

1. The center of time & eternity is the cross
  - a. In eternity past the cross was in the mind of God

**1 Peter 1:18** knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,  
<sup>19</sup> but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

<sup>20</sup> For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

2. It was acted out in typology in the O.T. (Passover)

**Exodus 12:1** Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,  
 V.2 "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.

V.3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household.

**V.5** 'Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

V.6 'You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.

V.7 'Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

**V.12** 'For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the LORD.

V.13 'The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

**V.21** Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb.

V.22 "You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the

two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.

V.23 "For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you.

1. "when He sees the blood...the Lord will pass over...& not allow destroyer in..." (V.23)
  - a. All Egypt was filled w/ sorrow that night – b/c of death
  - b. But all Israel was filled w/ joy – b/c they were set free from bondage
  - c. What was the difference? – the blood of the lamb
  - d. God revealed 3 things to Israel & Egypt that night
    - i. #1. God is the only God
    - ii. #2. God placed great value on the blood of sacrificial lamb
    - iii. #3. Freedom comes only thru the shedding of blood

In eternity future; Who Christ is & what He has done will be looked back on & celebrated

**Revelation 5:8** When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> "You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

<sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

<sup>13</sup> And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all

things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Today, our focus is on Who Christ is & what He did

**1 Corinthians 11:23** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

V.24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "*This is My body, which is for you*; do this in remembrance of Me."

1. "took bread...This is My body, which is for you"
  - a. The "bread" speaks of Who He is
  - b. In the O.T. He was represented by an unblemished lamb
  - c. He is God – but He is also man

**Philippians 2:6** who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

<sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

- d. He was a perfect man

**Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

V.25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "*This cup is the new covenant in My blood*; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

1. "This cup is the new covenant in My blood"
  - a. The cup speaks of what He did
    - i. Because He was a perfect man, He was able to pay for the sins of all mankind

**2 Corinthians 5:21** He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

ii. Blood has always had great value in Scripture

**Hebrews 9:22** And according to the Law, *one may almost say*, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

iii. All the blood sacrifices offered in O.T. pointed to Christ's blood

V.26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, *you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

1. "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup"

a. We do this together – as a body of believers

b. We are united in our worship – & adoration of Christ

c. He is the Bread of Life

**John 6:32** Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

<sup>33</sup> "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

<sup>34</sup> Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

d. He was broken so that we might be united

i. First – that we might be united w/ Him

ii. Secondly – that we might be united w/ each other

e. That unity is Christ's prayer for us

**John 17:21** that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

f. 1 Corinthians declares this truth

**1 Corinthians 10:16** Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

V.17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we proclaim His death & His resurrection & His return

1. In eternity we will celebrate forever Who He is & what He has done in a new way!

**Luke 22:14** When the hour had come, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him.

<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

<sup>16</sup> for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."