

- Passover meal – a deeply significant meal
- Jesus used it as the basis for Lord's Supper, on the night before his death

1. A Solemn Feast

- They ate the meal with judgment stalking the streets of Egypt
- This is a meal eaten within earshot of judgment
- But Israel are safe from judgment, not because they were better, but because of the blood on the doorposts
- Lord's Supper is a solemn meal – it reminds us that we have been rescued from death and judgment. We sit and eat, not fearing either.

2. A Costly Feast

- The price paid for this meal was the death of the lamb
- The death of the perfect, innocent Lamb turned away God's wrath
- The lamb points forward to Jesus – who was crucified at Passover time
- He is the perfect innocent Lamb whose death turns away God's wrath
- No bones broken v46 – prophetic of Christ (John 19:32-36)
- The lamb's death is solely for this task – v10
- This meal reminds us of the cost of our freedom

3. An Exciting Feast

- 430 years of slavery – this was the night of freedom. v11 – the anticipation
- v24-27 – generations to come were to remember this rescue
- We were slaves to sin, a long and cruel slavery
- This meal reminds us of a glorious rescue: The past is behind us – past guilt, sins and failings; A new future awaits – freedom, belonging, and a Promised Land

4. An Exclusive Open Feast

a) Not for everyone – v43-45

- Only for those who belong to the people of God

b) Open to anyone – v48-49

- Anyone can come provided they join God's family first
- There is no favouritism at God's feast v49
- Anyone sheltering under the Lamb's blood was safe

5. A Feast with Consequences - 12:17-20

- Two feasts in a row – Feast of Passover and then Unleavened Bread

a) Make a fresh start

- Yeast – a picture of sin. A call to get rid of sin in our lives. A thorough spring clean

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Sabbath 9th May 2010

Welcome to our service this morning - today we are remembering Christ's death for sinners as we take part in the Lord's Supper.

If you are a Christian and haven't joined with us for the Lord's Supper before, or spoken to the elders, we'd invite you to watch, and come and speak to Mark before our next communion.

If you aren't a Christian, or not sure, we'd invite you to watch as well, and if you have any questions, speak to Mark or one of the elders afterwards.

There is a Church lunch after service, we hope you are able to stay

Notices

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| Sun | Evening service at Milford | 8pm |
| Tues | Midweek meeting at Church - prayer time | 8pm |
| Sat 15th | Genevans Concert in Alley Theatre in Strabane. See poster for details on the concert. Sign up sheet in porch. £10 admission, £8 concession. Concert starts 8pm | |
| Sun 16th | Baptism at morning service
Evening service - "A life worth living" An Evening of praise with the Genevans Guild Hall Derry | |
| Sat 22nd | Ladies are invited to Breakfast with Heather McCullough at Faughan RPC 9.30-11.30am - see poster and flyer for more details | |

Sermon Continued

b) Make a fresh start in response to God's great rescue

- Note order – Passover then Unleavened, Rescue then Response
- "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth." 1 Cor 5:7-8
- Will you seek out sin in your life in response to Jesus' rescue?

Next week: Exodus 13::17-14:31

Opening Psalm: 57:1-4

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