OUR PASSOVER

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"Know you not that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Christ **Our Passover** is sacr<u>ficed for us</u>. 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." (see 1 Corinthians 5:1-7-8)

Our: From the greek word *hemon* (first person plural possessive pronoun) which means: our, we, us, ours; (and is derived from the Greek word *ego* which means: "I" - the first person pronoun).

Passover: From the greek word *psacha* which means, depending on context: the Passover Celebration, or the Passover supper, or the passover lamb which is sacrificed. Of Aramaic origin, then of Hebrew origin: *pesach*: the Passover, the root meaning being: to pass over, to pass over by sparing.

- **1. The original Paschal Sacrfice**: which was to be offered for the people's deliverance of old from Egypt. (see Exodus chapter 12)
- **2. The Paschal Lamb**: the lamb which the Israelites were accustomed to slay and eat on the fourteenth day of the month Nisan (the first month of their year) in memory of that day on which their fore-fathers, preparing to depart from Egypt, were told by God to slay and eat a lamb, and to sprinkle their door-posts with its blood, so that the destroying angel, seeing the blood, might pass over their homes. (Exodus 12; Numbers 9; Deuteronomy 16)

Christ Jesus is Our Passover Lamb sacrificed for us!

3. The Paschal Supper: the special paschal (Seder) meal established to remember and celebrate the Passover. At His last Passover Supper Jesus gave new meaning, and remembrance, for this supper:

"And He took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is My Body which is given <u>for you</u>; do this in remembrance of Me.' Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is <u>the New Covenant in My Blood</u>, which is shed <u>for you</u>." (Luke 22:19-20)

4. The Paschal Festival, the Feast of Passover, also called the Feast of Unleavened Bread. See Exodus 12:

"And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth day of this month they shall take to them each man a lamb, according to the household of their fathers, a lamb for each house.' ... Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats; and you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. ... For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations ... forever. (Exodus 12: 1-14)

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Jesus is <u>Our</u> Passover Lamb; He is <u>your</u> Passover Lamb; He is <u>my</u> Passover Lamb; He is the unblemished sinless Lamb of God provided <u>for us</u>, without cost to us, for the forgiveness and passing over <u>of our sins!</u> Consider these wonderful verses:

"The next day John (the Baptist) saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29, 36)

"Since you know that you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot**; who truly was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who through Him do believe in God, who raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God!" (1Peter 1:18-19-21)

"But Christ having come as a High Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; nor by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood. He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:11-14)

"And I beheld in the midst of the throne and of the four creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat upon the throne. And when He had taken the book, the four creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of incense, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, 'You are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and have made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.' And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the creatures and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.' And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them. I heard them saying, 'Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever." (Revelation 5:6-13)

JESUS is ...

Our Passover,

He is <u>Our Passover Lamb...</u>
...who takes away the sins of the world – even <u>our sins!</u>
Jesus is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed on the cross for the passing-over and for the eternal forgiveness of <u>our sins!!</u>

As often as we take the bread and the cup we remember You Lord Jesus! You are our Passover Lamb!

Worthy are You, who was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing – forever and ever - Amen!