



“Time to Clean House”

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I. The _____ of Deliverance

Exodus 12:39 “And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.”

II. The Reality of _____

A. It Starts _____

B. It Works Quietly

C. It Spreads Completely

D. It Changes _____

Galatians 5:9 “A little leaven leavens the whole lump.”

Leviticus 23:6 “And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.”

III. Out With the _____

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 “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. 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.”

A. Your New _____ (Position) - “you really are unleavened”

B. Your New _____ With Christ (Practice) - “Cleanse out the old leaven”

1. Old _____ to Break

2. Old _____ to Cease

Numbers 11:4-6 “Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, ‘Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.’”

Proverbs 26:11 “Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.”

3. Old _____ to Release

Numbers 14:3b-4 “‘Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?’ And they said to one another, ‘Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.’”

Genesis 19:15b-16 “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.’ But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.”

Genesis 19:17 “And as they brought them out, one said, ‘Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.’”

Genesis 19:26 “But Lot’s wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.”

Luke 17:29-32 “but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife.”

Ecclesiastes 7:10 “Say not, ‘Why were the former days better than these?’ For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.”

4. Old _____ to Reject

5. Old _____ to Tear Down

IV. The Rhythm of _____

Leviticus 23:6b “for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread”

A. Through a _____

B. Through _____ What Doesn’t Belong

C. Through an Honest _____ of Your Life

V. The _____ of a Cleansed Life

VI. The Fulfillment of the Feast



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BACKGROUND:

God's judgement for unforgiven sin is death (Romans 6:23). Jesus offered Himself as the sacrificial Passover Lamb so that those who believe in Him will be able to avoid death and be "passed over" into eternal life (John 3:16). For his sacrifice to please God it was necessary that Jesus lived a sinless life for there was no other way sinful man can be reconciled with a holy God.

DIGGING DEEPER:

God has a plan for our lives, and it is required of us to surrender our will to His. This is contrary to the values of a society where autonomy and independence is of a premium. It requires setting our pride aside. King Solomon warns us to trust in the LORD with all our heart and not lean on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-8). Jesus reminds us to seek the Father's will and not our own (Luke 22:42; Matthew 6:10). One of the benefits of the Holy Spirit indwelling in the believer is that He can guide and help them.

1. What does surrender to Christ look like in your life?
2. How might yielding to the Holy Spirit enable you to better follow Jesus?
3. What causes you to hesitate when setting aside your plans and aligning your will with God's?
4. Can you share a time when God's plan proved to be better than your own?

To repent means to change one's mind resulting in action – to turn from sin and toward God (Luke 3:8-14; Acts 3:19; 26:20). In Romans, Paul encourages us to be transformed through the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2), which is key to aligning our heart with God's. A key aspect of repentance is to put away sin.

5. Read *Colossians 3:5-10*. How are we to "put to death"/"put away" sin, and "put off our old self"?

6. How has God's forgiveness allowed you to have victory over sin in your life?

7. Considering the truth that God has forgiven all your sin – past, present, and future – how do you resist from having license to sin (see also *Romans 6*)?

TAKING IT HOME:

Those who believe are new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17), demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), and no longer live in continual sin (1 John 3:6-9). In fact, the Bible tells us we have died to sin and have victory over it (Romans 6:1-2). All of this is the result of the atoning work of Jesus – the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

8. Propitiation means appeasing the wrath of one offended and being reconciled to them. How did Jesus accomplish this on our behalf?
9. What role does Jesus being sinless play in this His being our substitutionary sacrifice?
10. Read *1 Peter 1:18-19* and *Hebrews 9:22*. What does being redeemed by the blood of Christ mean to you? How should/does this effect how you live your life in obedience to God?