

THE PASSOVER & THE LORD'S SUPPER (Luke 22:14-20)

INTRODUCTION: The Old Testament celebration of Passover and the Lord's Supper are so intricately related that we can better understand the Lord's Supper when we better understand the celebration of Passover.

I. THE PASSOVER FORESHADOWS THE COMING OF CHRIST (EX 12)

1. The Israelites were slaves to Egypt for 430 years; Passover is based on the last miracle (plague) God used to set them free.
2. God sent the Death Angel to kill the 1st born son of every family.
3. The only thing that saved them was the blood of an innocent lamb.
4. Part of the "remembrance" was making special preparations.
5. That night every family who did not have lambs' blood on their doorpost lost their firstborn sons to death.
6. The Passover celebration was to remember God's deliverance.

II. THE OLD TESTAMENT FORESHADOWS THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. The Israelites freedom foreshadows our freedom from sin.
2. We are "freed from sin" to serve righteousness. (Rom 6:17-18)
3. Today, the Angel of Death will also pass by "whoever has the blood of Christ" on the doorpost of his mind and heart.
4. Today's Lords Supper replaces the Passover supper. We eat the bread which signifies Christ's body (the body of the Lamb).

III. PASSOVER IS STILL A LASTING COMMAND; JESUS JUST MODIFIED IT!

1. Today, we remember what God has done through "His Lamb."
 - He took our punishment on the cross; he paid for our sin.
 - The Lamb of God offers His blood for the doorposts of our heart.

CONCLUSION

1. We must be "spiritually dressed" and ready. (1 Cor 11)
2. We must examine ourselves. (1 Cor 11:28)