

How A Covenant Community Remembers

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Exodus 12:43-51; 13:3-10

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Passover is a type

- a type - something that points forward to Christ's work
- Israel delivered by hiding under blood : we saved by trusting Christ's blood
- Israel called to sweep out old leaven of sin : we called to live holy to God

Sharing Passover

- Whole congregation - 12:47; 12:3, 6 Failure=cut off - 12:15, 19
- Covenant people called to remember & pass on memory : 12:42

Who is part of Covenant Community

- Passover for all in community; but clear instructions on who NOT 43,44,48
- a mixed multitude left Egypt 12:38
- Who? Only professing believers who undertook covenant sign
- All are welcome to worship, not all are welcome to sacrament
- Always a way to become part of community: Ex 12:48; Gen 17:10-13

Apply: All are welcome, only professing believers with sign of baptism are welcome at Lord's Table.

The Passover Meal

- Whole Lamb in house; not taken outside; no bones to be broken
- no bones broken foreshadows Christ: Jn 19:32-33, 36
- Ex 13:3ff after meal - 7 days unleavened bread = life of holiness
- In Scripture Meal = fellowship (Gen 14:18; Ex 24:11; Neh 8:10; OT sacrifices eaten by priests or people; Last Supper; Rev 19:9)

Apply: The benefits of our salvation are illustrated with meal with foreshadows our relationship with Christ Rev 3:20.

A Meal to be explained

- Exodus 13:8-10 – to be explained to the next generation
- Figurative speech which has been taken literally - Phylacteries or Tefillin
- Easily abused - Jesus' words: Mt 23:5
- We are to share God's salvation : Psalms 78:4-7
- Keep focus on Gospel, not moralism!

Think & Discuss:

- Passover is a type. It points forward to the work of Christ. What other types can you think of in Scripture?
- Discuss & think about the similarities between Passover (hiding under the blood) and salvation today. What about the Feast of Unleavened Bread (cleansing your house & carefully avoiding yeast for 7 days).
- God deals corporately with Israel and wants the WHOLE congregation involved and cuts off those who fail to participate in these instructions. Discuss the difference between individual obedience and the covenant community... what are the implications for today that God wants us to understand?
- God wanted this passed on 12:48 - what are we to pass on today?
- Do 12:43,44,48 seem to exclude people? Is this discrimination?
- Who was welcome to participate in the Covenant Meal?
- Discuss how that applies to the church today? Who can participate in worship? Who can partake of the Lord's Table?
- Look at the careful instructions given for the Passover Meal. Think & discuss about why God might have given them.
- Look up and read how many things in Scripture are illustrated with a fellowship meal. What might be some reasons that meals illustrate or remind us of our relationship with God?
- Orthodox Jews wear Phylacteries or Tefillin to this day? What are they missing in this verse 13:9?
- The Passover was to be explained – part of the instructions were to pass on to the children. How should we do this with the Gospel (the thing pointed to by the Passover)?