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Passover

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- God instructed each Israelite family to sacrifice a perfect lamb & place its blood on their doorposts.
- That night, God passed through Egypt & struck down every firstborn, but He “passed over” the homes marked by the lamb’s blood.
- The blood of the lamb protected the people - not their strength or faith, but God's promise.

Passover

- Pharaoh finally released the Israelites & they began their journey to freedom.
- God parted the Red Sea, allowing His people to escape & destroying Pharaoh's army.
- Passover became a lasting celebration, pointing forward to Jesus, the true Lamb of God, who delivers us from sin & death.

The Point

God rescued His people through the blood of the lamb at Passover, and He rescues us today through Jesus, the Lamb of God.



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- God commanded each household to sacrifice a perfect lamb, symbolizing a personal response of faith.
- The lamb's blood was applied to wooden doorposts, forming a picture of the cross.
- God passed over the homes marked by the blood, sparing His people from judgment.
- Deliverance came not from the strength of one's faith, but from the sufficiency of the lamb's blood.

God Steps into the Arena to Save His People

- The Exodus foreshadowed the greater battle Jesus would fight to save us from sin & death.

29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. (Luke 9:29-31 ESV)

**JESUS
OUR
PASSOVER
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Jesus Our Passover Lamb

- Jesus was the Lamb without blemish, offered for our sin.

*7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.
(1 Corinthians 5:7 ESV)*

Jesus Our Passover Lamb

- Just as the Israelites were freed from Egypt, Jesus frees us from sin's bondage.

*5 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
(Galatians 5:1 ESV)*

Jesus Our Passover Lamb

- The Last Supper was the fulfillment of the first Passover, pointing to the new covenant in Jesus' blood.

19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. (Luke 22:19–20 ESV)

Jesus Our Passover Lamb

- Communion is not just a symbol; it's a spiritual participation in Jesus' finished work.

*16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?
(1 Corinthians 10:16 ESV)*

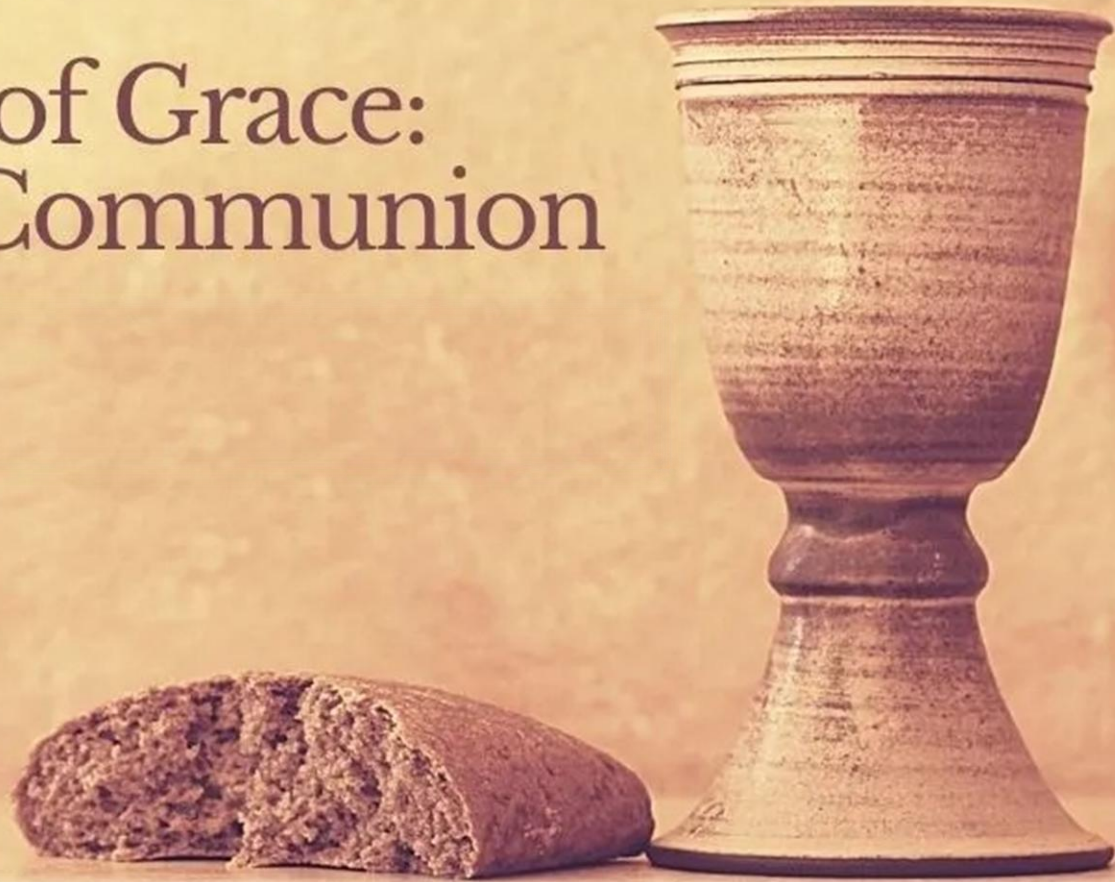
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- Every time we take the Lord's Supper, we proclaim the Gospel & anticipate His return.

*26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
(1 Corinthians 11:26 ESV)*

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The Means of Grace: Hope in Holy Communion



Communion is a Present Grace and a Future Hope

- Communion is a sacred act of remembrance - looking back at Jesus' sacrifice.

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- It is also a present reality - receiving Jesus' gift of grace by faith.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

(Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV)

Communion is a Present Grace and a Future Hope

- It is a sign pointing to the future feast in God's Kingdom.

*9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."
(Revelation 19:9 ESV)*

- We take it together as the unified body of Christ - one bread, one body.

*17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
(1 Corinthians 10:17 ESV)*

Communion is a Present Grace and a Future Hope

- Jesus is spiritually present with us as we take the elements reverently & joyfully.

20 “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” (Matthew 18:20 ESV)

Practical Application

- Trust in Jesus as your ultimate source of salvation.
- Remember that your faith rests on Jesus' work, not your effort.
- Live in gratitude for God's deliverance from sin.
- Anticipate the great feast in heaven with hope & joy.
- Stay ready for Jesus' return, just as the Israelites were ready to leave Egypt.
- Rejoice that Jesus fights our battles & has already won the victory.

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean that God “stepped into the arena” for His people?
- Why is it important to remember that salvation comes through the blood, not our faith’s strength?
- In what ways does Communion help you remember & celebrate Jesus’ sacrifice?
- How do you feel when you think about the future heavenly feast with Jesus?

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