7

For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. (NKJ)

Paul is here telling the church at Corinth that the member who has been involved in immoral conduct must be dealt with. He uses as a guide for this the commandment the Passover feast in which there were two main elements. The lamb and bread. The cup was also used but is not in the Exodus a major factor.

Paul is teaching the church that the leaven was a type of corruption and was to be removed. It has a tendency to corrupt the entire loaf if not removed.

He then tells us that Jesus Christ was our Passover who was sacrificed for us.

In order to understand this we must go back to Exodus 12.

We must remember that Israel is in captivity where they have been for almost 400 years. They are living lives as slaves to build the Egyptian monuments.

God has prepared a man, Moses who has been representing God to obtain their release from Pharaoh. And we have come the final plague of 10 that has brought upon the Egyptians to prove to them that Jehovah is God.

Exod 12:1-12

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

4 'And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.

5 'Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

6 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

7 'And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

8 'Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 'Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire-- its head with its legs

and its entrails.

10 'You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

11 'And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD'S Passover.

12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. (NKJ)

But think of the lamb:

1. It was first innocent, that is it had done nothing deserving of the death it would soon die.

2. Isa 53:7-10

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; he was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

9 And they made His grave with the wicked-- but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; he has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, he shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. (NKJ)

3. It was without blemish and without spot, even as Jesus was the lamb without spot.

4. 1 Pet 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (NKJ)

5. John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (NKJ)

6. Rev 5:12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (NKJ)

Think next of the sacrifice:

1. The two most important elements of the sacrifice were the blood and the flesh of the lamb.

2. The blood was to be taken as the animal died.
3. It was to be caught in a basin and then applied to door posts of the door of the house.
4. The flesh of the lamb was to be roasted with fire.
5. It could not be boiled nor eaten raw.
6. It must be all consumed and none left until the morning.
7. Also in all the process of the sacrifice not a bone of the lamb was to be broken

Exod 12:46 "In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones.

Think now of the application:

1. On the night Jesus was arrested He became that Passover lamb for us.
2. He died so that we might live. For them it was physical life, for us it is spiritual life, eternal life.
3. God's plan is clearly seen over 1500 years in advance that Jesus would give life to all those under the blood. They would escape the wrath and judgment of God.

Romans 8:1 (NKJV) 1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
4. As that lamb was roasted by the fire that night in Egypt so Jesus under went the wrath of God for our sins.
5. So as we have read these passages tonight take them into consideration with the Passover lamb and see Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.