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[0 : 00] So much that you've gathered us and I pray Lord that as we look into your word you would! When things are going crazy in society we are thankful that we have a hope that we see in you and that you are faithful and when you say that you will accomplish all that you set out to do we trust you for that.

We may not understand everything I know but we trust you for that. There are those of us who are still recovering physically and some going downhill physically and I pray Lord for a blessing and a strength for them.

And now Lord bless us with your word this morning please in Jesus name we pray. Amen. Okay now we left regarding the gods of Egypt.

So we're ready for chapter 12. We're going to pick up with verse 11 because we're going back to the Passover. So I did not check.

How many times has the institution of the Passover that is instructions about the Passover. How many times has that been given so far? Do you remember?

[1 : 51] Do you remember? Well not just in chapter 12 but preceding. Okay.

This is the first. Okay. Yeah. Alright. Now what's the significance of the Passover before we even get into it deeply?

Okay. It's going to be a memorial. Specifically of what? I'm sorry. Deliverance. Deliverance. The destroyer passing over the houses that have the blood on them.

Now that's going to be significant because not only is it a remembrance, not only is it a remembrance of God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt, but it's going to look forward to what? The apostle Paul mentions it. So it's for this day. So what's the significance?

[3 : 23] Okay. How did I escape, if I was in Israel, the house of Israel in Egypt, how did I escape the destroyer killing the firstborn?

How did I do that? I killed a lamb. I applied the blood to the house, to the lentils, and to the doorposts.

Okay. That's how I, it was the sacrifice of the lamb, and that's how I escaped the destroyer. Now why does Paul call to mind for the church, to a Gentile church, Passover?

He calls Christ, I'm going to go ahead with it because I'm taking too long already. He calls Jesus Christ our Passover. So what's the significance?

His blood, his sacrifice, it protects us from the destroyer.

[4 : 37] Those who have not the blood stand on their own. And what happens? In the end. It fails.

Who is, see, it doesn't really matter how righteous I may think I am. Does it? I can say anything I wish to say, but that will not make it true.

And, I may be convinced, and that won't make it true. I can be sincerely wrong.

Who makes the judgment? I heard it. Who makes the judgment? God does. Whose righteousness righteousness is weighed in that balance at judgment day.

Jesus' righteousness, God's righteousness. So, those who stand at the great white throne judgment, and the books are opened, are judged according to their lives.

[5 : 56] But, they aren't going to be judged according to their lives, according to the general run of the mill of mankind. You know people who think that.

Well, I'm better than average. And some people think, I'm better than Hitler.

Yeah. God grades, God doesn't grade on a curve, does he? There is no curve. There is no, ah well, if you fall within this average, you're going to be in.

There's nothing about that. It's absolute. For all have sinned, and do fall short of the glory of God. That's why I need a savior.

So, the significance of the Passover will be, and I know we're jumping ahead, but, it's a reminder, is it not? The significance of the Passover is, that blood.

[7 : 09] Christ is the, this is an important word, the propitiation. what does that mean? What does that mean? You've heard it.

He paid the price. Literally, the propitiation is, that which turns the wrath of God from me. Now, unless I see the bad news, I won't know the good news.

I need to see myself as I am, and there was, everyone who proclaims that they're a Christian, and, and is honest about it, everyone who has trusted Christ to save them, has come to that place where we recognized, that I'm in trouble.

I can't save myself. I'm not good enough. This is a righteous God that judges, and I stand in, wrath, unless, Jesus, saves me.

That's the importance. So, let's go to, the Passover. How were the people, beginning with chapter 12, verse 11, how were the people to eat the Passover?

[8 : 37] I know we, we spoke about it, and ended with it last week, but, we're going to reiterate it. Right.

You're, you're, not, not only did he tell them what they were going to eat, and how they were going to fix it, and the leaven had to be out of the house.

No, don't leaven the, don't leaven the bread. Now, well, we'll get to that, I think, but, don't leaven the bread, even, because you, are a people, going somewhere, and you're going to go in a hurry.

You're going to go in a hurry. It seems to have taken a long time to get here, but once it starts, you're going to go fast.

So, he says, you eat it, you're going to be dressed, your belts are going to be on, your coats are going to be on, you're going to have your shoes on your feet, you're not going to be relaxed, this isn't, this is not a feast, of leisure.

[9 : 58] We're not going to sit around the table, and enjoy one another's company. You're going to eat it fast. You're not going to leave anything. You're going to burn whatever you didn't eat, you're going to burn it.

Nothing's going to be left. There is no other sacrifice, and there is no leftover. So, that's how I'm supposed to eat it.

Now, will this always be the practice for the Passover among Israel? I'm sorry? Okay, you think so? Who disagrees? You're ashamed to disagree with Sherry? You act like me. I think it is, but there's no shedding of the blood.

I mean, there's no blood on the, other than that, it is. How about Jesus and his disciples when they ate it? They reclined at the table.

[11 : 05] Right. They washed their feet. They reclined at the table. They lounged. So, it won't always be that practice, even, even as Jesus will practice it under the law.

But, for this time, it's important they do it this way. so, so, so, so, so, so, yes this is the new covenant in my blood now how many of you I do want an answer you don't have to reiterate it if you don't want to you don't even have to respond if you don't want to how many of you have have wrestled just a little bit with this is the new covenant okay see the scripture talks about the the prophets talked about the new covenant in terms of the kingdom now here Jesus is going to refer to it because and we know he does because Paul's going to refer to it as this is the new covenant of salvation I'm going to die for the world but so I don't claim to know the answer to that one because there's how many covenants I don't know yet um maybe you can enlighten me nevertheless that's true he will hold the cup and he'll say this is the new covenant in my blood and he'll hold he'll hold the bread and he'll say this is my body broken for you do this in remembrance of me so we do not as the church and as the church saved by grace through faith but the body of Christ we do not partake of the Passover we partake of the communion the significance is there and we need to remember that it is a remembrance and it's the one ordinance that the church is told to follow so here yes okay

Paul will refer to it though and he's referring to it in the church but it doesn't refer to the covenant of the millennial kingdom which is an Israelite covenant the kingdom the messianic kingdom belongs to Jesus Christ incidentally men aren't going to walk it in God will use men to orchestrate for it but you know you've met someone in a tradition that says basically that the church is going to bring the kingdom in we even have a hymn for that and God there we have a story to tell to the nations and

God's great kingdom will come to the earth the kingdom of love and light well God's great kingdom's coming but the church isn't bringing it

God's going to bring that God's going to do that so nevertheless all right that if or rather hereafter I'll just go on hereafter Israel's to make this a seven day observance right okay how is it to be observed verse 14 and on okay it is to be perpetual he also gives instructions okay for seven days all right all right even the first day you shall put away the leaven out of your houses that's why some Jews today even they make a deal of sweeping the house they're looking for leaven they sweep the house they have a name for it

I don't know what it is but and they like I are happy when the seven days is over and you can eat leavened bread again now but seven days you're going to take all the leaven out of your house and it's pretty serious he makes a warning anybody who eats it what they're you're going to be cut off from Israel all right and on the first day you do what it's a holy convocation what does holy mean set apart sanctified it's a day that is set specifically for this and nothing else okay so there's a holy convocation and then after the seventh day another one so the only thing you're allowed to do during in those two days is what yeah only what you need to do to eat other than that

[18:27] I don't want any work done says God why well okay we we can see back we can read back into it God has done everything but but he tells them specifically why they're going to do this or take me okay read verse 17 please someone read it aloud okay so he he says this is the reason you're going to observe it because this is the day

I brought you out this is the day I brought you out in fact remember that there the the calendar is going to change because of this the deliverance will be the first day of the year for their calendar the religious calendar if if you go there now they use the Gregorian calendar as we do because most of the world uses it and they they conduct business like that but the religious calendar begins the year in this month now and he and he tells them what day in the first month on which day the 14th day you shall eat unleavened bread until the 21st day all right and then you shall not find any leaven even in your house back to the sweeping of the house right for whoso eateth that which is leavened shall be cut off he reiterates that from the congregation and now he adds to it no matter what whether you're whether you're born a

Jew or whether you're an alien if you eat it you're cut off from the congregation of Israel he doesn't make any he doesn't make any stipulation so I'm going to say that's the way I read it because unless he unless he mitigates it with except if you do this then I take it it means this is a permanent deal so don't do it now what did Israel do well let me back up Moses commanded the people to do this but then he gives them a commandment about not doing something what did he command them not to do right you're only and this is true for me in the day of grace

I'm only safe if I'm in Christ I'm only safe in Christ they are only safe in the house don't go out so it's a picture if you will of salvation we are accepted by God in the beloved the idea that I am accepted by God just because of who I am is not true I'm not accepted by God because of me I'm accepted by God because of Christ now how the God head is is one and yet three persons

I don't know I have no clue as to how that works but I don't have to know I just have to trust him so don't go out of the house because why he reiterates this why don't you go out of the house back to Israel because the Lord is going to pass through and smite the Egyptians and we have a hymn for this help me when I see the blood I will pass over you I'm not going to sing it you're thankful for that but that's where that's where the hymn comes from and it's a proper picture when

[24:30] God looks on me he sees Christ that's amazing grace because when I look on the mirror I don't see Christ when I you look with fleshly eyes you don't see it but are spiritual eyes and that's why the apostle will say look the body is dead because of sin but your spirit is alive because of Christ your our eternal life and our resurrection is based upon Christ our faith is in Christ not in ourselves and not in our faith it's not something we conjure it's something we believe so this really is a picture of our position in

Christ if you look at 1 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 7 now 1 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 7 you already know what what Paul's going to be dealing with here this is about an egregious sexual sin in the church in Corinth there and what does he say about it see he uses now he's talking to Gentiles but he's using an Old Testament picture what is it he tells them to get you have to dismiss this guy from fellowship that's what he told him he's unrepentant you dismiss him from fellowship you don't fellowship with him don't go to his house don't invite him over why and here

Paul gives the picture what's he say why why he he's equating leaven with influence at this point but yes in this case it's the influence of sinful actions now was this man saved by grace or by works okay or he's not saved so the man is saved by grace this is not an eternal damnation that Paul's talking about he's just saying don't you fellowship with this don't you when you garden you wear what on your hands or okay

I'll get it more to the point because some of us don't mind getting in the dirt when you clean the stall you're wearing gloves do you notice that the manure doesn't get glovey the gloves get dirty that's kind of what Paul's saying he's saying that's like a leavening agent how much yeast you bakers do you have to put in the dough to get it to rise a lot doesn't take much does it if you give it enough time and it doesn't take much at all what happens well it spreads the yeast multiplies and it affects all of the dough and it makes the bread good but that's not the picture the picture isn't does it taste good or not the picture is if you allow these egregious behaviors

Paul says it will start to affect the whole body now later on he will he will give another illustrate or not an illustration but he'll give another reasoning in that you don't want to bring shame upon the church of Christ so that's why Paul is doing that but it harks back to this whole idea of sweeping the leaven out now before I go on I'm going to ask you a question about Israel you're going to get in your time machine and go forward and we've entered Canaan what did we do let's use this word picture did we sweep the leaven out of Canaan no what happened they intermarried and the actions of the pagans influence

[30 : 20] God's people and God will judge regarding that he won't he says Paul says he hasn't forsaken them but he did judge them now back here that's kind of the picture for Israel isn't it the idea the picture of the leaven isn't that leaven by itself is evil because they were not they were not prohibited from eating leavened bread normally it's a picture for this and the picture for this is get that out of your life Roger before it really messes up you know clean the leaven out that's the picture because it starts to affect it starts to spread and it affects those around and usually tolerated tolerated behavior especially egregious behaviors tolerated behaviors eventually affect a lot more than we ever intended or thought they would sometimes generations often generations so it someone has said sin will lead you where you never thought you would go and take you further than you ever wanted to go and it will affect more people than you ever thought it would so back back to this what

God tells them why he ordained the Passover rite what does he say okay what do they do specifically right you do this so that when your children ask you why do we do this what do you tell them because the Lord delivered us and this is how he did it I don't want to get too picky but just remember as Christians when the children ask why do we do this!

it's not because society says so or if it is then we tell them specifically because the culture does this but it's not for we don't believe it like hunting Easter eggs I'm not critical of that that's a party kind of thing what I am critical of is a Christian who doesn't tell their children why that bothers me a little bit because the children are not who's responsible for instructing right the parents and okay yeah I know the school is leave it to the prayer yeah the village it takes a village by the way since you brought that up it takes a village who remember that statement it takes a village to raise a child I heard I heard Thomas Soule say it takes a village idiot to believe that unfortunately there aren't quite enough of Thomas souls and there are too many well anyway I'm backing off but yeah it's not up to other people it is up to the family pointedly now that doesn't mean that the children are to be blocked from the church of Jesus Christ it just means that ultimately the main responsibility falls on dad and he'll say that here when your son asks you what do you mean by this you shall say what right this is

God's Passover the remembrance is for instruction for me but the significance is and ultimately everything in scripture by the way whether it's proper behavior whether it's my salvation everything points to the glory of God it all comes back to that so good good doctrine results in glory to God and we need to recognize that and learn that in here so what did Israel do yep this time they did what they were supposed to do will that always be the case!

[36 : 49] I'm glad it's always the case for me huh? Thank God for grace so they went away they did as the Lord had commanded let's look back at 1st Corinthians I'm going to end with this again because it does speak to the church and it's a way to close this 1st Corinthians chapter 5 this time verses 6 through 8 you see Paul had used the leaven to say purge the old leaven or purge the leaven from your midst here's the reason starting with 6 your glorying is not good that is you glory in

God's grace by the way

God's grace is not God's license for me to misbehave God is gracious but he also says God through the apostle Paul God will also say God is not malice you reap what you sow if you sow to the flesh it's going to decay so he does God's graciousness we read in Romans is not a license for shall we sin that grace may abound God forbid right that and that's an emphatic no no okay so your glorying is not good don't you know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of the dough right purge out therefore the old leaven that you might be a new lump as ye are unleavened for even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us therefore let's keep the feast see he continues with this this is a Gentile church this is Corinth not only are they Gentiles they're pretty rascally Gentiles he says therefore let us keep the feast that would be the Passover not with old leaven neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth sincere literally is transparent you you hold it up what you see is what you get you know you can see through it it's clear through as as opposed to opaque where I am concealing something see and and so he says let us keep it with sincerity and truth and we are ending there God willing we will pick up with Exodus chapter 12 verse 29 next week have a wonderful week