

# Believe in Me -

THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

# The New Covenant Sacrifice

- ▶ Elements of Passover
- ▶ Unleavened bread – because leaven represents sin
  - ▶ Jesus offering unleavened bread as His body represents His sinlessness
- ▶ Bitter herbs - bitter slavery, hard labor
- ▶ The fruit of the vine – special wine served at Passover, fermented naturally
- ▶ 1st cup: BLESSING (sanctification)
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> cup: JUDGMENT (plagues)
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> cup: REDEMPTION
- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> cup: PRAISE

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<p><b>Luke 22:17-21</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> cup: Blessing</b></p>	<p><sup>17</sup> And when He had taken a cup <i>and</i> given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes."</p>
<p><b>Dipping in the bitter herbs</b></p>	<p><sup>21</sup> "But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Me on the table.</p>
<p><b>Luke 22:17-21</b></p> <p><b>Unleavened Bread</b></p> <p><b>(afikomen)</b></p>	<p><sup>19</sup> And when He had taken <i>some</i> bread <i>and</i> given thanks, He broke <i>it</i>, and gave <i>it</i> to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> cup: Redemption</b></p>	<p><sup>20</sup> And in the same way <i>He</i> took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.</p>

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- ▶ All Passovers looked BACK to the redemption of the Israelites out of slavery...
- ▶ and not just deliverance OUT of something ..
- ▶ but redemption and deliverance TO being a nation who belonged to God.

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- ▶ All Passovers looked back to this, and looked forward to the sacrifice of the Lamb of God who would redeem and deliver Israel – and even Gentiles – out of sin.
- ▶ The sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God, accomplished redemption and deliverance out of something and to a brand new relationship described in the prophesied New Covenant.

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## Dynamics of the Supper

- ▶ 1 Judas had a secret.
- ▶ 2- The rest of the disciples were engaged in the celebration of Passover
- ▶ 3- Jesus washed their feet – a humbling moment
- ▶ 4- He made a disconcerting announcement to Peter that he will deny Him
- ▶ 5 – Jesus brought an ominous tone to the evening when he said he would be betrayed

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- ▶ Luke uses small and mighty key Greek words to highlight that someone will not belong to the new covenant family:

***Luke 22:21** But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Me on the table.*

- ▶ **But! Behold!** - Both words contrast disciples who believed in Jesus vs. the one who betrayed Him
- ▶ Luke may have written about the Passover meal and new covenant declarations first to emphasize Jesus' statements.



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- ▶ The New Covenant was inaugurated with the shedding of Jesus' blood.
- ▶ An inauguration is a ceremony marking the beginning of something new.

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- ▶ The Holy Spirit is the minister of the New Covenant. The Holy Spirit who indwells each believer is the One who carries out all the promises of the New Covenant.
- ▶ *How is it that the nation of Israel was promised that they would receive the blessings of the new covenant?*
- ▶ *How is it that we – the church – today – are recipients of New Covenant blessings?*
- ▶ *Do we receive all the blessings that were promised to Israel?*

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▶ 3 ground rules to understanding this are:

1. Old Testament texts must not be stripped of their **original** meaning.
2. The term **Israel** stands for the covenant nation in both biblical **history** and predictive **prophecy**. The promises were made to the actual Israelite people, and the New Covenant promises will be fulfilled for actual Israelite people.
3. The **church** is a distinct – **different** – entity that began at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out on those who believed in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior.

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## *New Covenant Details*

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► **Romans 11:25-29** <sup>25</sup> For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in; <sup>26</sup> and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob." <sup>27</sup> "And this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins." <sup>28</sup> From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; <sup>29</sup> for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

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1. It is an irrevocable contract that God made with the nation of Israel.
2. It is referred to by other names such as:
  - a. The everlasting covenant – Jeremiah 32:40
  - b. A new heart and new spirit – Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26
  - c. The covenant of peace – Ezekiel 34:25
  - d. My covenant – Eze 16:60-63

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3. The Provisions of the New Covenant are: (listed below – based on Jer 31:31-34; Jer 32:37-41; Eze 36:25-28; Eze 37:26-27)

- a. Transformation through a new heart ..... this is the key aspect of the new covenant.
- b. Final forgiveness of Sins ..... final – means – final! This is why it is new, different, and BETTER than the old covenant – where sacrifices had to be offered continually.. the sacrifices required by the Mosaic covenant were a reminder of sins year after year.



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- c. God's consummation of his Relationship with Israel – God said to Israel: I will be your God and you will be my people. The new covenant promised a future Kingdom of God with a perfect King, and all the people would have new hearts so that they could know, love, and obey God.
  
- d. Physical and material blessings on Israel – Jer 31:8-40
  - i. The gathering of the people to the land
  - ii. Productivity
  - iii. Expressions of joy
  - iv. Increase in herds and flocks
  - v. The rebuilding of cities

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- e. The permanent indwelling of the Spirit – this is how the transformation of the heart takes place
- f. The law inside the believer – this is related to the indwelling of the Spirit... the law / God's ways / are not written in stone but are written on our hearts. Obeying God is not an external duty but an inward delight.

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- ▶ “The most biblically informed solution is that the church participates in the new covenant, but the new covenant will not be finally fulfilled until Israel comes into a right relationship with God and its Messiah at the end of the Tribulation.
- ▶ The church does not participate in the land blessings and may not have full benefit of the spiritual blessings because the king is not yet here on earth ruling from Jerusalem.” Dr. Pettegrew

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► **Ezekiel 36:27** <sup>27</sup> "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

► **John 14:16-18** <sup>16</sup> "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; <sup>17</sup> *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

► **John 15:26** <sup>26</sup> "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me,

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► **Acts 2:1-4** <sup>NAS</sup> **Acts 2:1** And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

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- ▶ **Acts 10:44-45** <sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. <sup>45</sup> And all the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles also.
- ▶ **1 Thessalonians 1:6** <sup>6</sup> You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

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▶ **1 Corinthians 11:26** <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.