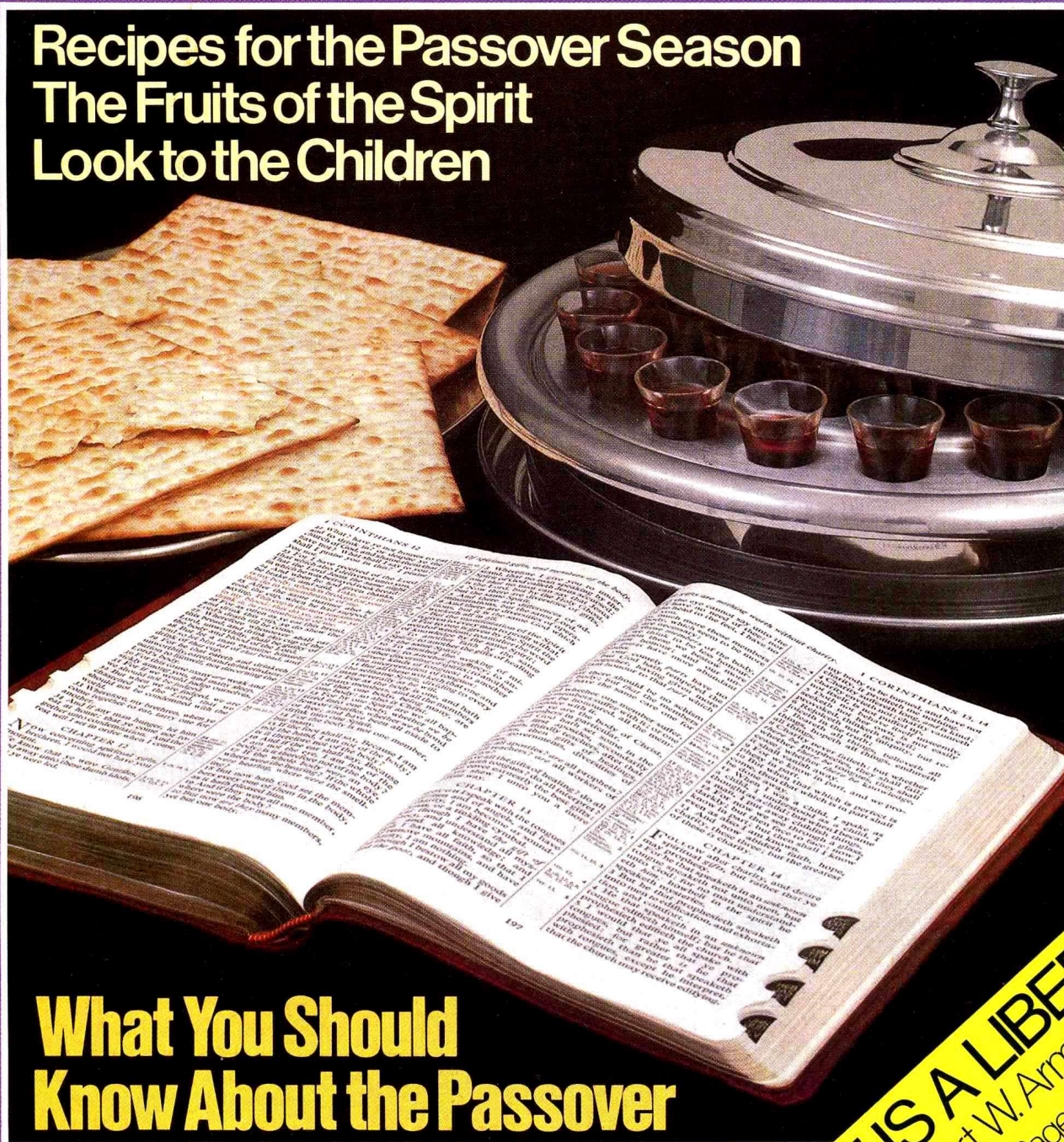


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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE PASSOVER AND FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

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CREATION is the *proof* of the existence of God. Creation identifies God. The Sabbath is a weekly memorial of creation. A weekly reminder of God's power to create. Therefore it identifies God to us — keeps us in the true memory and true worship of the true God. No other day but the SEVENTH DAY OF THE WEEK could have that great significance and MEANING. It was designed to keep us in the true worship of God.

The purpose of Holy Days

Now in like manner, God gave His Church seven *annual* Sabbaths. These Holy Days were given to keep God's children in the true memory and worship of God *by keeping us constantly in the understanding of God's great plan of redemption*. For these annual days picture the different epochs in the plan of redemption, mark the dispensations and picture their meaning.

The whole story of the redemption of man was, in these feast days, to be reenacted year after year continually. They have vitally important symbolism and meaning.

God purposed to impress the truths these high Sabbaths picture upon the minds of His children through ALL time, keeping His Church in the true understanding of HIS PLAN.

The Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread

Most churches teach that Christ *finished* the plan of redemption on the cross. But the very FIRST event in God's great PLAN for man's redemption was the death of Christ on the cross. We find the operation of this great sacrifice beginning in Eden,

when God killed a lamb or goat, in order to COVER the nakedness (type of sin) of Adam and Eve with skins. We find it operating when Abel sacrificed a substitute lamb. And so the PASSOVER is the FIRST of these events picturing to God's children year by year His great PLAN.

Let us understand it.

Egypt is a type of SIN. As God's people Israel are today in "BABYLON," and soon are to be delivered after God pours out His PLAGUES upon Babylon, so they once were in Egypt and were delivered after the pouring out of the plagues.

And, as Rome has changed times and seasons and days, professing Christians have been deceived and have lost sight of true TIME and God's DAYS, as well as the true WORSHIP of God. So it was with the children of Israel in Egypt.

For years they had been in severe BONDAGE in Egypt — forced to work with taskmasters over them. There was no Bible — no written Word of God. They were not permitted to worship God as He had ordained. They were forced to work seven days a week. They had lost sight even of the true Sabbath — and that is why God REVEALED to them the Sabbath in the wilderness of Sin (Exodus 16). Just as Rome has changed times and seasons, so had Egypt.

Passover only the start

And so, on delivering His people from Egypt (sin), God straightened them out as to TIME. And, as the BEGINNING of our salvation was wrought by Christ's death on the cross, so God said, "THIS month [in the spring] shall be unto you the BEGINNING of months..." (Exodus 12:2).

Some few keep the BEGINNING of

this first Feast of salvation in observing Passover, *but never go on to know the "depth of the riches" of God's grace pictured by the following feasts!* Christ is not only the author or beginner, but the FINISHER of our salvation!

On the 10th day of this first month the Israelites were instructed to take a lamb without blemish. They kept it UNTIL — not after — the 14th day of the same first month, AT EVEN, at DUSK as the Jewish translation has it — between the two evenings, or between sunset and dark, when it was killed.

This was IN, not AFTER the 14th day. They shed the blood of the lamb, picturing Christ's sacrifice to come. They ate the flesh in THAT NIGHT. At midnight the death angel came, but PASSED OVER every house where the BLOOD had been sprinkled.

There are some *very important details* it is vital that we notice at this point. Perhaps we have not seen them before. It *proves* that the Passover shall be observed the 14th, not the 15th.

Passover 14th, not 15th

Notice Exodus 12, verse 6, they shall kill the lamb AT DUSK (Jewish official translation). Verse 8, they shall eat the flesh *in that night* — still the 14th. Verses 9 to 11 continue to describe how it shall be roasted and eaten — the TIME is still the same night — the 14th. Verse 12: "For I will pass through the land of Egypt *this night*, and will smite all the firstborn" — still same night — 14th.

Now notice carefully the paragraph beginning verse 21. Here are more detailed directions for striking the blood on the doorposts — the TIME this was done, as proved above,

was the night part of the 14th. Notice carefully verse 22 "... strike the lintel and the two sideposts with the blood that is in the basin; and NONE OF YOU SHALL GO OUT AT THE DOOR OF HIS HOUSE UNTIL THE MORNING." Notice that carefully! NONE were permitted to leave their houses that night. They remained in their houses UNTIL MORNING! They remained there *all night!*

Now read on. Verse 29, *at midnight* (the 14th) the Lord smote the firstborn of Egypt. Verse 30, Pharaoh rose up *in the night*. This was, of course, *after* the death angel passed at midnight, and therefore, *after midnight*.

He called for Moses and Aaron. This must have taken some time, but still the same night. Verse 33, the Egyptian people were urgent to get rid of the Israelites. Verse 35, the Israelites borrowed of the Egyptians silver and gold and clothing and spoiled the Egyptians. When? Surely this borrowing and spoiling of the Egyptians took several hours. The Israelites were forbidden to LEAVE THEIR HOUSES UNTIL MORNING — so this spoiling and borrowing *took place through the DAYTIME of the 14th day*.

Exodus 24 hours after Passover

But — notice this highly important point — *the Israelites did not GO OUT from the land of Egypt UNTIL THAT NIGHT — the 15th Nisan!* Notice the paragraph composed of verses 41-42: "... Even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord WENT OUT *from the land of Egypt*. It is a NIGHT to be much observed unto the Lord for bringing them out of the land of Egypt: THIS IS THE NIGHT of the Lord to be observed ..." Which is the NIGHT to be observed? The NIGHT they came out of Egypt. They went OUT of Egypt, not during the daytime the 14th, but after that day had ENDED — after the sun had set — the following NIGHT — on the 15th *Abib!* And THAT night, the 15th, is to be observed!

The following verses, beginning verse 43, form a new paragraph and refer again to PASSOVER — the 14th day.

Now, notice Deuteronomy 16:1. "Observe the month of Abib, and

keep the passover unto the Eternal thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God *brought thee forth out of Egypt BY NIGHT.*" Notice it, they did not GO OUT of Egypt until NIGHT. And this night was the 15th, not the 14th. Further proof?

Notice now Numbers 33:3. "And they DEPARTED from Rameses in the first month, ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH; ON THE MORROW AFTER THE PASSOVER the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians."

There it is, in plain language.

Now some believe that they killed the lamb between noon and sunset the 14th — about 3 p.m., near the END of the day — ate it that night, the 15th (claiming that is when the Passover was eaten, and when we should take it today) and then went on out of Egypt THAT SAME NIGHT. But this theory will not hold water, in view of ALL these scriptures, and following through Exodus 12.

The Israelites were not permitted to *leave their houses* that night after eating the lamb. They remained in their own houses — up in the land of Goshen — until daylight. Then they went to their Egyptian neighbors, and borrowed from them and spoiled them. There were millions of them. It took TIME to notify them. It took TIME to do all this. It could not have been done after midnight, when Pharaoh rose up, and still have gotten out of Egypt the same night. The Israelites were in their houses in Goshen ALL THAT NIGHT. Exodus 12:10 further proves this. Whatever remained of their roasted lamb uneaten UNTIL MORNING they were to burn with fire. That shows they stayed in their homes UNTIL MORNING.

They did not LEAVE Egypt until after that day ended — after night fall again, during the NIGHT part of the 15th.

In, not after, 14th!

Now to connect one other vital point, turn to Numbers 28:16-17. "... IN the fourteenth day [not AFTER it] ... is the PASSOVER of the Lord. And IN the FIFTEENTH day [not BEFORE it] of this month is THE FEAST: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten." Leviticus 23:5-6 says the same thing. Notice the PASS-

OVER is not the 15th, but IN the 14th. IN it is not after it is past. And notice too, the FEAST mentioned here is not the 14th (though the Passover *is elsewhere called a feast*), but the FEAST DAY is the 15th. The SEVEN-DAY period begins the 15th. The 15th is the FIRST of the seven Days of Unleavened Bread.

However, since leaven was put out of the houses during the 14th day, it came to be called one of the Days of Unleavened Bread by New Testament times, but when this is done EIGHT DAYS are included as Days of Unleavened Bread. The entire EIGHT-DAY period is, in New Testament usage, called by the name PASSOVER. But the SEVEN-DAY period begins the 15th, after the 14th, or Passover, has ended.

The 14th day is the Passover. It is the *first* of God's festivals. It is NOT the FEAST DAY mentioned here. In the 15th day is the FEAST. Let us get that distinction clearly in mind. It is the 15th that is the FEAST — the 14th is the PASSOVER. This FEAST day begins after PASSOVER has ended.

Now with these facts well in mind, let us turn back to Exodus 12. Notice beginning verse 14. "And THIS DAY shall be unto you for a *memorial*; and ye shall keep it A FEAST to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it A FEAST by ordinance FOREVER. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread ... And in the FIRST DAY there shall be AN HOLY CONVOCATION ... to you."

WHAT DAY is established as a MEMORIAL — not a shadow, a MEMORIAL — a FEAST — to be kept FOREVER? Notice, it is the day that is the FEAST — "Ye shall keep it a FEAST." It is the day that is the FEAST DAY — *the 15th Abib*, not the 14th — *not* the Passover!

This day is the FEAST DAY — a MEMORIAL, to be kept a Sabbath or holy convocation, FOREVER! SEVEN DAYS are included, and we have shown that the seven-day period begins the 15th, after Passover has passed. "In the fourteenth is the PASSOVER, but IN THE FIFTEENTH DAY is the FEAST — seven days."

Many have always believed the day here spoken of, and ordained forever, was the PASSOVER, or 14th. But it is not — it is the 15th day.

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What Is a Liberal?

Jesus Christ says a house divided against itself cannot stand! A few "liberal" ministers have caused "division and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned." God's House has been divided. But NO LONGER!

By Herbert W. Armstrong

GOD SAYS to His Church, through the apostle Paul, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (I Corinthians 1:10).

This passage continues saying the church at Corinth, precisely like today's Church of God, was following various and differing *men* with differing doctrines. They, like many today, were *forgetting* that the HEAD of the Church is Jesus Christ — that Christ is ALIVE today! That *HE* really is leading us!

Satan has been striking at God's Church and Work from within and from without! And as in the Ephesian church, where Paul said "... of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:30).

What happened in those churches in the first century has happened to us today. Those guilty of causing division are fighting God and shall be judged by Him!

My son, Garner Ted, fell under the influence of certain liberals, with whom he surrounded himself. He had had some liberal leanings prior to that. There were those around him bent on changing the doctrines of God's Church, watering down God's TRUTH.

I am learning now that my son was swayed under this liberal and secular-oriented influence. Because of his position of executive vice-president, and because he assumed authority beyond that delegated to him, those who were sound in the doctrines Christ had put into God's Church, who had been taught directly by me in earlier days of the college, were demoted, shanghaied away from headquarters.

Gradually, subtly, systematically, while I was in other parts of the world carrying Christ's Gospel message, doctrines were being watered down, the college was being made secular, God and Christ were being cast out and a *conspiracy* was in progress to get rid of Christ's chosen apostle, unless he accommodated the conspirators by dying.

Church teachings were being changed. The most resultful booklet of all, *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, was attacked, greatly deleted and later put out of circulation — the same with a number of other basic and important booklets written by Christ's apostle.

This group of liberals assumed the authority of setting Church doctrine. The one who primarily wrote the Systematic Theology Project later wrote, "My only goal in coordinating the project was to bring doctrinal consistency, stability and unity to the ministry" — that is, unity in watered-down doctrines that older loyal ministers did not and *never would accept!* THAT WAS NOT UNITY — IT WAS *DIVISION!*

But what do we mean — LIBERAL?

Let's understand what defines a liberal — and GOD'S WORD about it.

What is the basic *difference* between Old Testament teaching and that of the New Testament? The same BASIC SPIRITUAL LAW was given to both Old Testament Israel and the New Testament Church. But there was still a great difference. Notice how the apostle Paul defined this difference.

"[God] Who also hath made us able ministers of the NEW testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (II Corinthians 3:6).

It's the same basic SPIRITUAL law. But without the Holy Spirit, the people of Old Testament Israel could keep the law of God only by the strict *letter* of the law — not by the SPIRIT or its obvious *intent* or *principle* involved.

Years ago God showed me, by an incident, what He means by the *spirit* of the law. My elder daughter, Beverly, was in school, possibly the seventh or eighth grade or high school — I don't remember the year. She was an avid and a rapid reader. One day her teacher sent me a note, saying Beverly was injuring her eyes and her progress in schoolwork by excessive reading. She had been bringing books of fiction — love stories — from the school library. She would read a whole book in two or three evenings at home. I spoke with my daughter and told her she must stop bringing the fiction books from the school library and stop her excessive reading — because her teacher had sent me a note saying it was interfering with her schoolwork.

The very next evening I noticed Beverly reading a book, and she was almost halfway through it. "Is that another fiction book?" I asked.

"Yes, Daddy," she replied.

"Didn't I tell you to stop reading these fiction books?"

"Yes, Daddy, but you said to stop bringing the books from the school library, and I obeyed you. I didn't bring this book from the school library, I borrowed it from Helen."

She obeyed the strict letter of the law, but certainly not the spirit or obvious intent.

Jesus gave some examples of the spirit of the law. He said: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill . . . But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall

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‘And this Gospel shall be preached...’

Matthew 24:14

Sermon Summaries from Ministers of the Worldwide Church of God

Have we had any instruction lately in the Church on water baptism? I'm sure I haven't spoken or written on the subject for a long time. And what I'm going to tell you will be a little different than anybody else would give it to you.

Is water baptism essential to salvation? Why do we need it? Millions in traditional Christianity have been absolutely deceived. And I'll tell you, brethren, we have been *assuming* more of the sort of things that are false doctrines generally believed in professing Christian churches than we realize.

Notice what Jesus said in Mark 7:7, "Howbeit in vain do they worship me . . ." Now, most people will tell you that you can't worship Christ in vain. If you worship Him, it can't be in vain. But He said that *many* are worshipping Him in vain. How? "... Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men."

I am accused quite often of not going along with traditional Christianity. Well, I want to tell you *I don't want to go along* with traditional Christianity, holding to the traditions of men, because that's what they do, and they do not hold to the commandments of God.

Notice this, Jesus said (verse 9), "And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." Do we do that? I hope not.

Now here is what the Bible — not traditions of men — says about salvation and water baptism.

How to be saved

God has put two conditions to salvation. And you will find them in Acts 2:38. The inspired Peter had just received God's Holy Spirit, and in just a matter of a short time, on the same day, he was preaching an inspired sermon. We read in verse 37: They that "... heard this . . . were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized . . ." First "Repent," second "... be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy [Spirit]."

Now, there are two conditions. First is repent, second is be baptized. Repentance is toward God. There's one LAW-GIVER — GOD.

Then being baptized is an outward profession of your faith. Faith is in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His shed blood and in what He has done for us to reconcile us to God. Faith is toward the LIVING JESUS CHRIST. But we must also *believe* God — what God says — He's the fountain source of knowledge — instead of rejecting His word like Adam and Eve did.

What is it to repent?

Now first, what is it to repent? Well, I wonder if you've heard the story (I may have mentioned it, but it's been some years ago, I think) of the Methodist bishop who had come to a town and was preaching.

It was quite a big thing for the bishop to come to this particular local church. And he preached a whole long sermon on repentance. But somehow his congregation there didn't get it. And some of them were asking him questions but still couldn't seem to understand. Then one humble old brother, near the back, raised his hand and said, "If you please, sir, I think I can explain this so the people will understand."

"Well," the bishop said, "all right. Go ahead and explain it."

So he started marching down the aisle. As he did, he says, "I'm going to hell, I'm going to hell, I'm going to hell, I'm going to hell, I'm going to hell, I'm going to hell." He got down by the pulpit, and he turned around and started back. And now he says, "I'm going to heaven, I'm going to heaven, I'm going to heaven, I'm going to heaven, I'm going to heaven, I'm going to heaven." He said, "What you mean, sir, Mr. Bishop, is to turn around and go the other way."

Now that's about the best explanation of what it is to repent that I think I've ever heard. And the bishop had it explained to him.

It means to *turn from* what you've allowed to come into you. Turn from the kind of life you've lived, the kind of thoughts you've been thinking, what you have let yourself become — until you want to become something else, and instead of Satan's spirit getting to you, you now want the Spirit of God.

When we say, "Repent of what you are, not only of what you did," people say, "Uh, can I repent of what God made me?" Well, God did not make sinning humans what they are — sinners. We drink that in from Satan.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT WATER BAPTISM

“Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy [Spirit] as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord . . . ” (Acts 10:46-48).

Now, there are two phases of human nature or what we call human nature. The first is a physical phase, the desires of the flesh, but this doesn't necessarily mean the inordinate — that is, lawless and uncontrolled desire. Adam had physical desires. He had a nervous system when he was created, of course. But not Satan's attitude that causes most of the yielding to lust of the flesh.

What God is correcting is the self-centered attitude of the heart. It's the *heart of man* that is so wicked and deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9) — not the nervous system.

The Ten Commandments are a spiritual law. Though concerned with physical actions, their principle is spiritual. Committing adultery may be a physical act, but it violates a spiritual principle. It is defrauding; it is unfaithfulness to a mate, and that's a spiritual principle. And it's the same with coveting what is not yours, etc. It's the attitude of Satan that really gets into you and makes you want to do it.

So repentance means an about-face, a turn to a new and a different life, and that's toward God.

The sign of repentance and belief

We saw that when Peter was asked, “What shall we do?” he replied, “Repent *and be baptized for the remission of sins*.” These are the same two conditions Jesus gave at the beginning of His preaching of the Gospel; “. . . Repent . . . and believe . . . ” (Mark 1:15). He “. . . came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying . . . repent ye, and believe the gospel [the good news of the Kingdom of God].”

Now we can see the same thing again in Acts 8. Philip had been sent by the Holy Spirit by a divine miracle to meet the caravan of a eunuch. Verse 35, “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.”

They tell you today, a lot of them, that you can't preach Jesus out of the Old Testament. But Philip did.

“And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou *believest* with all thine heart, thou mayest . . . ” (verses 36-37). He had already repented, but he had to believe now, and believe not only *in* Christ, but believe *what* Christ said.

“And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water . . . ” They didn't stand and tip over and get sprinkled a little bit. They went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch. “. . . And he [meaning Philip] baptized him.

“And when they were come up out of the water” — now that shows again they went into the water — “the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.”

Baptism is an ordinance symbolizing and proclaiming

faith in the death (going down under the water), the burial (being covered over by the water) and the resurrection (coming up again out of the water) of Christ. And also it's symbolic of the death of your old self and burial of it and symbolizes coming up to live a **NEW LIFE**.

Once these conditions are complied with, God stands bound to put within the repentant *believer* His Spirit, which means His love, His faith, His understanding, gentleness and goodness, power, His attitude of mind instead of this hostile attitude of Satan's, the spirit of a *sound mind* and actually the very **LIFE OF GOD** — divine life — the impregnation and begetting of eternal life and the very character of God. The Holy Spirit in one *changes* one.

“For the promise,” Peter said, “is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call” (Acts 2:39). Water baptism, then, is a required part of the way of salvation.

What Jesus showed by example

Now Jesus in all things set us an example that we should follow His steps. He was the example for Christian living for the individual and also the living example for His called ministers. Jesus, though He had committed no sins to be remitted, was baptized setting the example for us, and you'll read of it in Matthew 3:13-17.

And being baptized, Jesus was immersed into the water, not sprinkled or poured over, because “. . . when he was baptized, [He] went up straightway out of the water . . . ” (verse 16). So He had been down in it. Immediately the Spirit of God descended upon Him (in this case visibly) and a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (verse 17).

Jesus also set the example for His ministers. Did you know that Jesus baptized more disciples than John the Baptist? In John 3:22 and John 4:1, 2, you read: “After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judea; and there he tarried [lingered] with them, and baptized. When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples).”

In Jesus' name

Here is a most important truth. His disciples did the baptizing *in His name*, that is, *in His stead*. They did it for Him *by His authority*. And this was considered just as if Jesus had actually done it Himself. In fact, the Holy Spirit actually inspired the direct statement that Jesus baptized more disciples than John.

To ask anything in prayer or to do or to perform anything in the name of Jesus Christ is to ask or do it by Jesus' authority. You are acting for Him as His agent

When one is plunged into the water, he is in a watery grave. He would not live 10 minutes unless brought up out of the water, unless risen from this watery grave. Therefore, a person immersed under water is in a literal grave.

when you do it that way, and the responsibility is His. To do it for Him in His stead is acting as if by power of attorney. "In His name" implies that He has delegated that authority to the one who takes His name and uses it. And indeed He has, for we are commanded to do all things in the name of Jesus Christ.

Baptism is for the Church

Now keep in mind the clear picture of the true Gospel. The true Gospel of Jesus Christ is the message that God sent to the world. Christ was the divine Messenger who brought and proclaimed it. After His resurrection, Jesus gave the disciples the final Gospel commission for this age, and in it He commanded baptism as an obligatory ordinance for this Gospel dispensation.

In Mark 16, beginning with verse 15: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel [that's the message God sent and Christ proclaimed] to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Notice Matthew's version of the great commission. Matthew 28:19-20: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name [and it should really be translated *into* the name] of the Father and the Son and the Holy [Spirit]: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..."

And here again, in the final great commission for preaching the Gospel, Christ *commanded* baptism. And here He specifically stated "into the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Jesus said, "... All power [that included all authority] is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). And we — whoever is baptized into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit — are symbolically put into the name, the authority and power of the God Family and are beginning toward becoming entitled to the power and possessions of God.

The first inspired sermon after the Holy Spirit came to convert Peter and the apostles was mentioned above (Acts 2:41). About 10 years later God sent Peter also to preach the Gospel to gentiles. It was in the house of the very devout gentile Cornelius. Devout though he was, Cornelius did not yet have complete knowledge, so Peter preached to Cornelius' family, "The word which God sent [that is, the message God sent and brought by Jesus as a messenger] unto the children of Israel..." And "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy [Spirit] fell on all them which heard [believed] the word" (Acts 10:36, 44).

"Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy [Spirit] as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord..." (verses 46-48).

There is a **COMMAND** to be baptized with water.

How water baptism is accomplished

Now is it immersion, sprinkling or pouring? As in all other points of doctrine, the churches today are in utmost confusion. Some practice pouring, some sprinkling, some immersing. Some say it makes no difference. And those who sprinkle usually apply it to children.

The word *baptize* is not an English word at all. It's a Greek word and the New Testament was written in Greek. In translating it into English, the translators left this Greek word untranslated. Literally in the Greek, the word is *baptizo* and the definition of the word is *immerse*.

If they had translated it, they would have said, "be immersed." To baptize means "to plunge into, to put into, to dip." The Greek word for sprinkle is *rantizo* and to pour is *cheo*. The Holy Spirit did not inspire the use of those words, but *baptizo*, meaning immerse or put into. Therefore sprinkling and pouring are not baptizing.

Neither sprinkling nor pouring is a burial. "Buried with him in baptism..." says Colossians 2:12. And one *risers up* out of neither sprinkling nor pouring. "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." Now that's quoted right from the Bible.

When one is plunged into the water, he is in a watery grave. He would not live 10 minutes unless brought up out of the water, unless risen from this watery grave. Therefore, a person immersed under water is in a literal grave.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Romans 6:3-5).

It pictures the death, the burial, the resurrection of Christ. But it's a dual picture, as all things in God's plan are dual in operation. It also pictures the crucifixion of the old self (verses 6 and 7), the sinning life and the burial of this sinning self. The coming up out of the watery grave is symbolic of a changed person resurrected to a *new righteous spiritual life* in Christ Jesus.

Water baptism is the ordinance ordained of Christ by which we express our faith in Christ as Savior, our acceptance of His death, burial and resurrection, and our repentance of the old life and burial of it, rising up to a new higher life henceforth. It is a beautiful ordinance full of meaning. □

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What Is a Liberal?

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be in danger of the judgment . . ." (Matthew 5:21-22).

Speaking of the Old Testament observance of the law, Jesus said: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:27-28).

The SPIRIT of the law

The spiritual law of God is a general principle, which, in its spirit, covers EVERY act. God intends for us today to apply the principle to every act. It is summed up in Ecclesiastes 12:13: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

The law of God is a WAY OF LIFE. It is all-encompassing, IN PRINCIPLE — that is, according to its spirit. It is an *attitude*.

It may be summed up in ONE WORD: LOVE. That one word is a *principle* of life. It is the way of OUTFLOWING love toward God and man. It is the way of GIVE, instead of GET.

It is then magnified into the two great laws — love toward GOD, and love toward neighbor. In turn this is magnified into 10 general principles — the first four of the Ten Commandments express the principle of love toward GOD, the last six the principle of love toward man.

We are commanded to love God *more* than self — with all our hearts. We are told to love neighbor AS, or equal to, ourselves.

A principle — not every specific detail

In the Bible God does not write down every specific detail of the PRINCIPLE or SPIRIT of His Law! He expects us, with His Holy Spirit, to *apply* the principle to every circumstance, act or question.

The whole duty of man is keeping God's law IN THE SPIRIT — far more than the specific detailed letter. It is the ATTITUDE or the principle of the law. The law does not list every detail included in the duty of man.

Reduced to its simplest overall denominator, the whole law is the one word, LOVE.

How does God's Church receive its doctrines, beliefs and teachings? Direct from God, through the channels of Jesus Christ as HEAD of the Church, and from Him through *the apostles!* NEVER by any others! NEVER by a group of ministers appointing themselves as a Doctrinal Committee! So it was in the first century.

How did the Worldwide Church of God receive its doctrines, beliefs and teachings? EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH CHRIST'S APOSTLE! True, I have practiced the biblical principle that "in multitude of counsel there is safety." On many occasions some top-level ministers have contributed certain input that has helped me in setting doctrine. BUT EVERY DOCTRINE, BELIEF AND TEACHING IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD HAS COME FROM CHRIST THROUGH His CHOSEN APOSTLE!

Now, for example, we have a teaching that smoking is a sin. How did the Church receive that belief? Let me tell you. Fifty-two years ago, at the time of my conversion and baptism, I had to decide that question. I had been smoking — believe it or not! But only lightly — about three cigarettes a day. But I had to decide whether it was right or wrong.

Now Adam and Eve took TO THEMSELVES the knowledge of right and wrong. Only GOD can give us that knowledge. I knew that. I had to decide at the time, for myself, but I knew I must look to CHRIST, the Word of God, for the answer. Of course I knew the Bible contained no teaching *specifically* on smoking tobacco. But I had learned the truth of II Corinthians 3:3 that sin is violation of the *principle* or intended *meaning* of the law.

So I asked myself: "Why do I smoke? To love or honor God?" Answer, NO! "To express love, or outgoing concern, for the welfare of other people?" Again, NO! I knew that some found second-hand tobacco smoke objectionable. "For my own good — health or otherwise?" Again, NO!

For although I did not know, nor anybody else 52 years ago, that smoking was a cause of lung cancer, I did know the function of the lungs in

filtering out impurities from the blood and expelling the impurities through the breath. And I knew that inhaling smoke only clogged up the lungs with added impurities and interfered with their normal functioning. On every count I found smoking was CONTRARY to the PRINCIPLE of GOD'S LAW! Therefore I knew it was a sin, and I stopped smoking and have not smoked for 52 years. Jesus Christ through me put into God's Church the teaching that smoking is wrong — mild or not, nevertheless, it is SIN!

Now if I had decided that as some of our ministers wanted to decide doctrine, I would have said, "The Bible does not contain a specific LAW against smoking." That is the way of the LIBERAL — who wants to water down the truth of God and go as far into this world — which means as far in Satan's way — as possible and still get into God's Kingdom.

The liberal is one who has a DIFFERENT APPROACH to questions of human conduct than God, or those who have really been CONQUERED by God and are being led by God's Holy Spirit.

What is God's attitude?

What is God's ATTITUDE? Does God really *want* to sin, but, because He has power of resistance, He uses willpower and does not ALLOW Himself to sin? Can you realize that SIN is absolutely ABHORRENT to God? God DOES NOT WANT TO SIN! He has no such desire! He HATES sin! He is not tempted to sin!

God loves and *desires* righteousness and holiness. That's what He LOVES, DESIRES AND DOES!

Listen, my children in the living Christ! Do you really WANT to smoke — *want* to have birthday parties — *want* to go along with this world in its ways? Is *that* what you *really* want to do? Do you have to use self-resistance, self-discipline and willpower to prevent going along in this world's ways?

If so, you have not yet been really CONQUERED by the all-loving GOD! If so, you do not yet have the mind of Christ or His attitude or approach to problems or questions! If so, you'd better begin TREMBLING at the Word of God!

Or, do you really *hunger and thirst*

for God's RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS? You can't have both attitudes! You have one or the other! Which is it?

Are you like Mrs. Emma Smith, one of the new converts in 1933 who formed the parent church of the Worldwide Church of God? She came to me one day saying her father had died and his will left her some money.

"How much of this do I *have to* tithe?" she asked. "I don't want to tithe any more than I *have to* to still get into God's Kingdom."

The doctrine of Balaam

She was, in principle and attitude, like Balaam, mentioned as an evil man in Jude 11 and Revelation 2:14. The story about Balaam is found in Numbers 22. Balaam was a liberal — only perhaps more so. The Israelites under Moses had finally encamped on the east side of the Jordan River in the vicinity of Moab and Ammon. They were just across the river from Jericho.

Balak, king of the Moabites, was afraid, for the Israelites greatly outnumbered Moab. So he sent messengers to the sorcerer Balaam, a pater or pagan leader, apparently with bribe money, asking Balaam to remain overnight. He prayed to God, for he knew he could not do this evil unless God allowed.

The point is, Balaam wanted the rewards of divination, which the messengers from Moab had brought. He wanted to go as far in the GET way of life, even for doing evil, as he *could*. But he knew his curse against Israel would be ineffective unless he had God's permission.

God said to Balaam, "...Thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed" (Numbers 22:12).

There is much more to the story, but the point I want to show here is the ATTITUDE of wanting to go as far in the way of evil as possible.

In Jude 11, God says, "Woe unto them! for they ... ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward ..." And in Revelation to the church at Pergamos, Jesus said, "But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam ..." (Revelation 2:14).

Christ is now purging out of His

Church those that "hold the doctrine of Balaam!" Balaam was a liberal.

The liberal is going also in the way of Satan.

Satan's evil attitude

"... there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Eternal, and Satan came also among them ..." The Eternal asked Satan if he had considered God's servant Job, "... that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man ..." (Job 1:6-8).

Satan argued that Job served God in SELF-interest, for God had given him all his material wealth. But if God would allow Satan to take all his possessions from him, Satan said Job would curse God.

The Eternal answered, "... Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand" (verse 12).

Satan destroyed all Job's wealth and even his sons and daughters. But Satan caused other humans to do his evil. Yet Job maintained his own righteousness and refused to curse God.

Satan tried again. Satan argued that a man would give all he had for his own life. But he contended that if God would allow him to do evil to Job's person, Job would curse God. God allowed this, but said, "save his life."

Did you ever have a boil? I did — just once, many, many years ago. I shall never forget it. The pain was nearly unbearable. And that was only *one* boil. Job was covered with boils from head to foot! But still he did not curse God. In the end God spoke to Job. Job's one great sin was one Satan could not ascertain. It was SELF-righteousness. When God spoke, opening Job's eyes to his self-righteousness, Job repented deeply, and God restored to him two-fold for all he had allowed Satan to destroy.

The point I want to make here is, Satan CANNOT go farther than God allows — but Satan *wanted* to inflict as much evil and destruction and harm as possible.

It is Satan's ATTITUDE that is his prime evil. He does not hunger and thirst for God's righteousness. He harbors only the deep-rooted desire to DO EVIL — TO GO CONTRARY TO GOD'S LAW OF LOVE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS! He wanted to go *as far as*

he could in the evil way contrary to GOD'S WAY. That was in his heart.

The liberal attitude

The liberal among us today wants to GET! He wants to GET into God's Kingdom, but he *wants to* go along with this world's ways AS FAR AS GOD WILL ALLOW AND STILL LET HIM MAKE IT INTO THE KINGDOM!

The liberal has deceived himself! I do not believe the liberal realizes his own attitude. He really wants to *get* into the Kingdom of God — he wants to RECEIVE the eternal rewards of happiness, joy and eternal life in security. But he still would like to hang on to some of this world's ways.

He doesn't want to tithe, unless he can see beyond any of his arguments there is a specific LAW *compelling* him to tithe. He wants to be free to vote, at least in local elections.

The argument was made to me that our Church people actually outnumbered others living in Big Sandy, Tex., BUT (what a big word is "BUT") you see, if they did not vote, the minority would vote to incorporate the Ambassador College campus into the town of Big Sandy, and we'd have to pay big taxes. It never seemed to occur to the liberal mind that CHRIST will solve our problems, and we do not have to go contrary to HIS ATTITUDE!

Like Mrs. Emma Smith, who was too new as a child in Christ and had not grown sufficiently as yet in His grace and knowledge — like Balaam — like Satan — the liberal wants to see how close he can come to the precipice without falling and losing his eternal life. Like Mother Eve, they use HUMAN REASON to justify straying partly away from the SPIRIT of God's LAW. They want to keep the law in the strict letter, *but not in the spirit!*

In his heart, the liberal would like to "go along" at least part way with this world.

What is the mind of Christ?

But God says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

What is the mind of Christ? What is His attitude — His approach to viewing and deciding all activities? Does He, as I asked before, really WANT TO sin, to think and act contrary to His Law, but because of His super power,

restrain Himself? We know He has never sinned. But *why*? Is He sinless because He has such supernatural POWER to restrain Himself?

A THOUSAND TIMES, *NO!* The living Christ has never sinned because He does not *want to sin*! What is HIS MIND, that should be also in us? It is a mind that HATES sin, that LOVES

righteousness. It's a matter of ATTITUDE! The liberal is not hungering and thirsting after RIGHTEOUSNESS! He WANTS to ease off a little on God's Law. He wants to do only as much as he *has to*, to receive the reward of eternal life. He has not yet *fully* gotten rid of the GET attitude, and come into the GIVE attitude.

It is Satan who deceives and puts into many human minds the *desire* to go as far into this world as he thinks God will allow — and into its ways of VANITY and INTELLECTUALISM (carnal, secular) — vanity of mind.

Having the ATTITUDE of the "SPIRIT OF THE LAW" is the attitude of the mind of CHRIST! □

THE PASSOVER

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Now this day — the 15th — is established a HOLY CONVOCATION. Look in the dictionary. A convocation is an assembly of the people where their presence is *commanded*, under power and authority. A *holy* convocation is a religious assembly, for purposes of worship. The weekly Sabbath is a holy convocation. So is Abib 15th. Our presence is COMMANDED, under God's power and authority. But let us continue on.

Notice, now, beginning verse 16: "And in the first day [of the seven, 15th Abib] there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day [21st Abib] there shall be an holy convocation to you . . . And ye shall observe the FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD; for IN THIS SELFSAME DAY [the 15th Abib] have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe THIS DAY [the 15th, not the 14th] in your generations by an ordinance FOR EVER" (verses 16-17).

There it is! *Before* the ceremonial law of Moses! The day established as a Sabbath or holy convocation *forever* is the *Feast day*, the selfsame *day* on which they WENT OUT of Egypt, and they *went out* on the 15th, not the 14th (Numbers 33:3).

This day is a MEMORIAL, not a shadow of the cross. A memorial of DELIVERANCE from EGYPT, which pictures DELIVERANCE from SIN!

To keep us constantly in the MEMORY of the great fact that, having had our sins FORGIVEN by Christ's BLOOD (pictured by the 14th) *we are not to stop there* and REMAIN in sin, but to GO OUT *away* from sin! Why should we observe the 14th, picturing remission of PAST sins, and then we, COMMANDMENT-KEEPERS of ALL people, refuse to continue the Feast of Unleavened Bread, picturing the

COMING OUT of sin — seven days of unleavened bread symbolizing and picturing COMPLETE putting away of sin *or, in other words*, THE KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS!

These FEAST DAYS picture the KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS!

Not abolished with old covenant

Observe that the Days of Unleavened Bread are a PERIOD, having two high-day SABBATHS. And this PERIOD is established FOREVER — while the Israelites were still in Egypt — before the ceremonial law of Moses had been given or written — before God even proposed the old covenant! What the law of Moses, or the old covenant, did not bring or institute, THEY CANNOT TAKE AWAY! In Fenton's translation, the 16th verse is translated: "consequently KEEP THIS PERIOD AS AN EVER-LASTING INSTITUTION." The whole period is included.

This ALONE ought to prove that the HOLY DAYS — and the seven Days of Unleavened Bread — are *binding to-day*, and FOREVER!

Now, if these texts apply to the 15th, not the 14th, as they assuredly do, and is here conclusively proved, then is the Passover established FOREVER? Indeed it is! But THESE texts above refer to the FEAST and *not* the PASSOVER. In the paragraph beginning Exodus 12:21 the PASSOVER is again referred to, and verse 24 establishes it FOREVER!

Purpose of Festival

But let us learn the full significance of this. WHY did God ordain these feast days? What was His great PURPOSE? Turn now to Exodus 13, verse 3: "... Moses said unto the people, Remember THIS DAY, in which ye CAME OUT from Egypt . . ." This was the 15th of Abib. Verse 6: "Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and the seventh day shall be a FEAST unto the Eternal . . . *This is done* BECAUSE of that which the

Eternal did [*a MEMORIAL*] . . . and it shall be for a SIGN" — (miraculous PROOF of identity) — "unto thee upon thine hand, and for a MEMORIAL between thine eyes" — WHY? — "that the LORD'S LAW MAY BE IN THY MOUTH . . . Thou shalt *therefore* KEEP this ordinance . . ."

Oh, beloved brethren, do you see the wonderful meaning? Do you grasp the true significance of it all? Do you see God's PURPOSE? The PASSOVER pictures the DEATH OF CHRIST *for the remission of sins that are past*. The accepting of His BLOOD does not forgive sins we SHALL commit — it does not give LICENSE to continue in sin — therefore WHEN we accept it, our sins are forgiven only up to that time — PAST SINS.

But shall we *stop there*? Past sins forgiven. But we are still *flesh beings*. We still shall suffer *temptations*. Sin has held us *in its clutch* — we have been SLAVES to sin, in its power. And we are *powerless* to deliver ourselves from it! We have been in BONDAGE to sin. Let us understand the picture — the meaning.

Quitting sin utterly

To what extent shall we put away sin? Not partially, but COMPLETELY! And, as leaven is also a type of sin — leaven puffs up, and so does sin — and, as SEVEN is God's number symbolizing COMPLETENESS, we are to *follow* the Passover with the *seven Days of Unleavened Bread*!

The picture — the meaning — the symbolism, is not complete with Passover alone. Passover pictures the acceptance of Christ's blood for the REMISSION of *past* sins. It pictures the CRUCIFIED — the DEAD — Christ.

Shall we leave Christ hanging on the cross? The seven Days of UNLEAVENED BREAD, following Passover, picture to us the COMPLETE *putting away* of sin, the KEEPING of the Commandments — after past sins are forgiven. They picture the life

and work of the **RISEN CHRIST** — who ascended to the throne of God where He is actively at work in our behalf as our **HIGH PRIEST**, cleansing us of sin — delivering us completely from its **POWER!**

To observe Passover alone, and then fail to observe the seven Days of Unleavened Bread, means, in the symbolism, to accept Christ's blood, and to continue on in sin — to say with the Sunday churches the **LAW** is done away, we are under grace, meaning license, to continue in sin!

The seven Days of Unleavened Bread picture the *keeping of the Commandments*, which is another way of saying the putting away of sin.

And, as Rome's followers have the **MARK** of the **BEAST** in their right hand and forehead, so God's true Church is to have these feast days, the first of which is a **MEMORIAL** picturing deliverance from sin, in **OUR** right hand and forehead, as God's **SIGN**, in order that we shall **KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS**. And since the forehead is the seat of the intellect and symbolizes **ACCEPTANCE**, and the right hand symbolizes **WORK**, we have this **SIGN** of **GOD** there by accepting this truth about the Holy Days and Days of Unleavened Bread, and by **NOT WORKING** on these Holy Days! Not only is the weekly Sabbath *God's SIGN* (Exodus 31:12-17) but annual Sabbaths are **SIGNS** as well!

One incident

Just a personal reference showing how marvelously this ordinance pictures the **PLAN OF REDEMPTION**. It happened years ago at Eugene, Ore. As we assembled in holy convocation the last of these Sabbaths, 21st Abib, one sister mentioned she had found a half slice of leavened bread behind some things in her home, during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

She had put it out of the house immediately. Another said she had found a can of baking powder half full, which she did not know she had. Another found a slice of bread and some yeast. All had put the leaven out as soon as discovered.

How true to life is the picture! How often do we, after we think we have put away sin, discover hidden sins or habits we did not know we had — or thought we had overcome?

They must be put away and overcome as soon as discovered.

The perfect picture

But let us notice the wonderful picture further. The children of Israel started out of Egypt, the night of the 15th Abib, as we must, of our own accord, start *out* of sin as soon as we accept the blood of Christ. They started out *on their own power* — and we must make the *start* of ourselves.

But they did not get far until Pharaoh pursued after them. If Egypt is a type of sin, then surely Pharaoh must picture Satan, the army of Egypt Satan's demons.

While Israel was **IN EGYPT** they were Pharaoh's slaves, helpless and powerless under his taskmasters — just as the sinner is in the power of the devil. But when Israel took the blood of the Lamb when *God acted*, and as a result of God's act of the plague of the firstborn, Pharaoh *released* Israel. When *we* accept Christ's blood, **GOD ACTS**, and the devil must release us.

And, as the Israelites went out **WITH A HIGH HAND** (Numbers 33:3), probably in great exultation and elation over their deliverance from bondage, so does the newborn Christian start out his Christian life — up in the clouds of happiness and joy. But what happened?

Exodus 14:5 — Pharaoh immediately began to *pursue after them* with soldiers in 600 chariots. So the devil immediately pursues *after* the newborn child of God with his demons — and soon the new and inexperienced Christian finds he is down in the depths of discouragement and tempted to give up and quit.

Notice, beginning verse 10 — as soon as the Israelites saw this great army pursuing them, they lost their courage. Fear came over them. They began to grumble and complain. They saw it was **IMPOSSIBLE** for them to get away from Pharaoh and his army, because he was too powerful for them. And they were helpless. So it is with us.

Our strength not sufficient!

But notice the message of God to them through Moses: "... Fear ye not, **STAND STILL**, and **SEE THE SALVATION OF THE ETERNAL** ... for the Egyptians ... *ye shall see them*

again **NO MORE** for ever. **THE ETERNAL SHALL FIGHT FOR YOU!** ... " How wonderful!

Helpless, *we* are told to *stand still* and see the *salvation of the Lord*. He shall fight *for us*. We cannot conquer Satan, but He can. It is the *risen Christ* — our *High Priest* — who will cleanse us — sanctify us — deliver us — who said He would never leave us or forsake us! We cannot keep the Commandments in our own power and strength. But Christ **IN US** can keep them! We must rely on **HIM**, in faith.

Notice verse 19. The angel who had gone *before*, showing the Israelites the way, now went *behind them*, getting between them and their enemy, protecting them. And then God parted the *waters* of the Red Sea. "... and the waters were a *wall* unto them on their right hand, and on their left" (verse 23). In Isaiah 55:1 and John 7:37-39, the **WATERS** are a symbol of the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

The **LIVING WATERS** of God are a wall to us, on our right hand and on our left, guiding us in the true path, making the path, protecting us in it. But when Pharaoh and his army attempted to follow Israel in this divinely created path, these same waters completely **COVERED THEM**, as the Holy Spirit removes and covers our sins, and the Israelites **SAW THEM NO MORE!** What a wonderful picture!

No sacrifices originally

Thus we see, the **FEAST** of Unleavened Bread as well as the **PASSOVER**, was ordained and established **FOREVER**, **PRIOR** to the ceremonial law of Moses — **PRIOR** to the old covenant. Let us be consistent about this. Opponents tell us these are **IN THE LAW OF MOSES**. We reply they existed *before* the law of Moses, are carried over in the *New Testament*, and therefore are binding today.

Notice especially, that originally there were **NO SACRIFICES** — no **MEAT AND DRINK** ordinances — held on these days. See Jeremiah 7:22-23. *These days were not instituted FOR THE PURPOSE of the sacrifices as some have wrongly supposed*. These Holy Days are not shadows — they are **MEMORIALS**, and twice called such. Where do we find such plain language calling the Sabbath a memorial? (See also Leviticus 23:24.)

The Sabbath, too, existed BEFORE the law of Moses — was made HOLY UNTO THE LORD before the Mosaic law was given.

When the law of Moses came, with its sacrificial ordinances, its meat and drink ordinances, then THESE SACRIFICES AND MEAT AND DRINK OFFERINGS WERE INSTITUTED, TEMPORARILY — until Christ — TO BE HELD, some *daily*, SOME ON THE WEEKLY SABBATH, AND SOME ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH AND SOME ON EACH OF THE ANNUAL HOLY DAYS.

But, *mark well this fact!* Where we find these sacrifices and meat and drink offerings instituted on the Holy Days *we find them also on the weekly Sabbath*. The same chapters in the law of Moses adding them to the annual days ALSO ADD THEM TO THE WEEKLY DAYS.

The argument that these sacrifices held on these days does away with the days APPLIES EQUALLY TO THE SABBATH! If this argument abolishes one, it abolishes also the other. The Sunday preachers argue that these sacrifices do away with the Sabbath. We deny it — why? The Sabbath existed BEFORE these sacrifices were added. THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE HOLY DAYS! They began, too, BEFORE the ritualistic law of Moses! This is SO PLAIN that none will deny it except those whose hearts are rebellious against Almighty God and His TRUTH!

Sacrifices on weekly Sabbath

Let us notice, *Numbers 28 and 29*: First, the offerings by fire DAY BY DAY, the “morning-evening” sacrifice. Second, verses 9-10, burnt meat offerings and drink offerings every SABBATH. Third, verses 11-15, NEW MOONS. Then, verse 16, to end of chapter 28, the annual days.

Now we know these MEAT AND DRINK offerings, by fire, were TYPICAL and were DONE AWAY. But are the seven week days DONE AWAY? Is the weekly SABBATH done away? Is the first day of each month DONE AWAY? Only in BABYLON — not in God’s sight. Neither are the annual HOLY DAYS OF THE LORD done away!

The *sacrifices* were typical, and they came with the law of Moses, and they WENT with it. But the DAYS on which they were held were *not* typi-

cal, did not come with the law of Moses and did not go with it.

The DAYS are binding FOREVER! As the Sabbath is a MEMORIAL, so are the Holy Days!

Commanded in New Testament

And now we wish to show a NEW TESTAMENT COMMAND — more plain, more direct, than any we can find for the weekly Sabbath — to keep these annual HOLY DAYS!

Observe again Numbers 28:16-17: “... IN the fourteenth day of the first month is the PASSOVER of the Lord. And IN the *fifteenth day of this month is the FEAST: seven days* shall unleavened bread be eaten.”

This FEAST was not the 14th, but the 15th. It was the PASSOVER, when the LAMB was killed, the 14th. The daylight part of the 14th was the PREPARATION for the FEAST. (Matthew 27:62; Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:14.) (NOTE, in Jesus’ day the Jews celebrated *their* Passover one day late according to the tradition of the elders — John 18:28.)

Let us get this point thoroughly established in our minds, for if this is true, as it is, THEN ALL OF THESE DAYS ARE STILL BINDING UPON US BY NEW TESTAMENT as well as Old Testament AUTHORITY!

Notice Matthew 26:5: The Jews, conspiring to kill Jesus, said: “... Not on the FEAST DAY, lest there be an uproar among the people.” They hastened so they could take and kill Him the day *before* the feast, or on the 14th Nisan.

Mark 14:2 says the same thing. Now to establish that *the Feast day* was the day *after* the Passover Festival, and that it was *the high-day Sabbath* — the day AFTER Jesus was crucified, notice John 13:29: “For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag — was treasurer — Fenton, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the FEAST...” This was at the Passover supper. They thought Jesus was sending Judas out to buy provisions to prepare for the FEAST. *Surely this proved the FEAST was the following day — the 15th Nisan*, as all these scriptures positively affirm.

Now let us examine carefully I Corinthians 5:7-8. Churches have applied this to the PASSOVER. Notice it does not say, or apply to, PASSOVER

at all. Let us willingly, prayerfully, study to see what it does say:

“... For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: *Therefore* LET US KEEP THE FEAST...” Notice it. Because Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed, *therefore* let us of the NEW Testament dispensation — BECAUSE Christ has died — keep, WHAT? Notice it! NOT the Passover, which was on the 14th Nisan — but *let us keep the FEAST* — which was the 15th! The high-day Sabbath of John 19:31! The annual HOLY DAY. And, in a large sense, the FEAST included all seven of the Days of Unleavened Bread including the SECOND Holy Day or Sabbath on the 21st Nisan! We cannot escape this, if we are yielded to the Lord and the Word of God! There it is, in plain language, in the New Testament! Because Christ was crucified, therefore let us keep the FEAST! The 14th was the Passover, but *in the 15th day of this month is the FEAST!* Let us no longer apply that to the Passover, for it SAYS “feast.”

Days of Unleavened Bread kept by Paul and New Testament Church

It is faithfully recorded in the New Testament that, during the period its history covers, the Church was keeping those days!

In Acts 20:6, “... we sailed away from Philippi AFTER THE DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD...” Paul and companions plainly had observed the Days of Unleavened Bread at Philippi. The Holy Spirit could never have inspired such words otherwise.

Notice also Acts 12:3-4: “... Then were the days of unleavened bread... intending after PASSOVER [see Greek] to bring him forth to the people.” Could the Holy Spirit have inspired the direct affirmation, “*Then WERE* the days of unleavened bread” if those days had, in God’s sight, ceased to exist?

Notice, it is not any blinded Judaizers, ignorant of what was abolished, making this statement — it is Almighty God saying it through inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This was YEARS after the crucifixion. The Days of Unleavened Bread still existed, or the Holy Spirit could not have inspired “*Then WERE* the days of unleavened bread.” □