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JESUS IS OUR PASSOVER

When we break the law, there is a penalty to be paid. It may be a fine, jail time, or a death penalty depending on the type and severity of the offense.

There is also a penalty for breaking God's law, that is, sin. There were various types of sacrifices that God established in the Old Covenant. Blood sacrifices of certain animals were required as a covering for their offenses, their sins. Only blood can cover or pay for our sin

When Adam and Eve sinned in Eden, animals had to shed their blood to provide a covering for them. Under the New Covenant (Testament) we no longer need animal's blood to cover us. Jesus offered the better sacrifice with his own innocent, pure and holy blood. It was not just a covering for our sin. It was for a total pardon for sin.

Today is Passover (until sundown or 6 pm.) The first Passover was when Israel was in bondage (slavery) to Egypt. The lamb's blood delivered them from death and brought them total freedom from slavery. They were set free.

Egyptian bondage represents a type of bondage to sin, enslaved to sin. The Lamb's blood shed at calvary sets us free from the bondage of sin. The Passover lamb was a type, a foreshadow, of Jesus, the Lamb of God. His blood was the final and ultimate blood sacrifice that paid for all of our sin, once and for all.

We are no longer required to keep the Old Testament Passover Feast because Jesus Himself became our eternal Passover. Christians consequently tend to ignore its observance although it is foundational to our faith.

We should understand and appreciate the significance that Passover holds for us today. It may be an appropriate thing to hold our own "communion" as a means of "remembering" what Christ did for us. Jesus said, "as often as you do this (the bread and the cup), do it in remembrance of me."

You do not need a priest or minister to give it to you. It is in remembrance, honoring Him, so you can do it right in your own home. If you have no wine, no grape juice, you can use what you have, even water, because it is symbolic. It is His remembrance that counts. It is to honor Him.