



The New Covenant

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READING: Matthew 26

The first Lord's Supper was a Passover meal, which according to the law of Moses, worshipping Jews celebrate every year as a reminder that God delivered them from slavery in Egypt--a great act of redemption initiated by God to make a covenant with Israel through Moses. The Lord's Supper redefined the Passover meal as a celebration of God's second and greatest act of redemption through the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross. Christ's death atoned for the sins of God's people up to the time of His coming and the sins of all those who would trust Him for salvation since His coming.

Because Jesus was innocent of any wrongdoing, His willing sacrifice allowed God both to forgive sinners of their transgressions and to remain sovereign. Jesus' death established a new covenant between God and His people--a covenant whose central focus was the forgiveness of sins and a right relationship with Him.

For Christ-followers, God's establishment of this new covenant of forgiveness and forgiveness of our sin should result in a freedom from sin's destructive influence. "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" for us, says Paul. "Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." In the gospel, we have been freed!

PRAYER: Father, thank You for the new covenant established in the sacrifice of Your Son. May we live our lives according to Your Word and Your precepts.

TOMORROW'S READING: Matthew 27

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