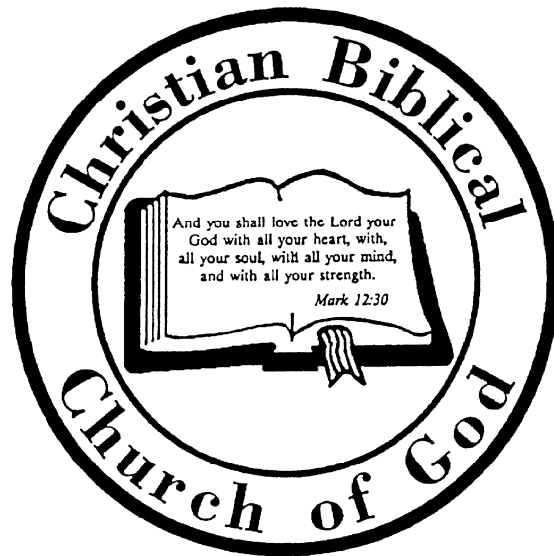


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Become Partakers of the Divine Nature

(Sabbath Before Passover)

Fred R. Coulter—April 5, 2025

Greetings, brethren! Welcome to the Sabbath before Passover. And as a matter of fact, this is one of those years where we have the Passover Day being the seventh-day Sabbath, which means that on Friday night, April 11th, is when we partake of the Passover.

Then Sabbath evening, we have the Night to be Much Remembered, which is remembered unto the Lord for bringing the children of Israel on the start of their way out of Egypt.

Also, the next day, because of the way that it falls, is the **first day of the count toward** Pentecost, and it works this way. Let's come to Mark 14:12 and let's understand that this tells us about the Passover Day itself, **that it is an unleavened bread day!**

That's important because the sacrifice of Christ that we're going to talk about today that His one sacrifice fulfills all. *That day is for the sacrifice of the sin of the whole world, which goes clear back to Adam!* We'll see that in a little bit.

This was right at the beginning of the Passover Day. Listen carefully to what it says:

Mark 14:12: "And on the first day of **the unleaveneds...**" *That is a literal translation from the Greek, it has nothing to do with the **Feast** of Unleavened Bread!*

The sacrifice of Christ was on one day; that day, as a sacrifice for the sin of the whole world, **is an unleavened bread day from sunset to sunset!**

Verse 12: "And on the first day of the unleaveneds, **when they were killing the Passover lambs...**"—present tense, active, they were doing it right when they asked Jesus the question.

That becomes important because **they hadn't yet partaken of the New Covenant Passover!** That came later.

"...His disciples said to Him, 'Where do You desire that we go and prepare, so that You may eat the Passover?'"

- it doesn't matter what men may *think*
- it doesn't matter what *things* that they come up with in their minds 'we suppose'

What does it say? *It says that the first day where there is unleavened bread is the Passover Day!*

It is a separate day of unleavened bread, separate from the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is for seven days. That's where the confusion comes.

It's fitting that it is an *unleavened bread day*. Why? ***Because it is the day of the sacrifice for the sin of the whole world! Only that sacrifice is the one that pays for the sins of all mankind!***

Now let's understand something else very important here. *The whole central focus of everything in the Bible is **the Passover!*** It's very clear that if you don't partake of the Passover **at the time and in the manner that Jesus said to do it, you have no Life in you!** That's what Jesus said!

What did He say on the Passover night? ***I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life! No one comes to the Father except by Me, or through Him!***

Now we come clear back to the book of Gen. 3; here we have an amazing thing. The very first thing that was spoken after Adam and Eve had sinned... We don't know how long that they were in the garden before they partook of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, but it appears to be quite a length of time from the point of view that ***God is not going to have it happen the very next day after they were created!***

Now, after they sinned, we have Gen. 3:15 and God—the One Who was to become the sacrifice of the Passover—spoke this concerning Himself to Adam and Eve.

Genesis 3:15: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; **He will bruise your head**, and you shall **bruise His heel.**"

- *Christ is going to get rid of Satan—"...**bruise your head...**"*
- Satan was behind the crucifixion of Christ—"b**ruise His heel.**"

That's what He said to the serpent (vs 13-15).

Now then, the judgment was against Eve and against Adam, and that's when *the law of sin and death*—human nature without God—*was given to Adam and Eve and genetically passed on to all of their descendants!*

John 1—telling us all about Jesus and Who He was. He starts out this way. There are three places in the Bible where it says **in the beginning!**

1. Genesis 1:1
2. John 1:1
3. 1-John 1:1

John 1:1: “In *the* beginning was the Word... [that’s the One Who became Christ] ...and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Now there are various doctrines—especially of the Jehovah Witnesses—which say that Jesus was ‘a god’—small g. **NO! He was God!**

Notice the next couple of verses, because these are very important as it relates to the ***one sacrifice that takes away the sin of the world!***

Verse 2: “He was in *the* beginning with God.”

That means He *wasn’t created!* We’ll cover that a little later.

Verse 3: “All things came into being through Him, and not even one *thing* that was created came into being without Him.”

Everything that there is, as we have covered, **God is all things to everything,** especially relating to:

- the Word of God
- how God is going to solve the problem of sin
- the Passover

and so forth!

Verse 14: “And the Word became flesh... [we know how that occurred, we’ve already covered that] ...and tabernacled among us (and we ourselves beheld His glory, *the* glory as of *the* only begotten with *the* Father), full of Grace and Truth.”

Christ never sinned. Christ was tempted in every way like we are tempted; *yet, without sin!* That had to be for the perfect sacrifice on the Passover Day, in which ***He died for the sins of the world!*** It was ***His blood,*** as we have covered! ***His blood is the only blood that can pay for the sins directly before God the Father on behalf of all of those who repent, believe and are baptized!***

It has to be that way. It can’t be through the philosophies of men. We’re warned of that in Col. 2, where Paul wrote and said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray by philosophy.’

- Isn’t that what we have with religion?
- Don’t we have different opinions that people have?

They don’t really believe the Word of God. They want to come in and enforce ***their* beliefs and *their* interpretations** on the Word of God. ***Christ is the only One!***

Verse 29—*speaking of John the Baptist:* “On the next day, John sees Jesus coming to him, and he says, **‘Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes**

away the sin of the world.’” *What is the sin of the world?*

- He doesn’t take away the sin of Satan the devil
- He doesn’t take away the sins of the demons

The sin of the world is human beings!

The One Who was Creator of Adam and Eve, the One Who was from the beginning and was God and was with God, ***is the only sacrifice to cover that!***

Verse 36: *this was on the next day, another day:* “And as he [John the Baptist] gazed upon Jesus walking, he said, **‘Behold the Lamb of God!’**”

How did he know that? *Well, God had to tell him and teach him!*

This is important to understand: There is no sacrifice of any animal or any other human being that’s going to forgive your sins and open the way to eternal life for you.

All of the sacrifices in the Old Testament that God gave to the children of Israel were all types of what Jesus would fulfill completely ***with His one sacrifice to take away the sin of the world!***

Now, there’s an interesting book—because all of these things in the Old Testament, as we’ve seen with the prophecies of Who is Jesus, Who was Jesus, so forth, and we covered these verses, as well—by Andrew Jukes called *The Law of Offerings*. Very important, because everything that the priest did ***was a type of Christ as our High Priest!***

There are many parallels and analogies and things in all of those offerings, but all of those offerings ***only brought them justification to the temple:***

- not to God in heaven above
- not for spiritual forgiveness of the sins for eternal life

Hebrews 10:1: “For the *priestly* law, having *only* a shadow of the good things that are coming, *and* not the image of those things, with the same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, is never able to **make perfect** those who come *to worship.*”

Now then, ***perfect!*** Let’s see something very interesting concerning what Jesus said, because these things are telegraphed all the way through the Bible. They are prophesied all the way through the Bible, and there’s some here and some there and some other places. you put it all together properly, as

Paul wrote to Timothy, that you **rightly divide the Word of God!** That means *put it together*.

Matt. 5:48—After explaining about how to keep the Laws of God in the spiritual sense, from the heart, not outwardly, but inwardly, manifest from within, then Jesus says to sum up the whole thing:

Matthew 5:48: “Therefore, **you shall be perfect...**”—*that’s in the future tense!*

When is final perfection coming for all of those who are in Christ? *At the resurrection!* The Greek here is future, *so we can’t be perfected in the flesh!*

- we can grow in grace and knowledge
- we can become mature spiritually

Verse 48: Therefore, you shall be perfect, even as your Father Who *is* in heaven is perfect.”

That’s the whole goal! That’s the whole purpose of true Scriptural Christianity! The world today has a false Christianity which is *worthless!*

Hebrews 10:4: “Because *it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins*”—*only justifies you to the temple; it **doesn’t remove them spiritually so you can receive eternal life!***

Verse 5: “For this reason, when He comes into the world, He says, ‘Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but You have prepared a body for Me.’”

That talks all about what God had to do, and we have covered this, about how He had to divest Himself of being God to become a pinpoint of life and be impregnated in the womb of the virgin Mary and be born as a human being. Everything human, everything about Him growing up, everything so that He would be **the perfect sacrifice for all**, beginning with consumption.

Verse 6: “You did not delight in burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin. Then said I, ‘Lo, I come (as it is written of Me in the Scroll of the Book)... [all of the prophecies that we covered concerning Who Christ is] ...**to do Your will, O God**’” (vs 6-7).

Now, think about that for a minute! Think about the model prayer.

- What is the first thing we do? *We honor God the Father!*
- What’s the next thing we ask for? *Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!*

Meaning everything on this earth is going to be done according to the will of God. Everything in every

Christian’s individual life will be done according to the will of God as they:

- yield to God
- love Him
- keep His Commandments
- grow in grace and knowledge

He says it again in:

Verse 9: “Then He said, ‘Lo, **I come to do Your will, O God.**’ He takes away the first *covenant* in order that He may establish the second *covenant*... [**the New Covenant of eternal life**] ...By whose will?... [listen carefully to this]: ...we are sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all” (vs 9-10)—**because only His sacrifice can take away the sins of any human being!**

Romans 6:10: “For when He died, **He died unto sin once for all...**” *Amazing thing, isn’t it?*

Now let’s see what Paul says here where Jesus was crucified. Heb. 13 is very interesting indeed, because when we read all the details of the sacrifices of the temple and the tabernacle, **all sin offerings were taken outside the camp and burned completely whole, down to ashes!**

When the temple was built by Solomon, then across the Kidron Valley and up on the Mount of Olives, there was the Miphkad Altar. Actually, on the Mount of Olives is where the Garden of Gethsemane was, where Jesus prayed the night before He was arrested. The disciples met there quite frequently in the Garden of Gethsemane, along with Christ. So it says here in:

Hebrews 13:10: “We have an altar from which those who are serving the *present earthly tabernacle* do not have authority to eat... [the bread and the wine, along with the foot-washing for the Passover] ...for *pertaining to* those animals whose blood is brought into the Holy places by the high priest for a *sin offering*, the bodies of all these are burned **outside the camp**” (vs 10-11). *There we go, the Miphkad Altar!*

Verse 12: “For this reason, Jesus, **in order that He might sanctify the people by His own blood...** [very important] ...also suffered **outside the gate.**”

Now, the place where He was crucified was not somewhere down in the city of Jerusalem, but up on the Mount of Olives, not too far from the Miphkad Altar, and not too far from the Garden of Gethsemane.

- “...**outside the camp**” (v 11) *very interesting, indeed*
- “...**outside the gate**” (v 12)

So we are sanctified by that blood!

Hebrews 10:12—*talking about Christ*: “But He, after offering **one sacrifice for sins forever...**”—all human sins—*past, present, and future!*

You need to have the book: ***God’s Plan for Mankind Revealed by His Sabbath and His Holy Days.***

What God is doing is completely different from the presentation that the Orthodox Christianity of this world presents.

Verse 11: “Now, every high priest stands ministering day by day, offering the same sacrifices repeatedly, which are never able to remove sins.”

Because that’s just physical! Christ, as God manifested in the flesh:

- His sacrifice
- His blood
- His perfect obedience

is the One Who does it!

Verse 12: “But He, after **offering one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time, He is waiting until His enemies are placed *as* a footstool for His feet.... [that’s His second return] ...For by **one offering He has obtained eternal perfection for those who are sanctified**” (vs 12-14). *Amazing! That’s what God wants with each one of us.*

- that’s why we keep the Passover
- that’s why we keep the Sabbath
- that’s why we live every day by the Word of God

Be sanctified means ***made Holy!*** That’s what God wants! ***He wants us to be His sons and daughters in the Family of God!***

Here is how He does it. God is doing a work ***inside***, not out here in the world, or things in the world, ***but in our heart, our mind and our thoughts!***

Verse 15: “And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us...” That’s why:

- baptism, full immersion
- laying on of hands
- receiving the Holy Spirit
- growing in grace, knowledge
- understanding the Word of God
- living by every Word of God

That’s all wrapped up in this one verse!

“...for after He had previously said, “This

is the covenant that I will establish with them after those days”....” (vs 15-16). *After the days of His ministry!*

He made this covenant, the New Covenant, with the foot-washing, the bread and the wine, on the very last day of His physical life. So here’s what He wants to do:

“...after those days,’ says the Lord, **‘I will give My Laws into their hearts, and I will inscribe them in their minds’**” (v 16).

That is the working of the New Covenant right there! So, the pseudo fake pagan Christianity of this world ***rejects the Laws of God!*** All the Laws of God have been given graciously to us, and they are all good, and ***they all lead to blessings when you keep them!***

- you cannot come to God and be living in sin
- you cannot come to God and tell God:
 - ✓ we don’t want any of Your Holy Days
 - ✓ we don’t want Your Passover
 - ✓ we don’t want Your Sabbath
 - ✓ we’re going to come to You *with our own doctrine*, and you better accept it

You think God is going to do that? ***No way!***

“...I will inscribe them in their minds... [and write them in their hearts]...and their sins and lawlessness I will not remember ever again.’ Now, where remission of these *is, it is* no longer *necessary to offer sacrifices...* [animal sacrifices] ...for sin” (vs 16-18).

That’s why we don’t do them. Those were all a type. Now let’s come here to see about the Passover:

It’s very interesting, indeed. I talked to a person who was not acquainted at all with the Holy Days of God, and asked about the Passover; never heard of it for the New Testament.

So here it says and ties right in with the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because once we partake of the Passover, we have the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days, which tells us, as we will see, how we are to grow in grace and knowledge, how we are to live by every Word of God written in our heart and in our mind.

So, Paul says here, concerning the sin that they had there in Corinth:

1-Corinthians 5:7: “Therefore, purge out the old leaven...”

Leaven during the Feast of Unleavened Bread is a type of sin. Outside the bounds of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, leaven is not a sin.

Verse 7: “Therefore, purge out the old leaven, so that you may become a new lump...”—*showing that:*

- you have to grow
- you have to overcome
- you have to put away sin continually

“...even as you are unleavened. **For Christ our Passover...**” (v 7).

Everything in the whole Bible comes right down to that last Passover Day *that Jesus gave His life as the sin offering for the whole world!*

“...For Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us. For this reason, let us keep the Feast... [there it is, a command to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread] ...not with old leaven, nor with *the* leaven of malice and wickedness, but with *the* unleavened bread of Sincerity and Truth” (vs 7-8).

That’s the only thing that we can follow and do what is good. So, Jesus was that complete sacrifice for the sin of the world.

This is why we have these. This is why we have the whole Bible and everything in it and every word is needed, every word is necessary, and it needs to be rightly translated. That’s why we have *The Holy Bible In Its Original Order, A Faithful Version.*

Now if you don’t have the comparative that Joseph Ackermann did—*26 New Testament Comparisons*—showing that of the New Testament translations, 26 of them, ***they are missing 3,000 words and taking away vital things out of the Word of God!***

What does it say concerning leaven? *A little leaven leavens the whole lump!*

Luke 22:20—*this was after the foot-washing and after the bread:* “In like manner also, *He* took the cup after supper, saying, ‘**This cup is the New Covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you**’”—*starting with the apostles.*

So it is the blood of the New Covenant. That’s what it pictures. This is something so that every year when we take the Passover, ***we renew the New Covenant and we have direct access to God,*** direct access to these things in the way that is necessary, and this is for the remission of sins.

There is no forgiveness of sin without the shed blood of Jesus Christ, and there is no continuing relationship with God unless you keep the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

You keep the Passover; Mark 14:23: “And He took the cup; *and* after giving thanks, He gave it

to them; and they all drank of it. And He said to them, “This is My blood, the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many” (vs 23-24).

The account in Matthew is much the same thing; Matthew 26:27: “And He took the cup; and after giving thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, ‘All of you drink of it; **for this is My blood, the blood of the New Covenant,** which is poured out for many *for the* remission of sins’” (vs 27-28).

There is no forgiveness of sin without the accepting the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The only way you accept it is that you do it with water baptism, complete burial, and you are placed right alongside the sacrifice of Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

You symbolically die in that watery grave, and you come out of there—*not born again*—to start a new life by living God’s way to be renewed in your mind.

Col. 1—we are going to see about the sacrifice of Christ for the remission of sin. We are going to see that the Lord is going to about the sacrifice of Christ and what a tremendous thing that is. And that also:

- His birth
- His death
- His resurrection
- His shed blood
- everything that is there

That is an amazing thing!

Now, I don’t know how long you’ve been in the Church, but as far as being in the ministry and studying the Word of God, since I was 27, so I am into it about 63 years or more.

Now, this is what the Holy Spirit does for us. Once we are baptized, receive the Holy Spirit—come out of the water, receive the laying on of hands, receive the begetting of the Holy Spirit—then in what Paul writes here summarizes that whole operation together.

Colossians 1:9: “For this cause we also, from the day that we heard *of it*, do not cease to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will...”

- What is the knowledge of his will? *His Word!*
- Where is it written? *In our heart and inscribed in our mind!*

“...in all wisdom and spiritual understanding” (v 9)—*which only comes from:*

- God

- His Word
- His Spirit

Verse 10: “**That you may walk worthily of the Lord...**” *That’s also picturing foot washing! That you walk in the way of the Lord!* So, you see everything about the Passover fits all together.

- **washing of the feet:** *you walk into Word of God*
- **eating the bread:** *shows that you live by every Word of God; that Christ’s flesh alone will forgive your sins with His shed blood*

Verse 11: “Being strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, unto all endurance and long-suffering with joy.... that’s what we are to do] ...Giving thanks to the Father, Who has made us qualified for the share of the inheritance of the saints in the Light” (vs 11-12).

That’s the whole thing. The Passover starts the whole Plan of God; the Passover is the beginning. Notice what it does, what the Father does with His calling. This is really tremendous. Why was it one day that all of a sudden something happened?

That’s God dealing with you personally, spiritually. Because there are seven spirits that go to and fro on the earth seeking those who were seeking God. It was one day when you sought God. He answered your prayer.

Verse 13: “Who has personally rescued us from the power of darkness...”—*from Satan the devil; think of that!*

God has rescued you from your sins, forgiven your sins, blotted out everything that you have done sinfully in your life from the time that you were born until now, and will continue as long as you’re faithful until you die unto faith!

“...has transferred *us* unto the Kingdom of the Son of His love” (v 13).

That means that you are transferred under the jurisdiction of God the Father and Jesus Christ. *Now that’s amazing to understand!*

We know that in Eph. 2, we have direct access to God with prayer. That’s what it’s all about! That’s why there doesn’t need to be a temple. That’s why there doesn’t need to be the sacrifices. ***We have a living faith, a believing faith and written in our heart and our mind, and we follow God!***

Verse 14: “In Whom we have redemption through His own blood, *even* the remission of sins.”

We have that ability every day, because the whole thing of overcoming and growing in grace and

knowledge is overcoming the law of sin and death within us, as we have covered in Rom. 7, and that can only be done with the Spirit of God.

Talking about Christ; v 15: “Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation.”

Now let me explain this to you, because He was the only One Who was ever begotten directly by God the Father, not a physical man. No other human being came into existence that way. That’s why He’s the Firstborn of all creation, and all creation refers to the developing of the Family of God and the whole purpose of the creation. Everything centers around that.

Verse 16: “Because by Him were all things created, the things in heaven and the things on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or lordships, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him”—*like we have been studying, **God is all things to everything!***

Verse 17: “And He is before all, and by Him all things subsist.”

- by His Word
- by the Word of His power He upholds all things (Heb. 1).

That’s an amazing thing to understand!

(break@43:44)

Now let’s continue on this Sabbath before Passover. We’re in Col. 1:18; it talks about the Church. Listen carefully: ***No man*** is the head of the Church. ***God never gave any authority to the Roman Catholic Church to have a pope, and Peter never went to Rome!***

We have nine half-hour segments on Church at Home {churchathome.org} *Was Peter Ever in Rome?* Paul would not have gone there if Peter had gone there, and they knew nothing about Christianity at all by the time he got there in 60_{A.D.} The only One Who is ‘Holy Father’ is God the Father Himself; ***no man on earth dressed up in women’s clothes!***

Verse 18: “And He is the Head of the Body, the Church; Who is *the* Beginning, *the* Firstborn from among the dead...”

So, He was the premier birth physically because God was His Father, and He was the Firstborn among the dead after being in the grave three days and three nights.

“...so that in all things... [***God is all things to everything***] ...He Himself might hold the preeminence. For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell; and having made peace

through the blood of His cross... [that's what it's all about, His shed blood] ...by Him to reconcile all things to Himself; by Him, whether the things on the earth, or the things in heaven. For you *were* once alienated and enemies in *your* minds by wicked works; but now **He has reconciled you in the body of His flesh through death**, to present you Holy and **unblamable and unimpeachable before Him**" (vs 18-22).

This is what God wants. That's what the whole thing concerning the Passover is about, and that's what the whole thing of Unleavened Bread—the Feast for seven days—is concerning.

"...**unimpeachable before Him**" (v 22). *That's why we're to repent every day*, because of the sins that come along automatically just living:

- in our thoughts
 - what we see
 - what we hear
- and in many cases*
- what we do
 - what we say

All of that has to be forgiven daily as they occur, and the only way that's possible is *if you have the Holy Spirit of God in direct connection to God the Father and Jesus Christ directly!*

- you don't have to go through a priest
- you don't have to go through another man

Christ!

Verse 23: "If indeed you continue in the faith grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the Gospel, which you have heard, *and* which was proclaimed in all the creation..."

Now that was a fact at that time where they were, not to the whole world, but this becomes a prophecy for the whole world, and that's what's being taken care of today,

"...in all the creation that *is* under heaven; of which I, Paul, became a servant" (v 23).

Verse 26: "Even the mystery that has been hidden from ages and from generations, but has now been revealed to His saints; to whom **God did will to make known...**" (vs 26-27). *Think about that for a minute!*

- What do we know? *We know that God has willed for us to make known!*
- How do we get that? *By prayer, by study, by living God's way.*

That's what the whole thing of the Passover and Unleavened Bread are all about!

"...God did will to make known what *are* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (v 27).

That's the whole process. That is an amazing thing! For all the years in:

- studying the Word of God
- serving God
- preaching
- teaching
- writing

I realize that even though we have all of the things that we have: What do we really know?

- compared to what God is going to give us?
- compared to understanding the whole Plan of God?
- to realize what Christ went through with
 - ✓ the beating?
 - ✓ the scourging?
 - ✓ the shedding of His blood?
 - ✓ the rejection of Him by all of those who should have known better?

As we have seen with the prophecies of Jesus! An amazing thing!

Verse 27: "God did will to make known what *are* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**" *We have faith, hope, and love, and all three of those work together!*

Verse 28: "Whom we preach, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, **so that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.**" *Isn't that what Jesus said?:*

Matthew 5:48 "Therefore, you shall be perfect, even as your Father Who *is* in heaven is perfect."

John says that when we're resurrected we'll see Him [Jesus] as He is. *That is an amazing thing!*

Let's see how God did this. He came willingly, going clear back to the son of Adam and Eve, covering all human beings down through history, each in their own order as we know the Plan of God. And then the New Heavens and the New Earth. **Amazing! Amazing!** Here's what Paul writes about this:

1-Timothy 3:16. "And undeniably, **great is the mystery of Godliness...**"—*how God:*

- became a human being
- lived his life
- taught the apostles

- preached as a witness
- was crucified
- beaten and scourged and died

to save all that would repent! And then after three days and three nights in the grave, He was resurrected. ***The mystery of Godliness!***

“...God was manifested in *the* flesh... [He came as a great Witness, as all the prophecies show] ...was justified in *the* Spirit...” (v 16)—*meaning that:*

- He lived perfectly
 - He never sinned
- and spiritually speaking*
- He became the justification for the forgiveness of all sin

“...was seen by angels, was proclaimed among *the* Gentiles... [and still is] ...was believed on in *the* world, was received up in glory” (v 16)—***now at the right hand of God!***

So here we are; let’s see what God wants us to do. How we are to live the way that God wants it done.

This is quite a thing, because what God has given to us that we have: ***faith, hope and love!***

- He’s given us promises
- He’s given us His Spirit
- He’s given us His Word
- He’s given us His love
- He’s given us His forgiveness
- He is dwelling in us through the power of the Holy Spirit
 - What does He want us to do?
 - What is the value of having the Word of God if it’s not written in our heart and in our mind and is the motivation of what we need to do?

So, Peter writes of this! Let’s see what it is we are to do. This overlaps going into the Feast of Unleavened Bread:

- we’re to ***put out*** sin; we’re to ***put in*** the Truth of God
- we’re to ***put out*** bad attitudes; we’re to ***put in*** the love of God

we’re to develop:

- the character of God
- the character of Christ

in our conduct in preparing for the resurrection!

2-Peter 1:3: “According as His Divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and Godliness, through the knowledge of Him

[Christ] **Who called us by His own glory and virtue.**”

Think about your calling. It’s not a matter of joining a church:

- let’s find a nice church that it’s in the community
- I like the pastor
- the people are so friendly
 - Do they love God?
 - Do they keep His Commandment?
 - Do they understand what God is doing?
 - What’s the object of having a church if you don’t know what God is doing?
 - What is the object of doing it if you don’t love Him and obey Him?

Verse 4: “Through which He has given to us the greatest and *most* precious promises...”

What God has promised, He will give! We need to understand that.

“...that through these you may become partakers of the Divine nature...” (v 4).

Now think about this: We have human nature, which is *the law of sin and death!* We automatically do the things that are deceitful and wrong, and we live by the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Satan is the ‘god of this world’ ***and God has called us out of it!***

“...that through these you may become partakers of the Divine nature...”

Isn’t that amazing? ***Think about that!*** That we can develop that with God’s Spirit:

- in our heart
- in our mind
- in our actions
- in our lives

“...partakers of *the* Divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in *the* world through lust.”

- we overcome the lust
- we overcome the sin
- we yield ourselves to God

Verse 5: “And for this very reason also, **having applied all diligence** besides...”

Now applying all diligence means *you need to do it all of the time!* You can read of the seven churches in Rev 2 & 3 and see the problems that they had when they didn’t give all diligence.

“...add to your faith, **virtue...**” (v 5). You believe in God? Virtue is:

- How do you live?
- How do you think?

“...and to virtue, **knowledge**” (v 5):

- the knowledge of the Word of God
- the knowledge of what He’s doing
- the knowledge of understanding
- the knowledge of how **God is all things to everything**

That way we have a concept of God that is absolutely marvelous.

Verse 6: “And to knowledge, **self-control**...” *That’s what God wants:*

As we’re led by the Holy Spirit of God, we do the repenting of our sins ourselves. We come to God, each of us individually, for forgiveness.

That self-control comes by having the Laws and Commandments of God written in our heart and in our mind. that can only come after the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and His shed blood has been applied to us.

We are continuously under the blessing of God and have access to God through the sacrifice of Christ and His shed blood on a daily, everyday basis.

“...and to self-control, **endurance**...” (v 6)

We know with our experience in the Church, and many of us have been in the Church for decades and decades and decades! Endurance! *You have to be faithful to the end. ‘The one who endures to the end shall be saved!’*

“...and to endurance, **Godliness**” (v 6).

- the kind of thinking
- kind of behaving
- the kind of love and service and things that we are able to give to others
 - ✓ by loving God
 - ✓ by loving the brethren
 - ✓ by loving each other

Verse 7: “And to Godliness, **brotherly love**, and to brotherly love, **the love of God.**” *The very love of God dwelling in us!*

That’s what the sacrifice of Christ opens the door to so that we can receive; *can’t receive it any other way!* You can’t have it without keeping:

- the Sabbath
- the Passover
- the commandments of God

and loving God with all your heart, mind, soul and being!

It’ll just never happen. Now notice what Peter says.

Verse 8: “For **if these things exist and abound in you...**” *That’s what it’s all about! That’s why we keep every year:*

- the Passover
- the Feast of Unleavened Bread
- the Feast of Pentecost
- the Feast of Trumpets
- Day of Atonement
- Feast of Tabernacles

“...**they will cause you to be neither lacking effort nor lacking fruit in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**” (v 8). *That is producing these things on a continuous basis!*

Now you look at a tree, you look at a plant that produces fruit. Every year it produces more. I’ve told you about my two lemon trees out in front of our front porch. Every year it’s been producing lemons and all of those lemons, I use them every day and I have for years and years and years. As long as it’s taken care of, as long as those two trees have the proper nourishment and have water, they grow. They produce fruit every year.

Same way with us. Every year we have to come back and renew and reinvigorate our lives:

- through the Passover
- through understanding the New Covenant
- through committing ourselves to God even more

so that we bring forth the fruit! He says you won’t be lacking anything (v 8).

Verse 9: “**But the one in whom these things are not present is spiritually blind...**”

Heb. 4—Let’s once again look at the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, because it is all of what He has done, and that’s amazing. It’s really an amazing thing. The longer that I read and study the Bible and do the teaching and preaching that I do, **the more I realize how much more there is out there for us to learn!**

It’s amazing that God is going to give us eternal life so we can learn to do it. This has to do with keeping the Sabbath. That’s one of the great keys, as we know. Let’s see:

- how the Word of God is going to help us
- how the Word of God is going to convict us
- how the Word of God is going to lead us
- what we’re going to do

Hebrews 4:11: “We should be diligent... [notice how many times it tells us to be diligent] ...therefore, to enter into that rest... [*the rest of God*, which is *the Sabbath*] ... lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience”—*as the children of Israel did!*

So, this tells us everything is keyed to the power of God, the sacrifice of Christ, the Sabbath, and the Holy Days right here.

Verse 12: “For the Word of God *is* living and powerful...”

There is no other book in the world that you can open up and read that will convict you in your heart and mind, unless it’s quoting some of the Scriptures,

- so that you can come to a knowledge of God
- so that you can do the things that you need to do

That’s amazing!

“...living and powerful...” ***but also there’s no compromise!***

- that’s why there’s mercy and forgiveness.
- that’s why there’s repentance and coming to God to overcome
- that’s what we’re going to be doing in our lives

We have this re-emphasized with the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread every year.

“...living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of both soul and spirit, *and* of both *the* joints and *the* marrow, and *is* able to discern *the* thoughts and intents of *the* heart” (v 12). *Amazing!*

- How many times have you read the Word of God and been convicted? *You go repent, because you see that you have sinned against God!*
- How many times have you read the Word of God:
 - ✓ where you’re inspired?
 - ✓ where you’re uplifted?
 - ✓ where you know that God is there leading you with His Spirit?

All of that, think of that down into your very being, because they know that all of these things affect your whole physical body, beginning with:

- your mind
- your thoughts
- the way that you live
- your attitude
- your outlook

That’s why there is faith, hope, and love, ***because those things give us life and those things give us understanding along with the Word of God!*** That’s what it’s talking about here.

Verse 13: “And there is not a created thing that is not manifest in His sight...”

God knows everything! Like we’ve been covering, ***God is all things to everything!***

“...but all things *are* naked and laid bare before the eyes of Him to Whom we must give account” (v 13). *We give that every day!*

- that’s why we pray
- that’s why we study
- that’s why we live by every Word of God
 - ✓ for our blessing
 - ✓ for eternal life
 - ✓ for what God wants to give us
 - to enter into the Kingdom of God
 - to be a part of the Family of God
 - to be part of the Bride of Christ

So that when the marriage supper of the Lamb takes place and the wedding of the Lamb takes place on the Sea of Glass, ***we’ll all be there and be a part of it!*** *That’s an amazing thing!*

Verse 14: “Having, therefore, a great High Priest... [Jesus Christ] ...*Who* has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, ***we should hold fast the confession of our faith.*** For we do not have a High Priest Who cannot empathize with our weaknesses...” (vs 14-15). *God knows!*

That’s why he came to be in the flesh, so that He could be tempted:

- tempted directly by Satan the devil
- tempted by the law of sin and death in Him

but never sinning!

“...but *One Who* was tempted in all things according to *the* likeness of *our own temptations*; ***yet, He was without sin***” (v 15).

Amazing! ***God has done that to save all that will repent!*** The whole Plan of God, which the world doesn’t know, they ridicule it; they have no idea what it is.

Verse 16: “Therefore, we should come with boldness to the Throne of Grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Now, that’s why it’s written in 1-John, and this is what we have here. This is what God wants to give us! When we can come to God:

- we know that we can have our sins forgiven

- we know that we have contact with God
- we know that we have the Spirit of God

Whenever we do the things that we shouldn't do, the sins that we ought not do, then God's Spirit will convict us. That's why He's given His Spirit. That's why we exercise the Spirit of God with newness of life. (We'll talk about that during Unleavened Bread.)

Now let's see about sin, and what He wants here, because these you can read this over and over again, and every time you read it, you come up with a greater feeling of understanding and a closeness to God and an understanding of how He deals with us in overcoming our sins.

1-John 1:1: "That which was from *the* beginning... [goes right back to where we started and goes forward to the end] ...that which we have heard..."

All the apostles heard it, heard Jesus speak, saw Him do the healing, saw Him do those absolute miracles.

"...that which we have seen with our own eyes, that which we observed for ourselves and our own hands handled, concerning the Word of Life" (v 1)—**Christ! The Word of Life!** 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life'

Verse 2: "And the life was manifested, and we have seen, and are bearing witness, and are reporting to you the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested to us"—*and they didn't understand it at first!*

But through everything that He did, they began to understand that He was the Son of God!

John was one of the three—Peter, James, the brother of John, and John went up to the Mount of Transfiguration and saw Jesus in vision transformed into what He looks like as God. God gave that to them ***so they would have the conviction of heart and mind and would never, ever, ever leave their thoughts!***

Verse 3: "That which we have seen and have heard we are reporting to you in order that you also may have fellowship with us; for the fellowship—indeed, our fellowship—is with the Father and with His own Son Jesus Christ." *That's what God wants!*

- that's why we pray
 - that's why we study
 - that's why it's so important
- especially in these times*
- while we have enough peace
 - while we have the time when we can assemble together

- when we can watch these things over live television or watch them with DVDs

Verse 4: "These things we are also writing to you, so that your joy may be completely full."

It was written down to share with us down through time so that we can have the same joy that they had when they saw Him personally.

Verse 5: "And this is the message that we have heard from Him and are declaring to you: that God is Light, and there is no darkness at all in Him.... [NO!] ...If we proclaim that we have fellowship with Him, but we are walking in the darkness..." (vs 5-6).

That's the way the world is. They proclaim they know Christ but they're walking in darkness, because they

- keep Sunday
- keep Halloween
- keep Christmas
- keep Easter
- keep New Year's

IF they're walking in darkness and proclaiming that, look at what it is:

"...we are lying to ourselves..." (v 6).

That's the worst lie, that you convince yourself of your own deceitful, satanic lie, and think you're right.

"...and we are not practicing the Truth" (v 6). *What is the Truth?*

- Your Word is the Truth
- Your Law is the Truth
- all Your statutes are true
- every Word of God is pure
- the Law of God is perfect

Verse 7: "However, if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, *then* we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His own Son, cleanses us from all sin."

That's why the model prayer is, 'forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.'

Verse 8: "If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the Truth is not in us." *You can see that on Daystar and TBN, all that!*

Verse 9: "If we confess our own sins... [you know them, we all know them, and you can confess them directly to God because He knows our mind and our heart] ...He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Why? Because He wants us in His Kingdom, because He wants us in His Family. Christ wants us to help rule the world during the Millennium:

- to bring peace on earth
- to bring the most glorious time that ever is

Verse 10: “If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.” *That’s something!*

1-John 2:1: “My little children, I’m writing these things to you _...”

IF you have it **written in your heart, written in your mind, inscribed in it,** and:

- you think on it
- you live by it
- you apply it
- you are diligent in doing it

“...And yet, if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ *the Righteous*” (v 1).

That’s why only His sacrifice can forgive our sins!

Verse 2: “And He is *the* propitiation for our sins; and not for our sins only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.” *Why is Jesus Christ:*

- the only One Who can be a Savior?
- the only One Whose sacrifice can forgive our sins?
- the only One Who humbled Himself more than any other human being?

To divest Himself of His glory as God, to become a pinpoint of life and be born as a physical human being? *God manifested in the flesh!*

Here are seven reasons why He alone can be that sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin and only His blood and His stripes:

1. He was the Creator or is the Creator of all human beings

At the very instant when you were conceived, you received the spirit of man to become a human being.

2. He was the only One Who was Divinely begotten by God the Father

No other human being (Col. 1).

3. He was God manifested in the flesh

That’s self-evident, we covered that.

4. He was the only human to live His entire life according to the will of God

No sin! He was handicapped because He took upon Him the law of sin and death! He became sin for all of us!

5. He was the only human never to yield to a single temptation of the flesh or of Satan the devil

Remember what we read: ***He was tempted in every way like we are, yet without sin!***

6. *He was the only human not to come under the death penalty for sin!*

7. Only the precious blood of the Lamb of God could atone for all human sin

Nothing else can do it.

The death of God in the flesh was complete and a perfect sacrifice and atonement, because in His life, in the flesh, encompassed the whole scope of human experience. *That’s amazing!*

- He suffered the vilest of human indignation and excruciating torture, enduring the violence of beating, scourging, crucifixion, and the shame of public death
- He was rejected by his own people and suffered injustice at the hands of the religious and civil authorities
- He was a victim of political expedience and religious hypocrisy
- He overcame all, gaining total victory over Satan the devil and the pulls of the flesh through his perfect love and obedience to God

That’s why His sacrifice is the one and the only sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin through His life and death is shed blood so that we can be perfected so that we can enter into the Kingdom of God. *An amazing thing!*

That’s what the sacrifice of Christ is all about! So let’s go forward with the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread and let’s have a great Passover and a great Feast of Unleavened Bread.

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Become Unleavened in Christ Jesus

(1st Day of Unleavened Bread)

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a Holy Day. Also, it's very interesting that it falls on the first day of the week.

As we have pointed out, we have a booklet—*Count to Pentecost*—that shows how to count to Pentecost so we get it correctly. Now let's see how important that the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread really is, ***and how the deceived Christianity is***—the false Christ, the false Christianity of this world—***because they won't follow the things that God has said recorded in His Law!*** They fail to understand that there was nothing really done away.

Now, all the temple rituals and sacrifices have been replaced at a higher level with Christ, and everything else in the Bible is at a higher level:

- through Christ
- through the Holy Spirit
- through love
- through all of those things.

So, let's see here in Exo. 23 what God has to say about these days—which is right in the middle of the week--and the Lord has to say about these days, which then is right in the middle of all of the other commands of God.

Exodus 23:14: “You shall keep a Feast unto Me three times in the year.” *Those are the major Feasts:*

- Passover/Unleavened Bread
- Pentecost
- Tabernacles

These are the three major Holy Days seasons!

Verse 15_[transcriber's correction]: “You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread...”

Why? *Because as we saw, that's when God took them out of Egypt!* It started on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, coming ***out of sin!*** Egypt is always a type of sin.

“...You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib... [also renamed Nisan] ...for in it you came out of Egypt. And no one shall appear before Me empty” (v 15).

Lev. 23 is very interesting from this point of view. All of the Holy Days are listed here, so let's

read it; let's see what God says. There are a lot of people out there who think that if they keep the Sabbath *and then they keep 'the Lord's Supper' on the 14th*—as the Church of God Seventh Day, most of them, do—then everything is just fine. Well, what about all the rest? Seventh Day Adventists say:

Well since there were ‘rituals’ on these days, these are ‘ritual days,’ and we don't have to keep them.

- Did they have rituals on the Sabbath?
- Did they have morning and evening sacrifice on the Sabbath?
- Did they have bird offerings on the Sabbath?
- *Yes!*

So, the Sabbath Day *sanctifies* all the annual Holy Days of God. That's why God put it here in:

Leviticus 23:1: “And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak to the children of Israel and say to them...’” (vs 1-2)—*which means these are the words of God!*

Now then, is anyone going to reject the words of God and succeed? *Of course not!*

“...Concerning the appointed Feasts of the LORD... [He owns them] ...which you shall proclaim *to be* Holy convocations, **even these are My appointed Feasts**” (v 2).

What does this mean? *God has set an appointment time that we can come to Him, and He will come to us **spiritually** with His Spirit!* Notice, *the first one is the Sabbath:*

Verse 3: “Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of rest, a Holy convocation. You shall not do any work. **It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings.**”

A lot of people like to read that and stop right there. Seventh-Day Adventists, Church of God Seventh Day, goes one step further into the Passover, ***but then rejects all the rest of it!***

- Can you have a whole car if you don't have all of it?
- Can you have a whole house if you don't have all of it?
- Can you understand the Word of God ***IF you don't have all of it?***

All of those things apply here; it's from God!

Verse 4: “These *are* the appointed Feasts of the LORD...”—*not for anyone to decide whether they will keep them or not! **God commands them to be kept!***

“...Holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their appointed seasons. In the fourteenth *day* of the first month, between the two evenings... [between sunset and dark, as we have shown clearly] ...is the LORD’S Passover” (vs 4-5).

Now remember this: Jesus was crucified on the Passover Day. So, how can the Protestants say that they honor God with all these pagan rituals? *The most blasphemous being in the spring*, supposing that there’s a Friday crucifixion and a Sunday resurrection called *Easter*, **when Easter is celebrating the pagan goddess of Ishtar!**

How confusing can they be and still think they’re right? Well, **IF they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread**, they would understand what sin is and what to do and what not to do.

Verse 7: “On the first day you shall have a Holy convocation. You shall not *do any servile work therein*, but you shall offer a fire offering to the LORD seven days...” (vs 7-8)—*which they did every day during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.*

“...In the seventh day *is* a Holy convocation. You shall do no servile work *therein*” (v 8). **That’s for the Feast of Unleavened Bread!**

We know that God wants us to keep these Feasts and it’s for our own good. Let’s see a New Testament command and then we will take up an offering.

Now for all of those who say, ‘We believe in the New Testament, we don’t believe in the Old Testament.’ what does it say in 1-Cor, 5? **That’s what we need to look at! This is a direct command by the Apostle Paul to the Church in Corinth about the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread!**

Let’s see it right here. They were putting up with too much sin within the members of the Church at Corinth, and one committed such terrible sins that he had to be put away (out of the Church).

1-Corinthians 5:5: “To deliver such a one to Satan for *the* destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. **Your glorying is not good....**” (vs 5-6).

I want to just stop on that for just a minute. What do they—the evangelicals—glory in? *Oh, we keep Sunday and then Christmas, Easter, New Year’s and all of that! They glory in it! That’s **glorying in sin!*** Paul says:

“...Don’t you know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?” (v 6).

So, *during the Feast* of Unleavened Bread, *leaven is a type of sin*, because of its work that it does.

“...a little leaven leavens the whole lump? **Therefore, purge out the old leaven...**” (vs 6-7).

*That’s what we did with our houses. **But also we have to purge out the leaven of sin that is within us!***

- we have our part
- God has His part

All of that combined is necessary for a complete understanding of the Feast of Unleavened Bread!

Verse 7: “Therefore, purge out the old leaven, so that you may **become a new lump**... [it’s a process, as we will see] **...even as you are unleavened. For Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.**”

Passover they kept. How can you believe in Christ and His sacrifice **IF you don’t believe in the Passover** that He was crucified on? **All of these lies of Satan the devil always come to nothing!**

Verse 8: “For this reason, let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, nor with *the* leaven of malice and wickedness... [not with our old behavior] **...but with the unleavened bread of Sincerity and Truth.**”

We will see that’s the whole meaning and structure throughout the entire Bible of the meaning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

So, at this time we’ll take a pause and we’ll take up and offering. We thank you for it, and we use everything to go toward preaching the Gospel, doing the literature, doing Bibles and getting all of these things out as much as we can to as many people as we can for the sake of preaching the Gospel the way that God wants us to.

So, thank you very much for the offering and we will put it to very good use.

(pause for offering)

Thank you, brethren, for the offering, and we’ll continue on with services. Let’s come to Heb. 12 and let’s see what it tells us about our relationship with Jesus Christ and also our relationship with the whole Bible, **all the Word of God, is for us!**

All the sacrifices and rituals have been superseded by the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, putting it at a higher level. Not

doing away with it so that it has no meaning or that it doesn't exist. **But setting it aside and replacing it with the higher standard!**

Heb. 12—Paul is writing concerning the faithful of the Old Testament!

Hebrews 12:1: “Therefore, *since* we are surrounded by such a great throng of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight...”

- every problem
- every sin
- every difficulty

Keep our minds focused on Christ!

“...**and the sin that so easily entraps us...**”
(v 1).

Isn't that the way it does? *That's why Jesus tells us to repent every day in the model prayer in Matt. 6!*

“...**and let us run the race...** [it is a walk with God; in this case it's a run] ...**set before us with endurance**” (v 1). *That's why we have all of these every year!*

Verse 2: “**Having our minds fixed on Jesus...**”—*that's the key, everything fixed on Christ:*

- His sacrifice
- what He did
- what He said
- what the apostles wrote
- what they said

Everything in the Bible is the Truth of God!
Having our mind fixed on that and Christ, “lay aside every weight”—every sin that “so easily entraps us.”

Verse 2: “...Who for the joy that lay ahead of Him endured *the* cross, *although* He despised *the* shame, and has sat down at *the* right hand of the Throne of God.

What are we to do with this? *This is the framework on which our whole lives are to be lived!*

Verse 3: “Now meditate deeply on Him Who endured such great hostility of sinners against Himself so that you do not become weary and faint in your minds.”

Here is the key of the reason for the Feast of Unleavened Bread, right here:

Verse 4: “**You have not yet resisted to the point of losing blood in your struggle against sin.**” *That's what the Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures:*

- **put out** the sin/**put in** the righteousness.

- **get rid of** the leaven/**bring in** the unleavenedness of Christ

That's quite a thing!

Psa. 57—this is quite a Psalm, because it tells us that God has a purpose for each one of us, and what a wonderful thing that it is. It talks about ***God's purpose!*** Let's bring it down to ***the purpose as it is for us with Christ:***

- Who is at the right hand of the Throne of God
- Who is in us through the power of the Holy Spirit
- God the Father Who is in us through the power of the Holy Spirit

How we need to change: ***put out*** the old leaven/***put in*** the Unleavened Bread of Sincerity and Truth!
Notice how David prayed here:

Psalm 57:1: “Be gracious unto me, O God, be gracious unto me; for my soul trusts in You...”

That's what we need to do. Just like the Proverb says:

Proverbs 3:5: “**Trust in the LORD with all your heart,** and **lean not to your own understanding.**” *Because if you lean to your own understanding, you will be leaning into the leaven!*

Psalm 57:1: “...my soul trusts in You; yea, in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge until these great troubles pass by.”

So, we will have troubles, we will have difficulties, ***but our focus is on God!***

Verse 2: “**I will cry to God Most High...**”
Notice how particular this is and important for us as individuals. Because:

- God loves us
- God has called us
- Jesus is the sacrifice for our sins

“...**to God Who fulfills His purpose for me**” (v 2).

The purpose of God is this: ***that we attain to the first resurrection, and we are the sons and daughters of God to rule the world!*** That's what it's all about!

Verse 5: “Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be above all the earth.”

Everything there is, as we have covered here recently, ***God is all things to everything!*** You need to really think on that and pray about that and look at everything that you do from that perspective.

Verse 6: “They have prepared a net for ***My*** steps.... [a prophecy of Christ] ...***My*** soul is bowed

down; they have dug a pit before **Me**; into the midst of it they have fallen themselves. Selah.”

Verse 7—*ties in with Heb. 12*: “**My heart is fixed....**”

That’s the whole question concerning the Feast of Unleavened Bread. **Are our hearts fixed:**

- with the Word of God?
- with the Spirit of God?
- with the Truth of God?
- with determination?
- with endurance?

Verse 7: “My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.”

Now then, let’s come to see what human nature is like so we understand ***where we’re coming from*** and ***where we’re going to!*** There are quite a few things here concerning human nature that we need to get into.

Jeremiah 10:23: “O LORD, **I know....**” Here’s Jeremiah praying to God.

- Do we know?
- Do we really, really know?

“...I know that the way of man is not in himself... [we’re going to see the conundrum of that and why sin takes place] **...it is not in man who walks to direct his steps**” (v 23).

Let’s see what it says here in Jer. 17; very interesting, indeed, and we know this one by heart.

It is not within us to understand and to do what is right on our own! You look at the world today. Look at all the problems. Absolutely true.

Jeremiah 17:5: “Thus says the LORD, ‘Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the LORD.’”

That’s exactly what Adam and Eve did, and all human beings do!

Verse 7: “Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD and whose hope is the LORD.” *That’s quite a thing!*

Let’s see the deception of the human mind. in relationship to itself. God has given us free moral agency, and we have to choose. But in that, ***free moral agency is so strong that IF we don’t rely on God we’re going to go our own way, and that’s the way that the world has gone!*** Here’s what happens:

Proverbs 16:2: “**All the ways of a man....** [every man, woman, and child; young/old, whatever] **...are clean in his own eyes....**”

He or she thinks they’re doing right; even when they are sinning so grossly!

“**...but the LORD weighs the spirits**” (v 2).

God judges things spiritually! That applies to our lives, especially under the New Covenant, because everything is spiritual. Think about this in relationship to:

- all of the mental problems that there are in the world
- all of the problems that individuals have in their lives
- all of the difficulties and problems that we have

This is why we have the Feast of Unleavened Bread after the Passover so we can come to God; so we can see what we need to do. We need to ***put out the leaven*** and ***put in the unleavenedness*** of Christ!

Notice what v 3 tells us; it’s very important because when you read about the seven churches in Rev. 2 & 3, what do you find? ***God says, I know your works!*** So we need to ask the question:

- What are ***my*** works before God?
- What ***am I thinking*** of?
- What do ***I do***?
- How do ***I live***?
- How do ***I pray***?
- How do ***I understand*** the way of God?

Verse 3: “Commit your works unto the LORD... [everything you do, you do in the name of Jesus Christ] **...and your thoughts....**”

*That’s what God wants; that’s the whole point of Unleavened Bread! **What is in your mind that are reflected in your actions?***

“...and **your thoughts shall be established**” (v 3)

Verse 4: “**The LORD has made all for His own purpose....**” *Quite a thing!*

Verse 6: “**By mercy and Truth iniquity is purged....**”

Did we not read that in 1-Cor. 5? ***Purge out the old leaven!*** How?

- by mercy
- by God’s forgiveness
- by Truth

- by God’s Word written in our heart and in our mind

“...and by the fear of the LORD *men* turn away from evil” (v 6). *Now that’s quite a thing!*

Verse 17: “The way of the upright *is* to turn away from evil; he who keeps his way preserves his soul.”

- you’re walking uprightly
- you’re doing what God wants
- you understand the Words of God
- you are close to God
- you’re accomplishing the things that you need to do

Rom.12—we have another summary here about what it is to grow, to change and to overcome, **and what it is that God wants**. It also shows us that it is a process that takes place over a period of time.

- that’s why we grow in grace and knowledge
- that’s why we pray every day
- that’s why we study every day
- that’s why we have the Laws and Commandments of God written in our heart and mind (Heb. 10).

Whatever you have in your mind, that’s who you are! Think about that! That’s why it’s so important. So, the Feast of Unleavened Bread is how your mind is converted more and more and more day-by-day, month-by-month, year-by-year.

Romans 12:1: “I exhort you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, **Holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service.**”

That’s what God wants! *That you love Him with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, with all your being!*

Now notice what He says; this fits right in with the Feast of Unleavened Bread: purge out the old leaven. What is that?

Verse 2: “**Do not conform yourselves to this world...**”—the way the world is with its everything that it does; there are many things that it does than just living daily.

- the way they think
- the way they act
- the way they believe
- the religions that they keep
- the way that they conduct their lives by living in sin

Don’t be conformed to the world!

“...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

That’s why it has to be written in our heart and in our mind:

- that renews us
- that guides us
- that’s God’s Spirit

“...**in order that you may prove...**” (v 2). *God doesn’t want you to just accept it!*

- He wants you to prove it
- He wants you to know it
- He wants you to understand it

“...in order that you may **prove what is well-pleasing and good, and the perfect will of God**” (v 2).

That’s a great summary of the whole Feast of Unleavened Bread, right there! That’s what God wants and:

- we’ll see what it is
- we’ll see how that happens
- we’ll see the way that that is carried out

Let’s see what we are to do after we have been baptized. This is important! The whole thing with the Passover that just had shows the covenant that we have with Christ. **Christ in us, the hope of glory!**

And because we’re under grace, doesn’t mean that we do away with the Laws of God, because you can’t do away with the Laws of God anymore than you can do away with the universe or the law of gravity or any other laws that God has created.

Paul says right here, and he has to remind them:

Romans 6:1: “What then shall we say? Shall we continue in sin so that grace may abound? **MAY IT NEVER BE!...**” (vs 1-2).

We are to put it out; we are to stop doing those things, as we will see.

“...We who died to sin, how shall we live any longer We who died to sin, how shall we live any longer therein? Or are you ignorant that we, as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus, were baptized into His death?” (vs 2-3).

Therefore, our death in baptism means **we want God’s way and not our way!** This is all part of Unleavened Bread. Just like it says, **‘don’t be conformed to this world.’**

Verse 12: “Therefore, **do not let sin rule** in your mortal body by obeying it in the lusts thereof”—*because it all starts with a thought!*

The thought of free choice, and with the heart being deceitful above all things and with the heart being that:

- it looks good
- it sounds good
- it’s something that a lot of people like to do
 - that’s how they justify their sins
 - that’s how they justify their behavior
 - that’s how they justify their religion rather than coming to God

They obey the lust thereof.

Verse 13: “Likewise, do not yield your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin”—*unrighteousness; that’s Law-breaking!*

Psalm 119:172: “...all Your Commandments are righteousness.” *Unrighteousness is breaking the Laws of God!*

Romans 6:13: “...**rather, yield yourselves to God as those who are alive from the dead**, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.” *Now, you do that!*

- strive to do what is right
- strive to think what is right
- get rid of whatever thoughts of lust or whatever comes in your mind

That way then:

Verse 14: “For **sin shall not rule over you**, because you are not under Law...”—and that’s under the *penalty of Law* for breaking it, *because you’ve repented and have been baptized!*

“...**but under grace**” (v 14)—*which means you have direct contact with God the Father and Jesus Christ:*

- through the Word of God
- through prayer
- through living God’s ways

You are under grace! That’s your relationship with God!

All right. So then, because we have that relationship with God, Paul asks this question:

Verse 15: “What then? Shall we sin because we are not under Law, but under grace? **MAY IT NEVER BE!**”

You cannot live in sin *and expect the righteous blessings of God!* You cannot have your

own carnal way and thinking that you’re right—with all the sin and all the leaven of the carnal mind working and going against what God wants—and think you’re right with God! **MAY IT NEVER BE!**

Verse 16: “Don’t you realize that to whom you yield yourselves *as* servants to obey...”

- What is it that you obey?
- Is it Christ and God the Father in us through the power of the Holy Spirit?
- Is it with the Laws and Commandments of God written in our heart and mind?

*That’s **putting in** the unleavened bread of righteousness of the Word of God!*

That’s why the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because whatever you put into your body that makes your body work. ***Whatever you put into your mind makes your mind work that way!*** ***IF*** you have the Spirit of God and the Laws of God in your mind, ***that is the righteousness that’s going to guide you!***

That’s the whole thing with the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Yes, at Paul writes in Rom. 7 that we have covered recently, *we have the law of sin and death within us*, and we have to overcome it.

It’s always there to pull against us. It is always there if we do not exercise the Spirit of God and the Word of God in our minds and in our actions. *It’s always there to try and pull us down!*

“...**MAY IT NEVER BE!** Don’t you realize that to whom you yield yourselves *as* servants to obey, you are servants of the one you obey, ***whether it is of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?***” (vs 15-16). *It makes you wonder:*

What kind of blindfolds do these evangelicals and pseudo-Christians have that they can’t understand these plain words of God? *So that’s quite a thing there!*

(break@38:44)

Let’s see what God wants us to do, how that conversion is ***an active, working, spiritual process*** every day in our lives. The ultimate purpose and goal is eternal life!

In Eph. 4:12, we’re told that the whole purpose of the ministry is for ***the perfecting of the saints***, to help each one of you and ourselves, because as we grow and overcome, we need to teach you. God doesn’t want us ruling over you. You are not subjects to us. ***You are subjects to God the Father and Jesus Christ!***

We are to teach you so that you can have a relationship with God, direct through the grace of

God, as it says Eph. 2. **Direct contact with God the Father!** So remember this: Whenever you pray, regardless of whether you're standing, sitting or kneeling, your prayer goes to God.

Ephesians 4:12: "For the perfecting of the saints..."

Now hold right here and let's see something very important from the very first teachings of Jesus Christ in Matt. 5:48. Here Jesus explains :

- the whole purpose of His ministry
- the whole purpose of conversion
- the whole purpose of His sacrifice
- the whole purpose of everything of God

Right here in one verse!

Ask the evangelicals or the Catholics or the Jews, what does this mean?

Matthew 5:48: "Therefore, **you shall be perfect...**" *Now, that's future tense, and it is a process from here to there, or a process from here to the first resurrection!*

Verse 48: "You shall be perfect... [you can't be perfect until the resurrection because]: ...even as your Father who *is* in heaven is perfect."

That's the whole goal! That's the whole purpose! The complete unleavenness of us:

- through the power of conversion/overcoming
- through the power of our choices
- living by every Word of God
- through prayer
- through study
- through all of these things

That's an amazing thing! The world can't understand that, because ***the carnal mind is blinded to the Truth of God!***

Verse 48: "Therefore, you shall be perfect... [or you could put there ***become*** because it's future tense] ...even as your Father who *is* in heaven is perfect."

Then He tells us how to get there. Matt. 6 tells us how we get there.

Matthew 6:33: "But *as for* you, **seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you." *Those two verses tell us:*

- the whole purpose of God
- the whole purpose of the Bible

and what we do!

Ephesians 4:12: "**For the perfecting of the saints**. For the work of the ministry, for **the edifying of the Body of Christ**":

- to teach
- to uplift
- to encourage
- to help
- whatever correction needs to be.

But let me tell you something that's very important:

The best correction comes from your choices in relationship to God, for you to change your thoughts and your behavior because you choose to do so!

That is the correction that comes from God! That is called **self-control guided by the Holy Spirit** to accomplish the will of God in your life. An amazing thing, indeed!

Verse 13: "Until we all come into the unity of the faith... that'll be the resurrection] ...and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man**... [just what we read in Matt. 5 & 6, *perfect*] **...unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**"

How much more can we grow in grace and knowledge? ***To the stature and fullness of Christ!*** That's why we have the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Notice what this does so that you are able to resist against sin and change your behavior.

Verse 14: "So that we no longer be children, tossed and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men in *cunning* craftiness, with a view to the systematizing of the error."

That's precisely what was active during the days of the Apostle Paul. As soon as the Apostle John died—after writing the book of Revelation—the Church was attacked with a vicious attack.

That's why we have all of the fake Christianity that we have today.

Verse 15: "But speaking... [holding] ...the Truth in love...."

- you love God
- you love Christ
- you love His Word
- you love your neighbor as yourself

"...may in all things grow up... [in grace and knowledge] ...into Him Who is the Head, *even* Christ from Whom all the Body... [the whole Body of Christ wherever it is throughout the whole world] ...fitly framed and compacted together by *that which* every joint supplies, according to *its* inner

working... [*the inner working of God's Spirit*] ...in the measure of each individual part, is making the increase of the Body unto the edifying of itself in love" (vs 15-16).

So, Paul lays out the whole purpose, and then he tells them, 'Now wait a minute, there might be some things out there that you think are good, but are really not good. Then he goes on to show here:

Verse 17: "So then, I declare and testify this in the Lord that you are no longer to walk even as the rest of the Gentiles are walking, in the vanity of their minds."

Now see, they have their religion. Remember what Paul did when he went to Mars Hill, and he spoke to all the philosophers there. He said, you're all ignorant, you worship the unknown God.

So, Paul said, 'I'm here to tell you about the God you don't know anything about. And He is the One in Whom you live and move and have your being!'

Same thing we're talking about today. No one can get away from God—*period!* Never happened. You're either going to do what God wants, or you're going to do what you want to do, and Satan comes in and takes over. Look at the end result of that! So, he says, you're not to live that way anymore, as the rest of the Gentiles.

Verse 18: "Having *their* understanding... [their mind] darkened..."

Now think about that! **When your mind is full of sin, it is darkened to anything to do with God!** We see that with all of these riots and all of these things against what President Donald Trump is trying to do to correct some of the sins of the nation. They are so bad **that if those aren't corrected, we're going down and out;** and he understands that! **But that has nothing to do with conversion with us!**

"...being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their hearts" (v 18).

Isn't it true? You get a staunch Sunday-keeper, the hardness of the heart, he/she won't change:

- Christmas
- Easter
- Halloween

or any of these other pagan things that Satan has so wrapped up this society! **We're not to get involved in any of those things again.**

Verse 19: "They have cast off all feelings, and have given themselves up to licentiousness... [that's what the transgender thing is all about, right there] **...to work every uncleanness with insatiable desire.**"

That's why God says, you are not to let those people be in your society. *Exile them, send them out!*

Verse 20: "But you have not so learned Christ; if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, according to the Truth in Jesus: That concerning your former conduct, you put off the old man..." (vs 20-22).

There it is again! **Put out the sin, put out the leaven, you put off the old man!**

Verse 23: "And that **you be renewed in the spirit of your mind**"—which in the Greek is '*metamorphosis.*'

It is a thing that takes place over a period of time. And you have to *renew, renew and renew,* because the mind is so powerful that it takes a whole lifetime of overcoming.

"...put off the old man, which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts; and **that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind**" (vs 22-23). *There it is right there!*

- that's what God wants
- that is conversion
- that is unleavenedness

Verse 24: "And that you **put on the new man...**"

- become perfect
- become converted
- become new in your mind
 - ✓ in the way that you think
 - ✓ in the way that you act

And that comes *by having the Word of God written in your heart and written in your mind.* All of that comes through coming to Christ and repenting of your sins!

His blood covers your sins; you repent and you walk in the way of the Lord. That's what Unleavened Bread is all about. There it is right there.

Verse 24: "And that you put on the new man, which according to God is created in **righteousness and Holiness of the Truth.**" *What is the Word of God?*

- Truth
- Righteousness
- Love

- hope
- joy
- peace
- endurance
- long-suffering,
- understanding

Verse 25: “Therefore, let each one put away lies *and* speak the truth with his neighbor, because we are members of one another.”

- Isn't that something?
- How many people just live their lies?
- *Amazing!*

Even in the Church, one of the big problems in the Church today for the Seventh-Day Adventist and the Church of God Seventh-Day ***are the Holy Days!***

For the Seventh-Day Adventist, it's the Passover and Holy Days. The only things they have is the Sabbath and being nice. They know nothing about the depths of the sacrifice of Christ through the Passover. They know nothing about the true conversion, which comes with God's Spirit and God's Word. Church of God Seventh-Day goes a little bit further.

But various Churches of God have different doctrines as we see of the prophecy in Rev. 2 & 3. Those things always drag them down. One of the biggest things, as I have pointed out and we will cover, is the whole meaning of Pentecost.

The reason that they don't have it and the reason that they don't understand it is because they're not really willing to believe the Truth. They're willing to follow a man who was 'a declared apostle' in the Church of God, but never understood Pentecost. That's an amazing thing, indeed!

Christ is the First of the Firstfruits and He was resurrected on the first day of the count to Pentecost!

- Why are there seven weeks? *Because there are seven Churches, and it's on the 50th day!*
- What is the 50th day? *The Jubilee!*

The Jubilee is the release from everything:

- all debt
- all finances
- all sin

What is the resurrection? *The release from everything physical! That's why Pentecost is Day 50!* It starts off with day one with Christ and ends up with all the saints being resurrected on Day 50! Simple little lesson there.

Now, he says this, v 26—*Paul gets right on down to our daily conduct: “When you become angry, do not sin....”*

Christ was angry and healed in anger, ***but He didn't sin***. That's ***righteous indignation!***

“...Do not let the sun go down on your anger” (v 26). *Very important thing we will see here in a minute.*

IF you get your anger and it's all stirred up and you hold on to it, it festers and festers and festers:

- you're not going to sleep well
- you're not going to have good thoughts
- you're going to be all upset
- you're going to be angry
 - ✓ repent of it
 - ✓ get rid of it
 - ✓ put it aside
 - ✓ set it aside

because all it will do is tear you down! Now, the next step, ***IF*** you don't do it:

Verse 27: ***“Neither give place to the devil.”*** Now, *that's quite a thing!*

How do we give place to the devil? *By transgressing all of the things that we have just been covering!* That's why we keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. ***Don't give him any place!*** Then he goes on to say here:

Verse 28: “Let the one who stole, steal no more; rather, let him labor with *his* hands, working at what *is* good, so that he may impart *something* to the one who has need.”

Yes! Isn't that true? Look at what happened to the Church when the leaders stole the tithes and offerings of the brethren for their own pleasure in their own works and doing the things that they shouldn't be doing.

What did God do? ***Got rid of it! Spewed it out of His mouth!*** To learn the lesson: ***you don't go against God and say that you are the leaders of the Church of God! You will not succeed!***

Verse 29: “Do not let any corrupt communication come out of your mouth, but that which is good and needful for edification that it may give grace to those who hear.”

Quite a thing, isn't it? *That's what God wants!* Tie all of this together, this whole chapter, this is it.

Verse 30: “Do not vex... [frustrate or work against] ...the Holy Spirit of God by which you have been sealed for *the* day of redemption.”

That day of redemption is the resurrection! Then Paul points out that we need to get rid of all carnality.

Verse 31: “Let all bitterness, and indignation, and wrath, and clamor, and evil speaking be removed from you, together with all malice.” *That’s quite a thing!*

- human nature is there
- human nature is powerful
- Satan is there
- Satan is powerful

That’s why we have the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Sabbath, all the Holy Days of God, so that we do what God wants us to do!

Verse 32—*Paul sums it all up*: “and be kind and tenderhearted toward one another, **forgiving one another, even as God has also in Christ forgiven you.**”

Here is a key that Jesus brought out. *You forgive those that sin against you!* Now, ***IF you don’t forgive them, THEN God doesn’t forgive you!*** Why? ***Because in forgiving them, that clears your mind of:***

- anger
- frustration
- accusation
- wrong thoughts

That’s why ***put it away!*** Quite a thing here. Think of this:

Ephesians 5:1: “Therefore, **be imitators of God as beloved children.**” *That’s the whole meaning of the New Testament!*

The world thinks if they give up their ways and their thoughts and use their own free moral agency to live in sin, that they don’t want anything to do with God. Because they think that:

- if you love God
- if you serve God
- if you do the things that He says

you’re a weak, no good, nothing! That’s absolutely wrong!

- you are strong
- you are spiritual
- you have character
- you have love
- you believe in God

- you have hope
- you have peace

all of the things that the human mind wants, but cannot achieve without the Word of God and His Spirit!

Verse 1: “Therefore, be imitators of God as beloved children; and walk in love To love God...” (vs 1-2)—*to love the brethren!*

That love of God, as we have pointed out, is the most important thing!

“...**even as Christ also loved us...**” (v 2). *That’s quite a comparison!*

How did Christ love us? *He gave up His life for us! Think on that!*

As God—Who created everything—gave up everything that He had to become a pinpoint of life to be born of the virgin Mary. So that he could live as a human being and that He could be the Messiah that God has sent to save the world. That He would put Himself into the hands of evil men inspired of Satan the devil to be beaten and scourged and crucified on the cross ***FOR YOU!***

That His shed blood, ***and only His shed blood,*** can forgive us our sin. “...as Christ loved us...” Paul explains it this way:

“...**and gave Himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor**” (v 2). *Quite a thing!*

Then he has more things about what we should not be doing. Should not be going against!

Col. 3 is what you might say required study and reading for the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We have here the whole pattern of what we need to do in keeping the Feast of Unleavened Bread and living our lives after that on a continuous basis at all times.

Colossians 3:1: “Therefore **IF you have been raised together with Christ...** [come out of that watery grave of baptism] ...**seek the things that are above...**” *That’s what has to be on your mind:*

- What does God want?
- What is His Word?
- What is His Truth?
- What is His purpose?
- What is His hope?
- What is His calling?
- How is He dealing in our lives?

Amazing! Absolutely amazing!

“...seek the things that are above, where

Christ is sitting at *the* right hand of God. Set your affection on the things that are above, and not on the things that are on the earth” (vs 1-2).

For example: What if you had all the gold in the world and all the silver in the world? And everyone would look up to you with great admiration and say, ‘This one has all the gold and all the silver.’

What does God say? ***All the gold and all the silver is Mine!*** So, whatever we have is temporary and on loan from God *to use for good*. Not to aggrandize ourselves! That’s what he’s talking about here.

Verse 3: “For you have died...”—*in the watery grave of baptism!*

- so that you can overcome the human nature
- so that you can overcome the lust

“...and your life has been hid together with Christ in God” (v 3).

Notice, how many times does Paul talk about looking ahead to the resurrection? *He does it again:*

Verse 4: “When Christ, *Who is* our life, is manifested, then you also shall be manifested with Him in glory.”

- this is so great
- this is so marvelous
- this is the kind of control that He wants us to have over our thoughts with God’s Spirit

That’s the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, to get rid of sin and bring in righteousness!

Verse 5: “Therefore, put to death your members, which *are* on earth: sexual immorality, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil desires, and covetousness, which is idolatry.” ***Put away all those things of the flesh!***

Verse 6: “Because of these things, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, among whom you also once walked, when you were living in these things” (vs 6-7).

- think about that
- think about what your life was like before you were converted
- think about what it was like when you had all your troubles and your sins and your doubts and everything
 - ✓ Why am I here?
 - ✓ Where am I going?
 - ✓ What is life?

All of the evil things coming in on you to create sin:

- in your heart
- in your mind
- in your life

There it is!

Verse 8: “But now you should also put off all *these* things...”

So, it goes from the open great sins down to sins that are not quite as terrible, but still sins!

- a personal character
- a personal thought
- a personal salvation

You should also put off all these things:

“...wrath, indignation, malice, blasphemy, and foul language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, *seeing that* you have put off the old man together with his deeds” (vs 8-9).

That’s the Feast of Unleavened Bread; ***you put off the old man with his deeds!*** You put in the new one, ***which is Christ in you, the hope of glory!*** As Paul said, ‘Because we’re under grace, should we sin? **MAY IT NEVER BE!**’

Verse 10: “And have ***put on the new man,*** who *is* being renewed in knowledge according to *the* image of Him Who created him.” ***Amazing! Renewing! Continually!***

Verse 11: “Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian *nor* Scythian, slave *nor* free; but Christ *is* all things, and in all.”

Now, that’s what we’re to put out! That’s quite a chore, isn’t it? That’s using the Spirit of God, the Laws of God and Christ in us to overcome the sin of human nature and to serve God in Truth and in love.

Verse 12,: “***Put on then...*** [or put in] ...as *the* elect of God, Holy and beloved, deep inner affections, kindness, humility, meekness *and* long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another...” (vs 12-13).

That’s what we need to do, and forgiveness, as we saw in Eph. 4 & 5 is the key and important thing. That’s why with the model prayer, the first thing is, after looking for God’s will, you say, ***and forgive us our sins!*** Because as we have shown, the law of sin and death deep within us is a constant battle always.

Verse 13: “Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so also you *should* forgive. **And above all these things put**

on love...” (vs 13-14). *The love of God never fails:*

- for you individually
- for you toward your neighbor
- for you toward the brethren

“...**put on love, which is the bond of perfection**” (v 14). *And that’s what God wants!*

- God is love
- God is truth
- God is perfect

“...**the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts...**” (vs 14-15). *There it is, right there!*

With the Spirit of God, let it rule. Let that be how you direct your life. Let that be how you think. ***That is the unleavenness of Christ. That is the pure Word of God written in your heart and in your mind!***

“...to which you were called into one Body, and be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...” (vs 15-16)—*abounding in you!*

- that’s what you think on
- that’s how you view your life
- that’s how you view everything that is in your life
- that’s how you view the world

“...in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And in everything—**whatever you do in word or in deed**—...” (vs 16-17). *That’s quite a thing!* Everything you do:

- that’s why you pray every day
- that’s why you study every day
- this is why we have services on Sabbath every week
- this is why we have the Passover every year
- this is why we have Unleavened Bread every year

and all the rest of the Feasts and Holy Days of God!

Verse 17: “And in everything—whatever you do in word or in deed—*do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.*”

So, this is the meaning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Quite a thing, indeed! Isn’t it profound how that the world has missed it completely, having the Bible in their hands, saying they believe in Christ, ***but they reject Him!***

This is for us. Let’s look for that day of redemption and let’s put ourselves in God’s hands:

- with God’s Word
- with God’s Truth
- with His Spirit

and become unleavened in Jesus Christ!

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ALL Things Are Possible with God

7th Day of Unleavened Bread)

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Greetings, brethren. Welcome to Day 7, the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It's a day that pictures that **God always**, in the final analysis, **does the impossible!** We've seen that with the first day, because:

- *only God could* bring them out of Egypt
- *only God could* bring them to where He wanted them to go
- *only God could* release them from the slavery that they were in

That physical slavery that they were in is also, as we see during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a type of sin and the bondage of sin. That before we were called, we were slaves to sin. That:

- it is God's intervention
- it's God's Truth
- it's God's power
- it's God's Spirit

which to the world is impossible, brings us to the point that we are baptized, receive the Holy Spirit, and then we are walking in the way of the Lord, as we have seen.

Lev. 23—let's look what it says concerning the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Then we will see the miracles of *the impossible things* that God did on that last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Leviticus 23:6: "And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD. You must eat unleavened bread seven days." *So that's it; today is the seventh day of it.*

Verse 8: "But you shall offer a fire offering to the LORD seven days...."—that was for the priest!

Every day the sacrifices would be offered. But that doesn't mean that we offer every day during the days of Unleavened Bread.

"...In the seventh day *is* a Holy convocation... [that's today] ...You shall do no servile work *therein*" (v 8).

- What is the meaning of this day?
- Why do we have seven days of Unleavened Bread?
- *Because seven is the number of completion!*

We have to go from where we start, God intervening in our lives, to where we go through Unleavened Bread and the seventh day, and that pictures *our travel in walking God's ways!* That God will intervene for us in everything that we need.

So, as he says, to bring an offering, and every Holy Day we take up an offering. So at this time, we'll take a pause, take up an offering, and we'll be back, and *we will see the impossible things that God can do.*

(pause for the offering)

Now let's continue on in Exo. 14, which is very interesting as we saw, and that it was timed explicitly according to the time of the maledictory oath of Abraham in Gen. 15 for their Exodus.

Let's see what happens here. They left, left with a high hand, and the night they left was a full moon, plus there was the light of the fire from heaven. They left on the Night to be Much Observed unto the Lord.

Now some people say, that was an invention of some apostle of God, Herbert Armstrong. No, he didn't invent that. *It's in the Word of God* (Exo. 12:42)! It says that it is the Night to be Much Observed unto the Lord throughout your generations.

Now then, God goes on to show that following Him is not always easy, *but following Him in all circumstances is always correct*, and there are blessings that come with it.

Exodus 13:21: "And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud to lead them in the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, to go by day and night. He did not take away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night *from* before the people."

That means in all the 40 years that they wandered in the wilderness. *Now think about that!* That was always there. How would you behave if you were there? I'll let you think about it today:

- How do you behave?
- How do you feel?
- What is your attitude?

WHEN things don't go exactly correct as you think God should make them go?

God had the same thing here. He planned this ahead of time, and what we're going to read here in Exo. 14 is the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, **and God brought them to a point that the only thing they had was trust in God**, because all the circumstances were against them. Lots of times we find we're in the midst of things where circumstances are against us and some of them are so hard and tough we really don't know how to overcome them, and we cry out to God to help us! **That's exactly what God wants us to do!**

Exodus 14:1: "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal Zephon. You shall camp before *it* by the sea'" (vs 1-2).

Now, when they came down to the Red Sea, there was a narrow flat place just before the Red Sea. Then there were mountains right behind it, so there was no room to go.

We will see what happened here. God planned it this way; He had two things in mind He was going to do:

1. destroy the last remnant of Pharaoh and his armies
2. deliver the children of Israel in one of the most awesome miracles in the Bible

Verse 3: "For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, 'They *are* trapped in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.'"

Isn't that what happens to us a lot of times? *We seem to be trapped with no way out!* Let's see what God does.

Verse 4: "And I will harden Pharaoh's heart that he will follow them. And I will be glorified through Pharaoh and all his army, so that the Egyptians may know that *I am* the LORD."

Now, not only did he want the children of Israel to know that He was the Lord, but He also wanted the Egyptians to know. Likewise today, the things taking place, **many people understand it's the hand of God!**

Verse 5: "And the king of Egypt was told that the people fled. And the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people. And they said, 'Why have we done this...?'" *Look, we let all of our slaves go.*

- How are we going to live?
- Who's going to help us with our bath?
- Who's going to cook our food?

- Who's going to watch over our children?

Their whole world was eliminated. The dead of the firstborn, man and beast. Think of the stack of bodies that they had to get rid of.

"...And they did so. And the king of Egypt was told that the people fled. And the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people. And they said, 'Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?' And he made his chariot ready and took his people with him" (vs 4-6).

Now then, it's the same thing: Pharaoh is a type of Satan. His army is a type of the demons. They always want to come after the people of God.

But as long as we stay close to God and walk in His way and do what He says, **they have no power over us!** They may cause a little conflict. They may cause a little trouble. But as we yield to God, he intervenes. Let's see how we intervene for the children of Israel here.

Verse 7: "And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.... [all the rest of his army] ...And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And he pursued the children of Israel, and the children of Israel went out with a high hand" (vs 7-8).

Just like when you're baptized. Oh, you're happy. Oh, this is great. Oh, this is wonderful. Then somewhere down the road, *you're confronted with a problem that is really difficult!* What are you going to do? *Let's learn a lesson from the children of Israel.*

Verse 9: "So, the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army. And they overtook them camping by the sea, beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon. And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes. And, behold, the Egyptians marched after them...." (vs 9-10).

- What did they have?
- How many weapons did they have? *Maybe a few spears!*

They were completely helpless!

Now sometimes that's the way it is! Sometimes we are completely helpless, and God has to intervene to help us!

"...And they were very afraid. And the children of Israel cried out to the LORD" (v 10).

A lot of people cry out to the Lord, ‘Oh help me, save me,’ **but they’re not willing to do what God says.**

Verse 11: “They said to Moses...”

Now here’s the first thing that happens when you’re confronted with a terrible trial: ‘God, why did you bring this trial upon me?’ Well, God wants to know:

- Do you love Him?
- Do you obey Him?
- Do you believe Him?

That’s the whole story of the Bible with everyone with God, including:

- all of the patriarchs
- all of the prophets
- all of the kings

And the same way with all of those in the Church of God!

“...‘Have you taken us away to die in the wilderness because *there were* no graves in Egypt?...’” (v 11).

Well, we could have died in Egypt, you know. That’s nice to die when we have food in our belly and not any trouble.

“...Why have you dealt this way with us to carry us forth out of Egypt?” (v 11).

Troubles come that it doesn’t look like that we should have them, **but God wants them so that we look to Him!** Because as we have said recently, remember that **God is all things to everything!** From the galaxies and the heavens above to the smallest nanos that we are able to measure,

Verse 12: “Did we not tell you this word in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone so that we may serve the Egyptians?’...”

No, that wasn’t so!. They were crying out to God: ‘O God save us from this slavery.’ The exact opposite.

“...for it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness” (v 12).

You impute to God something that is not correct, and you don’t trust God to lead you! That’s the lesson! We should not do that. So what did Moses say? Here’s Moses right here, and this is part of the theme of **nothing is impossible for God!**

Verse 13: “And Moses said to the people,

‘Fear not! Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will work for you today, for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall never see them again! The LORD shall fight for you, and you shall be still’” (vs 13-14).

How’s God going to work that out? *Circumstances completely different than you would ever imagine!* Now this is a vast thing because there were so many of the children of Israel in the Exodus that they were all strewn along the shore of the Red Sea in a column, in their marching column. There wasn’t room for them to move out and set up the camp as they set it up later.

Okay, so here they were. Red Sea right here all of that deep water. Mountains and Pharaoh behind them. How are we going to escape? *I know, call Patton and all of his tanks!* No, that won’t work! No human way is going to work!

Verse 15: “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry to Me? Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward.’”

How are they going to go forward? There’s the Red Sea, and they can’t go backward toward Pharaoh and to Egypt and they can’t go forward down past where they were with the Red Sea.

Now here’s the weapon of God. He always uses a weapon that doesn’t look like a weapon.

Verse 16—*The Lord God says:* “And you—lift up your rod... [big walking stick] ...and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it...” **God is the One Who’s doing the dividing!**

“...And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And behold, I am about to harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. And I will get honor for Myself upon Pharaoh, and over all his army, over his chariots and over his horsemen. And **the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD when I will be glorified through Pharaoh,** his chariots, and his horsemen” (vs 16-18).

God’s going to carry that out! Now we’re going to see another thing, too. when we get to the New Testament. Jesus said to His apostles and disciples, **‘I will never leave you!’** Keep that in mind as we go forward here.

Verse 19: “And the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved...”

Isn’t that interesting? There was an angel in charge of all the children of Israel to lead them with the pillar of fire and the cloud.

“...And he went to the rear of them. And the pillar of the cloud went from in front of them and it stood behind them” (v 19). *That is between the Egyptians and the children of Israel!*

Verse 20: “And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. **It was a cloud of darkness to one...**” *That is to Pharaoh and the Egyptians!*

Now isn't that interesting? They are led by *the power of darkness*: Satan the devil. Then here's this pillar of Light. It's darkness to the Egyptians over here:

“...but gave light by night to the other... [to the children of Israel] ...so that the *two* did not come near one another all night” (v 20).

I wonder how they felt out there, knowing that the Egyptians were over here. Here we are here and there's the Red Sea.

How is God going to deliver us? ***This is impossible!*** Well, ***there's nothing impossible for God!***

Verse 21: “And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. And the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.”

That opening was so wide and so broad, it wasn't the little narrow thing that they show in the movies because it would have taken all day, all night for them to cross, but they weren't to cross until the morning. *So this is an amazing thing!*

Verse 21: “And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. And the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground....” (vs 21-22).

So, Moses gave the command to ***go forward!*** They looked and there was no water And behold, the seabed was dry!

How did that happen? ***An impossible miracle that God did!***

“...And the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left” (v 22).

Now they got across. Didn't take long because the column did not go in a column (one after the other). They went in a flanking movement this way. So, they got to the other side of the Red Sea pretty quickly.

Verse 23: “And the Egyptians pursued and

went in after them to the middle of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch it came to pass that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and the army of the Egyptians was thrown into confusion” (vs 23-24).

Isn't that amazing? Now, you study about what God said about how He would fight for them when they got into the 'promised land.' He told them, 'You don't go out and fight unless I tell you.' ***IF*** you go out to fight, ***THEN*** you are to take the Ark of the Covenant and the priest is to go ahead. (We'll see that a little later on what happened at Jericho.) *Quite a thing!*

“...the Egyptians was thrown into confusion. And He loosened their chariot wheels...” (vs 24-25). ***God took them all off! No wheels on them!***

Sidebar: Over in the Gulf of Aqaba. ***It looks like*** that was probably the place they crossed, ***but that's not so***, because even though there are some chariots below the water, their wheels are still on them.

So that was another event of another time, not related to this. But archaeologists come along and *they assume...*

Well, God took the wheels off! An amazing thing! “...and made them go heavily...” (v 25).

Now then God started to let the seabed get wet and muddy.

“...so that the Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.' And the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen’” (vs 25-26).

- How are you going to stop two walls of water coming?
- What did that do to all the chariots and everything? ***It broke them to little pieces.***

Verse 27: “And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea. And the sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared. And the Egyptians tried to flee from it. And the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the middle of the sea. And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. There did not remain so much as one of them” (vs 27-28). ***Complete wipeout!***

Verse 29: “But the children of Israel walked upon dry land through the middle of the sea. And the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. So, the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians. And Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians. **And the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses**” (vs 29-31).

Great thing indeed! That is a great miracle for us to understand! That is something that we need to always remember concerning what God wants to do for us.

God did another miracle, but it took Him seven weeks to get there, and that is Exo. 19 and coming before God at Mount Sinai. This is a very interesting thing, indeed!

It is the only time—I want you to think about this concerning the Ten Commandments and how important it is—in the history of the world, up to that time—even after that time in Jesus Christ, and down through the history of the Church—that all the children of Israel gathered at the base of the mountain. They had to prepare themselves three days before the giving of the Ten Commandments on Pentecost. We will go into that a little more when we come to Pentecost.

But I want you to understand what God intended the children of Israel to do, but really never really accomplished it. The closest it came was in the days of Solomon.

Exodus 19:1: “In the third month when the children of Israel had gone forth out of the land of Egypt, on the same day...”--which then was a Thursday on our calendar today, or the fifth day of the week!

Verse 2: “For they had journeyed from Rephidim, and came to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness. And Israel camped there in front of the mount.”

Now here is what God wanted to do. He brought them to where He wanted them, and here’s what He told them He was going to do. We’ll just read a couple more verses and we’ll save the rest of it for Pentecost.

Verse 3: “And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the children of Israel, “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you unto Myself”’” (vs 3-4). *Look at all the*

things that they went through that God did:

- purifying the water
- providing the food
- providing the quail
- providing water out of the rock a little later

Here they come and here all the number of them plus a multitude of mixed Egyptian and Israelites were there. as well.

Now then, this group all together, here’s what God wanted them to know. Let’s see this is exactly what God wants with anyone that He is dealing with, and the whole purpose and goal as to:

- why we were born
- why we were converted
- why we are overcoming
- why are we growing in grace and knowledge

Verse 5: “Now therefore, **IF**...”—*everything that God does is based upon our choices,*

- **IF** you will love Me
- **IF** you will obey Me
- **IF** you will keep My Commandments
- **IF** you will listen to My Word
- **IF** you will follow My ways
- **IF** you will obey My voice

That’s the same thing! Remember what it was with Abraham and the blessing going to Isaac. The first thing the Lord God said was: **because he obeyed My voice!**

*That’s the key important thing in everyone’s relationship with God: **Obey the voice of God** and it’s all written down. We don’t have to ask: What did the Lord say? *Here it is.**

“...IF you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant...”—*commandments!*

We’ll look at something here in just a minute that is New Testament: *the same requirement for us in the spirit.*

Verse 5: “Now, therefore, **if** you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant...”—*meaning everything that He spoke from Mount Sinai and everything that Moses had written down that God told him!* (we’ll cover that a little later)

“...then...” (v 5) *you’re standing with God always depends upon us!*

- Do we love God?
- Do we obey His voice?

There it is right there!

“...**then** you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a Holy nation.’ These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel” (vs 5-6).

Verse 8: “And all the people answered together and said, ‘**All that the LORD has spoken we will do.**’”

Now, let’s come all the way to the book of Revelation, the fulfilling and completing of the whole Plan of God right here!

- What is it that we are to seek first in everything that we do? *The Kingdom of God!*
- What is it in our conduct that we are to grow **and become perfect**? *That final perfection is the resurrection!*

On our way to Rev. 20, let’s stop at

1-John 2:3—notice the similarity between that and back there in Exo. The reason being is **because God requires the same thing of us today, but in a complete spiritual way since we have the Commandments of God!**

Here’s one of the measurements that always comes along, and there are always those attacking. We have **more false prophets and false teachers in the world today than at any time in the history of the world!**

1-John 2:3: “And by this *standard* we know that we know Him: **IF** we keep His Commandments.”

Isn’t that what He said back there in Exo. 19? *Yes!* Now we have a differentiation of it.

Verse 4: “The one who says, ‘I know Him’ and does not keep His Commandments, **is a liar, and the Truth is not in him.**”

That applies to every Sunday-keeper, everyone who keeps all the occult holidays of this world. You are not part of Christ, *though you have His name plastered over everything!*

Verse 5: “On the other hand, **IF** anyone is keeping His Word... [think about that; whatever God says, **His Word**] ...truly in this one the love of God is being perfected. By this *means* we know that we are in Him. **Anyone who claims to dwell in Him is obligating himself also to walk even as He Himself walked**” (vs 5-6).

That’s the whole picture of the journey of them walking to Mount Sinai to get the Laws of God. **Coming to Mount Sinai pictures a type of**

coming before God and as we know through the first resurrection. That’s it right there!

Now let’s see the final result. Let’s see in Rev. 20 that what God wanted is fulfilled in the Church at the resurrection for what God wants to do for the whole world.

Revelation 20:6: “Blessed and Holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power. But they shall be priests of God ... [Exo. 19] ...and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

Then we fulfill God’s Plan as pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles and bring God’s way to the whole earth!

Let’s understand the whole process of everything that we do is wrapped up in this. This applies to everything that seems a very rigid requirement of God. One that’s almost unattainable. In the flesh we cannot become perfect, because we have within—as we know from the Feast of Unleavened Bread—the law of sin and death, and we have to overcome that.

Matt. 19—this that was about husband and wife, and so forth, and that it’s difficult for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 19:25: “But after hearing this, the disciples were greatly astonished *and* said, ‘Who then is able to be saved?’”

Carnally speaking it can’t happen! But with the Spirit of God, all these things can happen! That’s why there’s:

- the baptism
- the laying on of hands
- the receiving of the Holy Spirit
- the growing in grace and knowledge

Verse 26: “But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With men this is impossible; **but with God ALL things are possible.**’”

Isn’t that what we are up against with the trials that we face even today? *We face some things that are very difficult!* When we come down to the thing that we have nothing left to do, but:

- to choose the Truth
- to choose God
- to trust Him

Like Moses told the children of Israel, **the Lord will fight for you!** That’s quite a thing! **Then God does the impossible by completely changing the circumstances for you, as you:**

- believe Him
- trust Him
- obey Him

There we go! ***Nothing is impossible for God!*** That's what the angel Gabriel told Mary when she said, 'How is this going to be?' And he said, '***Nothing is impossible for God!***' What is not possible for men ***is possible for God!***

We'll end the first half here with the account of Hezekiah. Now, you can find that in Isaiah 37 thru 39. This is the account of what happened when the Assyrians came to conquer Judah and Jerusalem, and everything was against them. The king of Assyria was there with his great army of 185,000. They came and camped down at the edge of Judah, ready to come up and take over and take them captive.

They even sent the leading general to go talk to the people on the wall, and he told them, 'We've conquered all of these nations and none of their gods were able to save them. Now we've come here, so don't think in your heart or believe your king when he says that ***the Lord will deliver!***

So then, the prophet Isaiah and Hezekiah took the letter that came from the general—came from the king himself—to surrender.

So, they went into the Temple of God and opened the letter and read it before God, and said:

Oh God, here they are to destroy us, and we're helpless, because we don't have the defenses to do anything to fight against them or turn back this army of 185,000.

And Hezekiah wept sore! The Word came to Isaiah, '***You go tell Hezekiah, I will fight for you!***'

How did God do that? ***Well, that night, all the 185,000 soldiers***, with the exception of the king and a couple of generals, ***died at the hand of an angel!*** Just like what happened in Egypt when the children of Israel were brought out from Egypt.

God killed—that was the great sacrifice for Israel—all the firstborn of the Egyptians, man and beast, and ***how God fought for them at the Red Sea, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord!***

What happened? ***The army coming against Hezekiah and Jerusalem was destroyed!*** The king of Assyria had to 'skadoodle' out of there and get back to Assyria, where he was assassinated later.

But the children of Israel spent days and days and days collecting all the treasure: all the

spoil, all the gold, all the silver, and putting it in the treasure houses of God. It was a marvelous thing that took place there. They had a great and fantastic Feast of Unleavened Bread and Passover. They were so thrilled and so happy at that time that they decided to keep another seven days in addition to it. ***Great deliverance of God!***

Then we saw there came a time the ambassadors from Babylon came over, because they wanted to know from the king: 'How did all of this happen that the whole army of the Assyrians was destroyed? What did you get out of it?'

This happened after God gave 15 more years to Hezekiah; ***this was Hezekiah's mistake, and it's a great lesson for us!*** After God does something for us, let's not make the mistake of doing something wrong, because God has helped us. What he did was this:

The ambassadors said, 'Well, what did you get in booty from all of the Assyrians?' ***Oh, I got all of this!*** So, he showed them everything, all the gold, all the silver, everything that they had.

Isaiah came and he asked him, 'Hezekiah, who were these men?' ***They were ambassadors from Babylon.*** 'What did you show them?' ***I showed them everything!***

Now pay attention here; a big lesson to learn:

- ***whenever God blesses you***
- ***whenever God intervenes***
- ***whenever God fights for you***

—which this day, the 7th day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, pictures—***don't get lifted up in vanity and egotism because that will be your downfall!***

So, Isaiah^[transcriber's correction] came and said, 'Hezekiah, who were these men? ***Well, they were ambassadors from Babylon!*** 'What did you show them?' ***Well, I showed them everything!***

Isaiah said, 'Because of this, it's all going to Babylon, every bit of it.' But that didn't happen for over 120 years. ***But it took place!*** When Nebuchadnezzar, king of the Babylonians, conquered Jerusalem and destroyed it! There were actually three invasions.

Let's look at the lesson:

- God will fight for us
- He's always with us
- He will do the things that are impossible, things that we cannot do

But when God does that for us and we're humbled by it and thankful for it, ***never lose that humility in thanksgiving by doing something presumptuous out of vanity and egotism like King Hezekiah did!***

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Now let's come to the book of Proverbs and let's see after God:

- has forgiven our sins
- has given us His Holy Spirit
- helps us with His Holy Spirit

so we

- grow and overcome
- overcome personal sins
- overcome obstacles and difficulties that are in the way

and actually does impossible things for us!

We need to have our behavior in such a way that ***we don't make the mistakes*** that the children of Israel did, that King Hezekiah did, and all of the failures that we find.

Come to the book of Proverbs and we will see what we need to do. Now then, we are to become the children of God the Father through Jesus Christ Who is our Elder Brother and High Priest and our King, our Ruler in everything.

We're to become the sons and daughters of God. That's what we're told, and that's what it is and ***we know and understand that and believe it!***

Proverbs 3:1: "My son..."—or daughter, because it's true both ways. we find in the New Testament—we'll look at that a little bit—that sons and daughters, as well.

"...do not forget My Law..." (v 1).

Isn't that the whole thing that happens? That's why we have the Feast of Unleavened Bread, so that we understand ***the way of God is the only way*** and His Laws.

"...but let your ¹heart keep My Commandments" (v 1)—*that's spiritual!*

Remember: *as a man thinks in his heart, so he is!*

- whatever you are
- whatever I am
- whatever any other human being is

It's what is in their heart and in their mind! Not what you see with an exterior dimension of our

bodies or in the physical things that you possess. We all have those, don't we? In varying degrees.

"...let your heart keep My Commandments" (v 1) *let* means *you decide*. So, we have **IF** and **LET**—*very important*.

Verse 2: "For they shall add length of days, and **long life, and peace**, to you."

What's the ultimate of the New Testament and the conversion and *the spiritual covenant with God?*

- long life—*how about eternal*
- peace—*you have peace with God the Father and Jesus Christ and You will see Them*

How do you accomplish this? This is something you need to do on a day-to-day basis, day in and day out, and during the day: hour in and hour out. Here it is:

Verse 3: "**Do not let mercy and Truth forsake you...**"

Isn't that interesting? You can read about what happens if you don't have mercy. Matt. 19: God has forgiven your sins, but you turn around and you condemn somebody else for their sins.

"...bind them... [mercy and truth] ...around your neck; write them upon the tablet of your ²heart" (v 3).

Verse 4: "And **so shall you find favor...**"

Now, *favor* means *grace*. Are we not under grace? *Yes, indeed!* Grace means this: ***Each one of us have direct personal contact to God the Father in heaven above through Jesus Christ all the time.*** Isn't that amazing?

God is dwelling in us with his spirit. Yes, indeed. And we come with the Spirit of God in us (1-Cor. 3), we are a mini-temple of God.

How are we going to build on that? *That is what Paul wrote about: Gold, silver, precious stone or wood, hay and stubble!* Paul said we are all going to have fiery trials. **IF** what you have built up is wood and stubble, *that's all going to be burned away!* You might be saved, but you lose a lot of your reward.

"...and good understanding in the sight of God and man" (v 4).

- you think right
- you believe right
- you understand correctly
- you're not following lies

What does that lead to?

Verse 5 shows the epitome of this 7th day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which the children of Israel had to do. ***They had to trust in God!*** Moses did, and the Red Sea was parted, and they walked through on dry ground.

Verse 5: “**Trust in the LORD with all your** ^[#3]**heart...**”

How important is your heart? Not only what you have intellectually up here (in your mind), but:

- what you feel
- what you believe
- the whole thing of emotions of your life

“...and **lean not to your own understanding**” (v 5).

Where does that lesson go back to? *Clear back to the Garden of Eden and Adam and Eve, they ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Why? **Because they leaned to their own understanding and didn't trust God!***

If you don't believe in God, you don't believe in God. **They leaned to their own understanding and didn't trust God!**

Verse 6: “**In all your ways acknowledge Him...**”

Isn't that interesting? That's why every day you put your whole day in God's hands:

- to help you
- to lead you
- to guide you
- to inspire you
- to direct you
- to help you to understand
- to help you to think properly
- to help you believe Him
- to help you obey Him
- to help you love Him

Verse 6: “**In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.**”

Prov. 16:9—very interesting thing here for us. This helps us every day to understand what we need to do.

Proverbs 16:9. “**A man's heart devises his way, but the LORD directs his steps.**”

Now that's interesting. You're involved in deciding what you're going to do:

- based upon God's Spirit in you
- based upon the Word of God

- based upon how you are living

“...**but the LORD directs his steps**” (v 9).

How does God direct your steps? *By inspiring you to do the right thing because you:*

- trust in Him
- believe in Him
- obey Him

That's the whole lesson of the 7th day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread!

Proverbs 3:6: “**In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil**” (vs 6-7).

Now that's quite a thing and that's the whole basis of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Let's look at some more and how important this is.

Prov. 4:11—This is interesting because every one of us have to be taught of God. He teaches us:

- through His Word
- through our study
- through our prayers
- through how we live

It is God Who is the One Who is teaching us! That's what all the elders need to do all the time: ***teach the brethren how to have that relationship with God!***

Proverbs 4:11: “I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in the right paths. When you go, your steps shall not be hampered, and when you run, you shall not stumble. Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; keep her, for she *is* your life” (vs 11-13).

Very important! ***All these things are part of walking in the way of the Lord!***

Verse 14—*here's the warning because it's so easy to do:* “Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not into the way of evil men. Avoid it; do not go in it; turn from it, and pass on!” (vs 14-15).

Because they're devoted to evil and they want to take you down!

Verse 16: “For they do not sleep except when they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause *some* to fall. for they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence” (vs 16-17).

That's the comparison in the world; that's the way it is out there!

Verse 18: "**But the path of the just...**"—*the way that you walk, as we read there in 1-John 2, you walk in the way of the Lord!*

"...**is as the shining light, that shines more and more to the perfect day**" (v 18). What is that perfect day? *The resurrection!*

In the early Church they taught the spiritual way of God right from the Old Testament. The biggest lie today is it's all been fulfilled, so we don't need to keep it. Or the Catholics say 'that's the old Law.'

But the truth of Catholicism is this. *They have the oldest laws of paganism that go back way before Mount Sinai!* Where the epitome of everything that was done in Egypt, as well.

Verse 18: "**But the path of the just is as the shining Light...** [we're to walk in the Light as He is in the Light] ...that shines more and more to the perfect day."

Verse 19: "**The way of the wicked is as darkness...**"

- Remember how that applies back there at the Red Sea? *Light to the children of Israel, but darkness to the Egyptians!*
- Were they the wicked ones? *Yes!*
- Were they destroyed? *Yes!*

Verse 19: "The way of the wicked *is* as darkness; **they know not at what they stumble.**"

That's exactly what happened when they entered into the Red Sea, thinking that they could get the children of Israel. All of the plans of men, if they're not right, **God saves them for a great correction!** In this case, death, BANG! *they all died instantly in the Red Sea! An amazing thing, indeed!*

We'll be confronted with all of these things all the time, especially with television that we have today. The world comes into our homes **invited** every time that we turn on television.

Verse 20: "My son, attend to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. **Let them not depart from your eyes...**" (vs 20-21). *Keep everything of God right in front of you!*

"...**Keep them in the midst of your heart**" (v 21).

You might do a word study of 'heart' just in the book of Proverbs. I think you will find that very interesting, indeed.

"...keep them in the midst of your heart, **for they are life to those who find them...** [spiritually] ...and health to all the flesh" (vs 21-22).

Now, just like I announced that new transcript book we have: *The Healing of God: Physical, Mental, Emotional, Spiritual*. That's the healing of God.

Remember back there in Matt, 13, Jesus said that they have closed their eyes 'lest they should hear, lest they should see, lest they should believe and be converted.' Conversion! There it is. That's what it's talking about here.

Verse 23 is a key important verse in everything that we do as pictured by our walking in the way of God with the unleavened bread of Spirit and Truth.

Verse 23: "**Above all guard the door of your mind...**"—*or heart!*

- you guard it
- you get rid of the things that are in there

Isn't that what unleavened bread is all about?

- **put out** the sin/**put in** the righteousness
- **put out** the leaven/**eat the unleavened bread**, symbolic of the pure Word of God

Verse 23: "Above all **guard the door of your mind with diligence**, for out of it *are* the issues of life."

Let's read the rest of this chapter. This chapter is so important for this Feast of Unleavened Bread and also for our daily living.

Verse 24: "Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and devious lips put far from you."

- it's so easy to kind of fudge
- it's so easy to say things that are not true

Verse 25: "Let your eyes look right on, and let your eyelids look straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet, **and all your ways will be established**" (vs 25-26).

That's what God wants! That in everything with us:

- with God's Spirit
- with God's Truth
- with overcoming sin

- with being under grace

so that all our ways will be established!

Verse 27: “Do not turn to the right hand nor to the left; remove your foot from evil.”

That’s the whole lesson of Unleavened Bread. Quite an amazing thing indeed! Isn’t it amazing what there is in the Bible?

You know, all the years that we’ve been studying the Bible, there are a lot of things that we’re even learning today, and things we thought we knew we understand more deeply! Things that we couldn’t understand, now we do understand?

Why? *Because we yield ourselves to God!* It’s not because we’re greater than anybody else. We’re not. because:

- God calls the weak
- God calls the rejected
- God calls those that are nothing in the world

So that through the

- training of God
- the Laws of God
- the Spirit of God

We develop, and at the resurrection we are made kings and priests and governors and rulers to rule the world! ***What a great and fantastic calling!***

Prov. 10—we’ll get the flow of this and see how it works.

Proverbs 10:27: **“The fear of the LORD prolongs days...”**

That’s what we are in now. We have a lot of senior citizens and I’m one of them. There are other people out there that are loving God and serving God that are older than me. God has blessed them; this is an answer.

Verse 27: “The fear of the LORD prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.”

Look at that. Isn’t that true? Look at what happens to all of these Hollywood stars. All of a sudden they die at a young age.

Verse 28: “The hope of the righteous is gladness...”

- the resurrection
- love
- Truth
- God the Father
- Jesus Christ
- all of the angels

- all of the resurrected saints
- all of us organized in the Kingdom of God
- all singing the song Hallelujah! Lord God Almighty

“...but the expectation of the wicked shall perish” (v 28). *Think about that! They’ll all be destroyed!*

Verse 29: **“The way of the LORD is strength to the upright...”**—*because you’re following what is good!*

To the wicked in the same book are the penalties for disobeying God:

“...but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity” (v 29).

Always happens, doesn’t it? *Yes indeed!*

Verse 30: **“The righteous shall never be moved,** and the wicked shall not remain in the land.”

Isn’t that true? That’s what the Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures: **We are to never be moved from the Truth of God!**

Verse 31: **“The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,** but the perverse tongue shall be cut out. **The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable,** but the mouth of the wicked speaks perversity” (vs 31-32).

That’s what it is. This is telling us how we live in the world that we’re always confronted with so much evil from so many different sides. It’s really quite a tremendous thing, indeed.

Proverbs 12:17: **“He who speaks Truth shows forth righteousness...”** *Yes, and it’s always right and good!*

“...but a false witness deceit. There are those who speak like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise heals. The lips of Truth shall be established forever...” (vs 17-19). *Whose lips of Truth do we follow? **God’s!***

- that’s how we are to live our lives
- that’s how we are to think
- that’s how we are to speak

So, notice the comparison here:

“...but a lying tongue is but for a moment. Deceit is in the heart of those who imagine evil, but to counselors of peace there is joy” (vs 19-20).

Proverbs 13:5—*see how this fits in with Unleavened Bread:* **“The righteous hates lying,** but the wicked one is loathsome and comes to shame. **Righteousness guards the one who is upright in the Way...”** (vs 5-6).

Automatic protection! What's an added blessing that comes with it? *Angels*

- to watch over you
- to care for you
- to give you grace and favor

"...but wickedness overthrows the sinner" (v 6).

Verse 12: "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, **but when desire is fulfilled it is a Tree of Life.**"

What is our hope? *God doesn't defer it! It's out there every day!* But sometimes it looks like it takes a long time, *but it always comes!*

Verse 13: "Whoever despises the Word shall be destroyed, **but he who fears the Commandment shall be rewarded. The law of the wise is a fountain of life...** [the Tree of Life] ...to depart from the snares of death" (vs 13-14).

Quite a thing! All of those are great and good things for us that we are to keep.

Now let's see how God deals with us. Let's come to the book of Matthew, and this is a promise spoken directly by Jesus to all of the disciples. Right at the end, He wants us to know.

So, on the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread let us understand ***how God works for us, to fight for us***, to be with us, that He is always with us! ***Never leaves us!*** Even in

- our troubles He is there
- our overcomings He is there
- the things that we have to battle, He is there

Christ is in us and the Father is in us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now notice this blessing He says here: Matthew 28:18: "And Jesus came *and* spoke to them, saying... [these are the last words that He spoke to the great crowd that was there, over 500 people] ...' All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.... [Amazing!] ...Therefore, go *and* make disciples in all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit'" (vs 18-19). *That's not a trinity!*

What's the result of being baptized? ***Receiving the Holy Spirit!*** It's not a person, ***it's the power of God!***

Verse 20: "**Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you....** [that's what we're to do] ...**And lo, I am with you always...**"—*we don't have to wonder, where God is!*

Having the Spirit of God, we have the Spirit of God right here (within us)! God is in heaven, but He's given us His Spirit. So in that sense, He is always with us with everything that we do, ***because His Spirit is in us!***

"...And lo, I am with you always, even until the completion of the age." Amen" (v 20). *That's quite a thing, indeed!*

Now let's come to Heb. 13, the very last chapter of the book of Hebrews. This is interesting because it was written to confirm the brethren, have them yield to God ***and stay firm:***

- to believe all the examples in the Old Testament
- to believe what Jesus did
- to believe in His sacrifice
- to believe in His name
- to keep His Commandments and have God write them in your heart and mind

Let's see what Paul wrote, quoting what God told him.

Hebrews 13:5: "*Do not allow the love of money to influence your behavior, but be satisfied with what you have; for He has said, 'In no way...'*"

I want you to understand this: in the Greek there are five negations. And if you want to translate it into English, literally it would be, 'I will not, not, not, not, not leave you.'

Now is the Word of God once good enough? ***Yes!*** Why this extra emphasis?

- to give us more understanding
- to draw us closer to God
- to remember He is always there

That's the whole purpose of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the whole meaning of the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. God is always there, and we have to be always with Him! ***He will never leave us and forsake us***, as we will see.

"... 'In no way will I ever leave you; no—I will never forsake you in any way'" (v 5). *Amazing!* That's why we are:

- to obey God
- to believe God
- to love God

"...I will never forsake you in any way." So then, let us boldly say, *'The Lord is my Helper, and I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?'*" (vs 5-6).

That's the whole lesson of the seventh day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Brethren, it's been a great time! I'm glad you've taken the time between the two Holy Days to study Psa. 119, because that's really quite a thing for you to do, because that's really quite a thing for you to understand. It shows how we need to come to God, and how God comes to us.

So we'll go ahead and end with a final prayer here:

Holy Father in heaven above, we thank You so much for Your goodness, Your mercy, Your love for Jesus or Your Holiness, Your Truth that you give to us.

Help us, inspire us, grant us Your Spirit, grant us Your love, grant us Your favor, grant us the angels intervening to protect us and watch over us.

Help us to think on Your Word, live by Your Word, do all the things that are pleasing in Your sight so that we can be in that glorious Kingdom that You have promised us and that the way that we go is symbolized by the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread, of living in this world in spite of all the wickedness that is everywhere.

So, guide us and protect us and be with us, and we commit ourselves to You in Jesus' name. Amen!

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