

REMEMBER ME

“THIS IS MY BODY”

Exodus 12:12-30

Matthew 16:1-23

1 Corinthians 5:1-8



Pressing Forward into 2023

God's Eternal Purpose

Where Are We Going in the Glorious Gospel

- An Introduction to the Glorious Gospel in Leviticus.

The Passover Meal (Luke 22:14-20)

- Four Cups

❶ **Cup of Sanctification** - Luke 22:17-18

- ① Chosen (Elected) by God (Eph 1:3-4; Romans 8:28-30; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 1 Peter 1:2; 2:9)
- ② Called by God (Romans 8:28-30; 9:11; Gal 1:15; 1 Peter 5:10)
- ③ Set Apart for God's Purpose/Works (Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14)
- ④ Equipped for Service (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 13:20-21; Philippians 2:13)

❷ **Cup of Judgment** - Christ did not share this cup because He would drink it **for** His people. See Luke 22:41-42

- God's Love and Wrath - God's wrath is just as much part of the glorious gospel as His love. One **cannot** understand God's love without understanding His wrath and justice.
- God sent His Son to "drink" God's wrath on His people's behalf. (Isaiah 53:10; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- God sent His Son to APPEASE (PROPITIATE) HIS anger toward sinners and SATISFY His justice. (1 John 4:10; Romans 3:25)
- Seriousness of Sin. The wages of **one** sin is the wrath of God.
- Son of Man/Son of God - only He could "drink" the wrath of God due each of us for each of our sins. **MEDITATE.**

❸ **Cup of Redemption** - Luke 22:20. This cup He took **after** supper (1 Corinthians 11:25) showing this was a different cup than the one in Luke 22:17-18.

- Reminder of the blood of the Lamb of Passover. "When I see the blood I will pass over."

- THIS Cup would be the cup of HIS BLOOD - the BLOOD that would ratify the Everlasting Covenant - God's promises for His people. (Luke 22:20; Hebrews 8:6-13; 13:20; Jeremiah 31:30-34; 32:37-41; 33:14-16; Ezekiel 37:26)

④ **Cup of Praise and Joy** - Christ did not share this cup because Cup #3 was not yet accomplished. It would be accomplished when He went to the Cross, was buried, and rose again. There can be no joy without the "shedding of blood".

- **Unleavened Bread** - today's sermon explains why it was unleavened bread and not a cookie, piece of fruit or vegetable, or even a piece of leavened bread!
- Search for leaven. (Exodus 13:3-9)
 - ★ We are **commanded** to regularly "examine ourselves" and cleanse ourselves from all the "filth in our bodies and spirits". (2 Corinthians 13:5; 7:1; Psalm 26:2; 139:23-24; Lam 3:40; Haggai 1:5, 7; 1 John 3:1)

Leaven: A Picture of Sin

- Matthew 13:33; 16:6-12; Mark 8:15; Luke 12:1
 - (Matthew 13:33) Leaven (NOT THE GOSPEL) - as a picture of sin would spread through the whole church. (2 Timothy 3:1-5; 13; 4:3-4; 1 Timothy 4:1; Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11)
 - Christ likens false doctrine/teachings to leaven.
- Danger of Leaven
 - It starts out small, seemingly insignificant, but once in the dough it spreads through the whole bunch *invisibly!*
- "A little leaven leavens the WHOLE bunch." (Galatians 5:9; 1 Cor 5:6)
 - A little false doctrine will leaven all other doctrine.
 - ✗ We live in a time when **relativism** is acceptable in the "church".
 - ✗ The pursuit of **TRUTH** has died in the "church". (Jeremiah 5:1; 7:28; 9:3; Isaiah 59:14-15; 1 Timothy 3:15; John 8:32) **AND, THEREFORE, TRUTH HAS PERISHED IN THE "church"**.
- Leaven puffs up! Leaven makes one proud. (Philippians 2:5-11; James 4:6-10; Colossians 3:12; 1 Peter 5:5; Proverbs 15:33; 18:12; 22:4)
- Leaven begins undetected but eventually becomes visible to all. (Num 32:23)

Unleavened Bread: "This is My Body"

- "a body you prepared for Me" (Hebrews 10:4-5, 10)
- Christ came to accomplish FOUR works:
 - ① To do all the work His Father gave Him to do. (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38-40; 17:4; 18:11)
 - ➔ In so doing, He became the slave of the Father.
 - ➔ He delighted in doing the Father's will. (Psalm 40:7-8)

- To fulfill His part of the Everlasting Covenant! (John 10:11, 14-18, 26-29)
- And that meant DEATH by His Father! (Isaiah 53:10; Zechariah 13:7; Philippians 2:8)
- ② To magnify God's Law and in so doing magnified God. (Isaiah 42:21; Romans 7:12)
- ③ To fulfill the Law perfectly for those whom God gave Him. (Rom 8:4)
 - And to have HIS righteousness imputed into their account in heaven.
 - BUT 1 John 2:29; 1 John 3:1-10
- ④ To save His people from the wrath of God.. (Matthew 1:21; Ezekiel 18:5; Romans 6:23a)
 - Christ came to save His people from:
 - ① From the **PENALTY** of their sins. (Hebrews 9:12; Matthew 20:28; Gal 3:13; Matt 26:28; Rom 3:24-26; 1 John 4:10)
 - ② From the **POLLUTION** of sin. (2 Peter 1:4)
 - ③ From the **POWER** of sin. (Romans 6:14; 8:2; 1 Cor 10:13; 1 John 3:4-10; John 8:36)
 - ④ From the **PLEASURE** of sin. (Heb 11:25; Psalm 97:10; 119:104, 113, 128; Prov 8:13; Amos 5:15; Rom 12:9)
 - ⑤ From the **PRESENCE** of sin. (Revelation 21:4; 21:27; 22:3; Hebrews 11:13-16; 1 Cor 15:42-48; 6:9-10; Eph 5:5)
- Christ was **UNLEAVENED**.
 - Christ came as a man to live a perfect (unleavened) life - for us!
 - Christ was without sin. (1 John 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15)

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- ① **Unleavened Bread is UNLEAVENED.**
 - ✓ Christ had NO SIN in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 3:5)
- ② **Unleavened Bread is NOT PUFFED UP.**
 - ✓ Christ was MEEK and HUMBLE. (Matt 11:28-30; Isaiah 42:1-2; Philippians 2:7-8; Zechariah 9:9; 1 Peter 2:21-23)
 - ✓ Though He was/is GOD, the Creator, Lord, King of kings - He humbled Himself -
 - He laid aside His reputation.
 - He humbled Himself and came in the form of a man!
 - He humbled Himself and came as a slave. (Matthew 20:25-28; John 13:15)
 - He humbled Himself in obedience to the Law for the justification of His people. (Romans 8:28-30; Isaiah 53:11; Matthew 1:21)
 - He humbled Himself to die on a cross as a common criminal.
 - He humbled Himself to give His life as a ransom for His people. (Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45)

- ▶ That ransom was HIS BLOOD - HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD.
(Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Peter 1:18-20; Isaiah 53:8)

③ **Unleavened Bread shows “stripes and bruises”**. (Isaiah 53:5)

- ▶ He was wounded (by God) for **our** transgressions, He was bruise (by God) for **our** iniquities (sins), the chastisement for **our** peace (with God) was upon Him. And by HIS stripes (suffering) we are healed from the **plague of our sins**.
- ▶ He suffered so that we might have **peace** with God. (Romans 5:1, 6, 10)
- ▶ He came to bring peace with God - Luke 2:14 - “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.” (NASB; AMP; ESV; NET)

④ **Unleavened Bread is pierced during baking**. (Psalm 22:16)

- ▶ He would die the death of a common criminal at the hands of man. (Acts 4:27-28; 3:13; John 19:10-11)

Therefore . . .

- (Philippians 2:5-8) - Let this same mindset (attitude) be in us. Christ laid aside His reputation and was obedient to God.
- (John 13:15; 1 Peter 2:21) Christ gave us an example to follow. We are to be slaves to our brothers and sisters. Example: We ought not come to church to be served and have everything ready for me; but I should come to serve others.
- (Matthew 7:21; 1 John 2:17) Just as Christ came to **delight** in doing the will of the Father, we **ought** (are obligated) to do the will of the Father. (Hebrews 10:7; Psalm 40:7-8)
- (1 John 2:6) We are to imitate Christ's humility - meditate on the Biblical definition of humility.
- (1 John 4:10-11; 3:16) If God so loved us by sending His Son to lay down His life for us, then we are commanded to lay down our **lives** for the brethren. **MEDITATE.**
- (1 John 3:1-10) If Christ lived a sinless life then we ought (are obligated) to NOT SIN and practice God's righteousness.