

of God Magazine

From the

Spring Issue 2015

Hello Brethren,

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16, KJV)

The evening prior to His sacrifice as the Lamb of God, Jesus celebrated a New Passover with new meaning and new symbols with His disciples. Toward the end of the Passover meal, Christ blessed the Passover bread and gave it to His disciples to eat as the symbol of His body. Then He blessed the cup of Passover wine (the third cup of wine, called the "cup of blessing" in 1 Corinthians 10:16) and gave it to His disciples to drink as the symbol of His "blood of the new covenant." He thereby instituted the Lord's Supper out of the Passover meal. And He thereby replaced the Old Covenant meal which looked forward to His death with that of the New Covenant which looks backward to His death. And He memorialized the Lord's Supper in the same manner in which the Passover meal had been memorialized

Thursday evening, April 2nd we continue this sacred tradition as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Passover, often referred to as the Lord's Supper or Communion. It is all these

and it is the most holy event of the year for those who are in Christ for the sacraments of the bread, Jesus' broken body, and the wine, Jesus' blood shed for you, are a memorial of our Lord's sacrificial death and are most holy indeed.

It is the time to come together as one in Christ Jesus to partake of the broken body and shed blood of our Passover Lamb. To join as the unified Body of Christ!

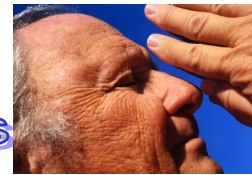
John 1:29, *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

Christ is to be received in His entirety. He must be received as both God and man; as both Lord and Savior; Prophet, Priest and King; as both Alpha and Omega. Without Him we would not have life, and without Him we will not have eternal life!

1 Cor 5:7 (NKJV), For *indeed Christ, our
Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

1 Cor 11:23-26 (NKJV), *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the |cont. pg. 4> same night in which He was betrayed took*

Prayer Requests



“ . . . The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; . . . Pray for one another that you may be healed.” — James 5:15-16.

Francis Carlson: Has been diagnosed with Chiari Malformation (portion of brain protrudes into spine).

Amber & Dylan Clark: Grandchildren of Betty Clark, cerebral palsy.

Betty Clark: She experiences pulmonary difficulty. She is in Plum Creek Specialty Hospital, 5601 Plum Creek, Her cell is 806.341.7616.

Jon Clark: Son of Betty, is experiencing health issues including Mersa.

Dan Copenhaver: Betty Clark's brother. He needs gall bladder surgery, but congestive heart disease is prohibiting the surgery.

Vickie Crevoi: Sister of Linda Booth, Chronic Progressive MS. She is still weak from pneumonia.

Elisabeth & Simon Desmond: Health & family issues.

Velvet Green: Suffers from schizophrenia and is responding sporadically to medications.

Harry Gonzales: Diagnosed with Lupus & debilitating arthritis.

Victor Holleman: Vanessa Lawrence's brother was injured in a fall, he is improving and is on a walker.

Joe Kirkpatrick: The first exam since finishing chemo showed no recurrence of the tumor.

Dollie Meil: Her health has continued to fail, and she has been moved to a Hospice facility.

Manuel Salazar: He has suffered 2 strokes and an embolism. He is back in his home in Portales but is doing poorly

Shannon Stephens: Daughter of Darrell & Linda Sehorn, recently diagnosed with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, which is very debilitating.

CONDOLENCES to the Carlson Family. Francis' mother, Juanita Moore, passed away on March 18th.

Celebrations

MARCH

Birthdays:

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Linda Booth | 03-11 |
| Dollie Meil | 03-12 |
| Jerry McClenagan | 03-23 |
| Betty Clark | 03-25 |
| Lydia Salazar | 03-25 |
| Weldon McAlister | 03-27 |
| Martha McClenagan | 03-31 |

Anniversaries:

Manual & Lydia Salazar 03-17

Birthdays:

James Vines 4/26

Damaris Green 4/29

Anniversaries:

Glennis & Weldon McAlister 4/24

MAY

Birthdays:

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Glennis McAlister | 5-4 |
| Linda Sehorn | 5-16 |
| Jeff Booth | 5-19 |
| Joe Kirkpatrick | 5-19 |
| Thomas Vines | 5-19 |

Anniversaries:

Shannon & Russ Stephens 5-20
Bill & Jackie Ballew 5-24

... Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus . . . Romans 3: 24

²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For ²³ all have short of the glory of redemption that is ²⁵ whom God set tion by His blood, demonstrate His because in His for- passed over the viously committed, at the present time that He might be er of the one who —Romans 3:21-26



there is no differ- sinned and fall God, ²⁴ being justi- grace through the in Christ Jesus, forth as a propitia- through faith, to righteousness, bearance God had sins that were pre- ²⁶ to demonstrate His righteousness, just and the justifi- has faith in Jesus.

Inside this issue:

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| <i>Rhythms of Grace</i> | 5 |
| <i>Chuckles</i> | 7 |
| <i>Heartbeats</i> | 8 |
| <i>Power of His Resurrection</i> | 11 |
| <i>Power of Pentecost</i> | 9 |
| <i>Power of the Blood</i> | 6 |
| <i>Holy Days</i> | 10 |

MEDIA

Email: CCofGod@suddenlink.net

Our sermons broadcast on

KGRO Radio 9.05 AM Sunday.

Our Home Page:

www.christianchurchofgod.org

Contact the Editor at

jerrydalem@sbeglobal.net

Or write to him at PNB 107,

5600 Bell St.—Suite 105

bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

The apostle Paul emphasized the memorial aspect of the Lord's Supper in this last statement, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." This sacred service is to be kept in the spirit of God's sacrifice and with heart-filled gratitude for the most wonderful gift any has ever received. God lost a son, Jesus lost a life, and we found life eternal. Christ is the Christian's Passover, who find refuge in His blood, and find spiritual sustenance in Him, so that God will pass over us in the Day of Judgment.

The Festival of Unleavened Bread. April 4 thru 10 celebrates Jesus, the bread made not by hands, but that came down from Heaven as the Bread of Life.

John 6:33-35 *For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

1 Cor. 5:8 *Therefore let us keep the feast, not with*

old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Fifty days later, on the anniversary of the giving of the law, Pentecost, God sent His Holy Spirit to those believers gathered in the room as described in Acts 2 and believers became the new Temple of God.

Acts 2:1 *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Let us come before God at the communion with reverence and gratitude to accept the precious sacrifice of His Lamb, partake of the bread that came down from Heaven, celebrate the spirit of God in us, and may His peace be yours.

In Him only do we find justification, sanctification and salvation. Jesus is our Passover.... Jesus is our Bread...Jesus is our life! Happy Holy Days!

In the Service of our Lord,

Jeff Booth

GraceRhythms

GraceRhythms

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the **unforced rhythms of grace**. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."
~ Jesus/Matt 11:28-30, M,SG

With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Psalms 119:10 (NKJV)

With my whole heart have I sought thee. There are very few of us that are able to say with the prophet David that we have sought God with our whole heart; to wit, with such integrity and pureness that we have not turned away from that mark as from the most principal thing of our salvation. —*John Calvin*

OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDMENTS is part and parcel with Grace. Grace has never been a license to sin. Yet it has always been merciful to the sinner who seeks God with their whole heart, a heart that desires not to wander from God's commandments.

Sincerity not self sufficiency.

1. The believer must be conscious of wholeheartedness in seeking God.
2. But consciousness of sincerity does not warrant self sufficiency.

The most wholehearted seeker must still look to divine grace to keep him from wandering.—*C.A.D.*

Then David writes, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!" Psalms 119:11 (NKJV) His heart would be kept by the word because he kept the word in his heart. All that he had of the word written, and all that had been revealed to him by the voice of God,—all, without exception, he had stored away in his affections, as a treasure . . . **He did not wear a text on his heart as a charm, but he hid it in his heart as a rule.** He laid it up in the place of love and life, and it filled the chamber with sweetness and light. We must in this imitate David, copying his heart work as well as his outward character. First, we must mind that what we believe is truly God's word; that being done, we must hide or treasure it each man for himself; and we must see that this is done, not as a mere feat of the memory, but as the joyful act of the affections. —Treasury of David, The

power in the blood

Hebrews 9:12-14 (HCSB)

¹² He entered the most holy place once for all, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by **His own blood**, having obtained eternal redemption.

¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow, sprinkling those who are defiled, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,

¹⁴ how much more will **the blood of the Messiah**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 10:19 (HCSB)

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the **blood of Jesus**,²⁰

1 Peter 1:2 (HCSB)² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father and set apart by the Spirit for obedience and [for] **sprinkling with the blood of Jesus Christ**. May grace and peace be multiplied to you. new and living way He has opened for us through the curtain (that is, His flesh),

Would you be free from your burden of sin?

There's power in the blood, power in the blood!

Would you o'er evil the victory win?

There's wonderful power in the blood!

Hebrews 13:12 (HCSB)

¹² Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the gate, so that He might **sanctify the people by His own blood**.

Matthew 26:27-28 (HCSB)

²⁷ Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you.

²⁸ For **this is My blood** that establishes the covenant; it is **shed for many for the forgiveness of sins**.

. . . when I see the blood, I will pass over you; Exodus 12:13b

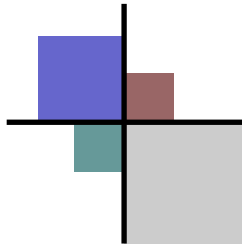


Chuckles

7

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.
~ Prov 17:22 (NLT)

A priest and a rabbi are in a car crash and it's a bad one. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither one of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi says, "So you're a priest. That's interesting; I'm a rabbi. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace." The priest replies, "Oh, yes, I agree. It's a miracle that we survived and are here together."
"And here's another miracle," says the rabbi. "My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink the wine and celebrate our good fortune," he says, handing the bottle to the priest.
The priest nods in agreement, opens the wine, drinks half of it, and hands it back to the rabbi.
The rabbi takes it and puts the cap back on.
"Aren't you going to have any?" asks the priest.
"Not right now," says the rabbi. "I think I'll wait until after the police make their report." [Shalom?!]



*Dear God,
My prayer for 2015 is for
A fat bank account and a thin body.
Please don't mix these up like you did last year.*



Heartbeats

Editorial
Jerry McClenagan

8

Guard your heart more than anything else, because the source of your life flows from it. ~Proverbs 4:23 (GW)

I STILL LOVE THAT OLD HYMN, "WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN? NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS! What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! "

11 But when the Messiah arrived, high priest of the superior things of this new covenant, he bypassed the old tent and its trappings in this created world and went straight into heaven's "tent"—the true Holy Place—once and for all. 12 He also bypassed the sacrifices consisting of goat and calf blood, instead using his own blood as the price to set us free once and for all. 13 If that animal blood and the other rituals of purification were effective in cleaning up certain matters of our religion and behavior, 14 think how much more the blood of Christ cleans up our whole lives, inside and out. 15 Through the Spirit, Christ offered himself as an unblemished sacrifice, freeing us from all those dead-end efforts to make ourselves respectable, so that we can live all out for God. (Heb 9:11-15, MSG)

In our human condition, it is virtually impossible to assay the price that was paid for our redemption. In a kidnapping, how does one assess the value of a child when a ransom is demanded? Most parents, for example, would give anything or everything to have their child back unharmed.

That's what God did: God so loved [YOU] that He gave His only begotten Son for your salvation! Christ so loved the Church that He gave Himself for it! (John 3:16; Eph. 5:1, 25) Hundreds of Gospel songs have expressed this truth, many of which have expressed it with imagery that conveys the message with fresh

passion, which often moves our spirits to greater love and appreciation to God.

How can we ever repay God? The answer is simply, "We can't!" But there is a word from Paul regarding this: "For you were bought at a price," he begins. Then he adds what our response should be: "therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor 6:20)

Isaac Watts, hymn writer, put it this way:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

After Paul analyzed the entire spectrum of so great a plan of salvation, he came to the pivotal "therefore" of Romans 12:1, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship." Put another way, "Brothers and sisters, in view of all we have just shared about God's compassion, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to him." (GW)



⁹ Pentecost

ISRAEL ARRIVES AT SINAI

See Ex 19:1-25.

Verse 1. **In the third month** -- according to Jewish usage, the *first* day of that month - - "same day." -- It is added, to mark the time more explicitly, that is, forty-five days after Egypt -- one day spent on the mount ([Ex 19:3](#)), one returning the people's answer ([Ex 19:7, 8](#)), three days of preparation, making the whole time fifty days from the first passover to the promulgation of the law. Hence the feast of pentecost, that is, the fiftieth day, was the inauguration of the Old Testament church, and the divine wisdom is apparent in the selection of the same reason for the institution of the New Testament church ([John 1:17](#) [Ac 2:1](#)). —Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary

At Sinai Moses received from God the Law with its many instructions for worship by the redeemed people. The inception of the New Testament Church occurred via the giving of the Holy Spirit (John 14 & 16; Acts 1 and 2:1).

Note: The day of Pentecost was an annual feast that followed the Feast of Firstfruits by a week. The day of Pentecost was an annual feast that followed the Feast of Firstfruits by a week of weeks (i.e., seven weeks, or 49 days) and therefore also was called the Feast of Weeks (cf. [Lev. 23:15-22](#)). The name "Pentecost," of Greek derivation, means 50 because it was the 50th day after the Firstfruits feast ([Lev. 23:16](#)) of weeks (i.e., seven weeks, 49 days) and therefore also was called the Feast of Weeks (cf. [Lev. 23:15-22](#)). —Bible Knowledge Commentary

We, the Christian Church of God, continue as a church to celebrate these times of worship described in Leviticus 23, but with one big difference: we emphasize the New Testament substance of their foreshadowing. ["These were a shadow of things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.," Col. 2:17, CTV]

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8



Christian Passover/Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 2nd

Footwashing Ceremony = 7:30 pm.

Sacrament Service = 8:00 p.m.

First Day of Unleavened Bread

Sat., April 4th

CEP Bible Class = 11:00 a.m.

Holyday Worship Service = 11:45 a.m.

Join us for **lunch at the Booth's**
following services.

Last Day of Unleavened Bread

Fri., April 10th

Holyday Worship Service = 11:45 a.m.

Pentecost

Sunday, May 24th

Holyday Worship Service = 11:45 a.m.

I long to know him in the power of his resurrection!

Phil 3:10 (MontgomeryNT)

¹ Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*. ⁵ But the angel answered and said not be afraid, for I seek Jesus who was not here; for He is Come, see the Lord lay. ⁷ And go disciples that He is dead, and indeed you into Galilee; Him." (Matt 28:1-7)



²¹ Then Martha if You had been would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." ²³ Jesus said to her, "**Your brother will rise again.**" ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her,

"I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" —John 11:20-26.

*Christian
Church of God*

801 Quail Creek Drive
Amarillo, Texas 79124

Happy
Mother's
Day

