



**CHRIST**

THE  
**LAMB**  
AND THE  
**BREAD**

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## INTRODUCTION

This booklet serves to help the believer go through an understanding of the power of the sinless, broken, resurrected body of Jesus Christ and the blood He shed for us that signed and sealed the temporal and eternal blessings Christ instituted in the new covenant for us who believe.

Here are the lessons you will learn in this booklet:

1. The old covenant story and prophecy of the coming Christ in the Passover and Unleavened bread celebration.
2. Christ fulfilled all the Passover and Unleavened Bread celebration requirements in His Person, Character, Life, Teaching and Salvation Work.
3. Passover and Unleavened bread celebration is the New Year of the believer! Therefore, this is God's way of giving us the chance to look to Christ's body and blood as the source of our strength, power, and blessings corporately in preparation for the coming days, weeks, and months for a fulfilling and meaningful journey every year.

I declare in faith that everyone who will read and believe the teachings of this booklet and follow its spiritual insights and guide receive the blessing of a new beginning: The inward and outward experience of the power of the broken, sinless, and resurrected body of Christ; the internal and external reward of power to be a witness for Christ with provision, protection, guidance, fruitfulness, increase and blessing in and out of the house, church, office, cities, state, nation and nations.

It is my prayer also that every father, mother or guardian in every home and family tells this story at least once a year to their children then handed down to the next and next generations to come.

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## RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF A NEW BEGINNING!

1. CELEBRATE PASSOVER IT HITS GOOD FRIDAY on April 8-16, 2020 Friday. It is a congregational assembly for us. Passover is the Believer's New Year celebration. The time the Lord releases corporately the blessings of a new beginning. As It is written in Exodus12: 2 "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you."
2. CELEBRATE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD: 7 DAYS AFTER PASSOVER IN HOMES. THEN RESURRECTION SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF FIRSTFRUIT, FULFILLED BY JESUS WHEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD AS THE FIRSTFRUIT OF THOSE WHO WILL RESURRECT FROM THE GRAVE!

### Future events are predictable:

The events on coming days, weeks and months for 2018 in this world are predictable. It is not obscure, uncertain or gray. It is certain as the rising of the sun every day. It is common sense observation that every year we see life threatening and property devastating accidents, seasonal storms, floods, fire, earthquake, volcanic eruptions, violent crimes, terrorist attacks, sickness and diseases; temptations that bring moral and social disorders and decay; economic problems and the possibility of a Global War. Yet when we look up we have confidence and hope that He loves and takes care of us. Also with God nothing is impossible. He can turn things around for good!

### God is our Helper and Deliverer:

Oh! You and I can truly say how desperate we are of Help from God! Surely we need His protection, provision, deliverance, health, healing, guidance and wisdom to make decisions in this journey. Thank God through Jesus Christ we have His help. He is our Passover Lamb; Our Unleavened Bread and God our Shepherd who watches us as the sheep of His pasture. Let us as His Sheep listen to His call to celebrate His feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread. (Exodus 12 & John 10)

### Faith in the power of Christ body and blood is the way for a fresh start of blessing:

This is God's sanctified time to make a fresh start in life, in relationship with God and men, in ministry, in projects, business or work. It is a God ordained time where we have the opportunity to leave our past mistakes, sins and failures behind and bury it with Christ in His grave. It is the best time to forgive ourselves and others; make corrections, amends, restitution, and right changes in our speech conduct and behavior that honors and glorifies our Lord. Then look to the body and blood of Jesus for our covering, health and well-being inside and out. Believe, have faith in what he has already done for you and me on the Cross and His Resurrection. He is the Passover Lamb! The Lord and Savior of our souls! This is the chosen time to bury every ugly, messy, and burdensome past in the grave with Christ for when He was buried we were buried with him!

This is the time when God releases the internal and external blessings of our union with Christ death and Resurrection!

This is the appointed time when God releases the internal and external blessing of provision, protection and power of the Holy Spirit for our witness and obedience to His will in our lives, family and church so we can have peace and fulfilment in our mission as we move forward in our journey of this coming weeks and months till the next Passover.

Let us therefore consecrate ourselves, fast and pray a meal or two or one day or more depending on what you can with prayer for provision, protection, healing, health, and guidance in decision making as the Lord leads you make necessary changes within and without to keep the instructions of our festivities and with all expectancy of faith believe that these promised blessings of Christ be poured upon ourselves, our homes and family members, our churches, our tribal church affiliates and the rest of the body of Christ worldwide.

In the service of the King of Kings,

Pastor Jude M. Garcia

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## PASSOVER STORY, MEANING AND APPLICATION

### What is Passover?

A one-day celebration of the power of the sinless, broken body and blood of Jesus Christ on the 14th day of the month of *Nissan* or *Abib*

It is at this time that the believer applies the power of Christ's body and blood on himself, family and church corporately so as to experience the blessings of a new beginning; the internal, external and eternal blessings of the presence of Christ in us and with us.

This definition implies that on a minimum at least once a year as an individual and families we congregate in a home or a church building so that corporately we practice as believers appropriating by faith the benefits, blessings, grace and power of the body and blood of Christ on God's appointed month of March or April in the modern calendar or month of Abib or Nissan in the biblical calendar year (which is 360 days in a year). This is really the starting month of every year or the month where God's people celebrate New Year instead of the modern world's practice of January one. Celebrating the Lord's New Year on the appointed month and date does not mean we do not regard or respect the world's New Year date. We may or may not celebrate it but one thing we cannot afford to neglect is the Lord's chosen New Year. When we do choose to celebrate the world's New Year we just need to do it differently according to God's word or truth not like the pagans who do it with drunkenness, wild, lewd, violent unrestrained parties and entertainment.

This is an instruction that God commanded us in Exodus 12:1 "*And Jehovah spake 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.*" This month became the beginning of month as declared by God because it was the month of freedom for Israel to leave their slavery from Egyptian bondage to their journey back to the land of promise in Canaan. However, some may say that was only for ancient Israel not for us believers today. There are three reasons why this is still applied today.

#### **1. Believers are spiritual Israelites composed of natural Israelites and gentile believers.**

St. Paul made clear to us who we are and what we are called in the New Testament. He said "*and as many as shall walk by this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.*" (Galatians 6:16) St. Paul calls the church the Israel of God. So we are Spiritual Israelites. One of the reasons why we are called such is the fact that we as gentile believers have been grafted into the 'Olive Tree' but we were wild olive branches before but now have become partakers of the heritage of Israel as St. Paul said. "*But if some of the branches were broken off, and thou, being a wild olive, was grafted in among them, and didst become partaker with them of the root of the fatness of the olive tree.*" (Romans 11:17)

**2. It is commanded by God that the feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread is to be celebrated forever.**

God said. "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to Jehovah: throughout your generations ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever" (Exodus 12:14)

This commandment clearly states that this is not to be obeyed only in the Old Testament times but is forever practiced by every believer in the New Testament which includes our generation today and future ones even when Jesus comes again for the second time. Therefore, we ought to really follow His command for being His disciples and for our own good.

**3. Jesus fulfilled it. Meaning He kept the instructional and prophetic ingredient of the feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread and gave us a direct command to do it also.**

*And the day of unleavened bread came on which the Passover must be sacrificed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and make ready for us the Passover that we may eat. And they said unto him, where wilt thou that we make ready?*  
(Luke 22:7-9)

When Jesus said to do this in remembrance of me, does this mean to just have communion or taking the bread and drinking the fruit of the vine only or does He mean the whole precepts and commandment of Passover and unleavened Bread as a whole. Of course He meant the whole instructions as taught in scriptures.

In application, in Christian churches it is our practice to have communion whether every Sunday or everyday depending on church policy. It is good if we want the practice of it frequently as long as we truly understand the blessings and power of the blood and body of Jesus and not just practicing it mechanically, without understanding the meaning of it and exercising faith to claim our Lord's grace and Spirit's blessing. Thus, it so important to completely obey the specific instructions on the celebration of Passover and Unleavened Bread in the Word once a year as a reminder, review, refreshing and reinforcement on the truth that we have become one with the body and blood of Jesus for believing this and claiming it's power truly bring immense and immeasurable reward on the soul and body; on the home; environment, community and even a nation. Let me enumerate to you the following blessings and reward in celebrating Passover and feast of Unleavened bread.

- a. An increasing inward and outward experience of the believer's union with the death, suffering, sinless and resurrected body of Jesus Christ. Where victory over sin and the curse of sickness, pain, sorrow, poverty and ultimately death is experienced by the believer.
- b. The internal blessing of love, peace, faith, righteousness and joy is experienced inside the home and church among the believers.
- c. The external blessing of protection and increase when we go in and out of the house, workplace, church, cities, state nation and nations. The increase of people we witness, disciple and influence for Christ. The increase of reward of the labor of our hands.

- d. The eternal blessings of looking forward to our eternal life in the eternal city that God has prepared for us who chose to follow Christ and submit to our earthly pilgrimage in this life.

## THE MEANING OF THE INGREDIENTS IN PASSOVER

### 1. Jesus Christ is the Passover Lamb

From the time of Moses God instructed Israel to consecrate the month of Abib or Nissan (March to April in our modern calendar) to be the first month of the biblical year and to offer a one- year old male lamb or goat without blemish and is healthy. This lamb is to be taken into the home to be treated like a pet on the 10<sup>th</sup> day, then on the 14<sup>th</sup> day killed at twilight. The lamb is to be prepared for food, cooked by roasting it in fire. It cannot be broiled (nilaga, fried, adobo, or sinigang type of cooking). (Exodus 12:1-6)

Every year from the time of Moses till the time of John the Baptist the Israelites had been killing a lamb and eating it during Passover celebration but many if not most do not really understand the spiritual meaning of this ritual except for the anointed prophets of old like Moses, Isaiah, Daniel and others who received the revelation that the Passover lamb represents the Suffering Messiah. They were all looking forward to the day that this prophecy is finally fulfilled, even though they have minimal understanding of it for there was still an element of mystery to this truth that still needed unfolding. Then in the fullness of time, a man by the name of John the Baptist, a respected prophet, while baptizing people in the Jordan River in about 30 A.D. a familiar man was walking into the river. He recognized Him as one who is highly honored in heaven whom John described as one whom he is not worthy even to untie His sandals. (John 1:27)) and when he came to him he declared publicly *“Behold the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world!”* Not only did he said this once, but said it again the second time the next day *“and he looked upon Jesus as he walked and said. Behold the Lamb of God! (John 1:29, 36)*

This emphasis cannot be overlooked. Why did John the Baptist declared Christ publicly as the Lamb of God twice? I believe under the Holy Spirit’s anointing on John, the truth has to be spoken at the right time and the right place. By God’s sovereign choice of time and events and in fulfillment of scripture prophecy, this all happened at the Passover month of Abib, I believe it was at the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> day. What is St. John the Baptist therefore really saying to us then and now? It is none other than that **“JESUS CHRIST IS THE PASSOVER LAMB!”**

Every qualification of the Passover Lamb I enumerated above as written in Exodus 12: 1-6 were fulfilled in Christ. The Lamb had to be Male. Christ was male. The Lamb had to be about one-year old. Christ was not too old or too young when He died on the Cross. He was about more or less 30. The lamb had to be without blemish. Christ was not sickly or deformed but perfect according to the Priestly qualification in Leviticus 21:17-21. The Lamb on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Abib had to be brought into an Israelite house to be petted for 5 days before killed. Christ went into Simon the Leper’s house to be honored and anointed with a very expensive perfume oil of Spikenard by Mary of Bethany both in the feet and hair (John 12: 1-3; Matthew 26:6-9) on the

10<sup>th</sup> of Abib! Christ was greatly honored even worshipped! What an amazing fulfillment of Prophecy! In addition, He was greatly praised in the streets of Jerusalem the next by the whole house of Israel when He rode on the donkey and the people with their hands waving Palm branches saying "Hosanna: Blessed is the king of Israel who comes in the name of the Lord." (John 12:13) Such an amazing fulfillment! No human being can simply fulfill this by his own power. How can an ordinary man force a woman to anoint him with expensive oil? More so, how can an ordinary man move hundreds if not thousands of people to give Praise to him in the Streets of Jerusalem shouting Hosanna to the King! How can an ordinary man control numerous specifics of people, time, events and acts of miracles? No! It is impossible for an ordinary man to do this. Therefore, this Man Jesus Christ is He who, He claims to be.

THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD PROPHESED AND FULFILLED!

### **The Lamb is killed**

It is important that the lamb is killed, not just tortured, bruised or broken. Life has to terminate from the lamb. This means the Lamb is to have been drained of blood and there is no remaining breath on the lamb. The guarantee of the lamb totally terminated of life is the draining of blood as it is required that the blood of the lamb is to painted on the door frames of the Israelite houses implying blood taken out of the body of the lamb. It seems there is a right way to kill.

Jesus fulfilled this requirement and prophecy. How much blood has been drained from His body that guaranteed His death? One, the Roman lashes inflicted on Him was more serious than the Jewish limit of 39 only. The Romans uses lashes whose tips have iron sharpies that can cause His back to be ripped open. Many have actually died just with the lashes without the Roman Crucifixion yet. Second, the crown of thorns on His head can cause about 8 to 10% of the volume of our blood to be lost. Third, His hand and feet pierced and lastly the spear on His side where the remaining blood and water came out. How much blood was lost from His body? Surely it is a lot! How much water was lost?

Again, it is so much so that He cried "I Thirst." What more evidence do we need to look for that will confirm His death? He truly literally and physically died! To fulfill requirement of the Passover Lamb that it has to be killed and drained of blood. Jesus did not just faint, or faked His death as many of the critics say. He died to fulfill scripture! Death is his final identification and experience of the curse of all humanity. Death is the final judgment of God on man's sins as the scripture says "*The wages of sin is death*" (Romans 6:23)

### **The Lamb is Cooked by Fire**

The way the lamb is to be cooked is stipulated clearly by God in only "One Way". It is the fire way! It cannot be in many ways we know in our modern cuisine recipes. It cannot be microwaved, oven roasted, boiled, baked, fried, and toasted. It is not to be cooked as nilaga, sinigang, adobo and other styles. It has to be cooked in a grill or barbecued! Flaming fire will have to be the way to cook it! Fire must touch the flesh of the lamb! Why is that the requirement of God? Prophetically we know that Jesus is the Passover Lamb. All the qualifications or



selection of the Lamb, He fulfilled even so with the requirement of cooking. So what did Jesus do to fulfill the requirement for cooking the Passover Lamb? Jesus went into the fires of hell after he died. There He took the keys of Death and Hell from Satan. The serpent head, satan has been crushed! (Genesis 3: 15) death, demons, and hell destroyed by the Triumphant Christ when He went down to Hell. Then, rose again on the third day! Hallelujah!

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST**

The blood of the lamb on the other hand is to be painted on the two side of the door frames of the house and on the top door frame where the blood is painted like an inverted letter U. (Exodus 12:7)

The requirement of taking the blood of the lamb and painting it at the two side door frames and lintel of the house tells us of the importance the blood of the lamb's role to play in the protection and deliverance of the Israelites of old from the plagues of Egypt.

Why is the blood so important that it has to be painted on the door frames of every house? What is the true meaning of the blood?

To answer this two questions that are interconnected, let me discuss the purpose for the blood for in doing so we get to understand it's meaning also.

### **First, the blood was created by God to give and sustain physical and spiritual life.**

The scripture says "...the blood is the life..." (Deuteronomy 12:23) "For the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement. (Leviticus 17:11). With this it is now easy to say that blood is equivalent to life or blood is equals life. Therefore, when one does not have blood he does not have life. Now if this is true with our physical life the same is true with our spiritual life. Before man is born again he is dead because of sin. He has no spiritual life because he has no connection with God whatsoever. What he needs is blood so that he can have real spiritual life. What blood? The blood of the lamb! Whose blood? Jesus Christ! Only the blood of the Lamb of God Jesus Christ can give us real life both physical and spiritual that stretches into an eternity of peace and joy with God forever! Not the blood of animals nor human beings but only the Son of God and the Son of Man-Jesus Christ.

### **Secondly, the blood is the atonement for our sins.**

What does atonement mean? It means to make amends; it also means to cover; it also means to make peace and to bring reconciliation. Therefore, it is only the blood of Jesus that is acceptable to God the Father that can atone for the sins, guilt, shame and reproach of anyone who would believe. Again, not the blood of an animal sacrifice; the plant offering of Cain; not our good works or religiosity but the blood of the Sinless-Suffering Messiah!

**Thirdly, the blood is the signature of God that His old and new covenant promise of blessings in this life and eternal life is sealed and secured.**

Abraham was the chosen Man by God to whom He initiated a covenant of blessing in the ancient time of the bible patriarchs. God promised Him a Son through whom all the nations of the earth will be blessed.

God said this at a time when Abraham and Sarah were childless at an old age. In spite of this physical incapacity of Sarah to have children, God promised Abraham that his children will be countless as the stars in the sky and sands along the shore (Gen. 13:16; 15:5). Hearing this promises Abraham believed God's Word and this made him righteous before God (Gen. 15:6).

To seal this covenant God made him sleep and gave him a dream that years later his children will migrate to a different nation then later come back to Canaan Land after about 400 years. (Gen. 15: 13-17) God did this to show Abraham and all the saints of God then and now that God is in Sovereign control of human history and that His covenant promises He faithfully keeps even though we as His faithful ones are limited and finite in our capacities. Just as Abraham passed away at age 175, he never saw the promised multitudes of sons that are as many as the stars in the sky and the sands along the shore but God proved His covenant promises true. His part of the covenant was his FAITH. Today we, believers of Christ in the old and the new covenant are living witnesses that we are a fulfilment of that promise. Therefore, we who have faith in Christ are children of Abraham. Today we are numbered by millions or billions from Abraham's time till now! We are ever growing in numbers without Abraham's control. Why? Because God made a covenant with a mortal, limited man named Abraham yet he pleased God with his faith! Today Abraham still lives with us today by His legacy of faith.

God secured His promise to Abraham by signing His covenant by blood.

In the presence of Abraham and God, 5 animals were killed and cut three animals into halves, made them line up where each divided animal was parallel to each other with a space in between them enough for God to walk in. The ground where the animals lie were covered with blood. Then God made Abraham sleep and as the night approaches God walked in between the divided animals as His act of signing the covenant between them.

(Genesis 15:9-17) Finally God signed His covenant in blood. Now His part of the covenant is to enforce it and Abraham's part is to believe.

Christ is the promised Son of Abraham who will be the Blessing to all nations.

The blood of animals in the old covenant was to show Abraham that God will keep His promise to send the Son who will be the eternal blessing to all mankind. (Genesis 22:18) In the fullness of time God truly kept His promise and fulfilled it in the person of our lord Jesus Christ. Through Him alone, eternal blessings shall come to all who would believe in Him.

But now Christ seals these blessings not with the blood of animals but by His own blood! The blood of the Son of God and Sinless Man! Thus, Christ initiated a new and better Covenant. For the old has a repeated animal blood sacrifice every year as it is inferior, imperfect, and only a prophecy and type of the real perfect one that is superior referring to Christ being God and Man at the same time. For this reason therefore, we now have a new and permanent covenant where we do not need an offering of animals every year during feast celebrations for the sacrifice of Christ is sufficient, required to be done only once for all men of all time. (Hebrews 10:1-14)

#### **Fourthly, the blood is the mark or sign of ownership by God on His people.**

God required the Israelites to paint blood on their doorpost. Not just splattering the blood but making it an inverted U looking similar if not exactly like the Hebrew letters, He and Che. This letters mean covering and life so that everyone inside of this house is protected and has life. No death can enter it for this is the sign of Yahweh, or Jehovah's ownership of the Israelites like a cow is branded or sealed by the owners to denote that the one who bears the seal is the owner of the branded.

#### **CHRIST, THE PASSOVER LAMB IS TO BE EATEN.**

*Jesus said unto them. Verily, verily I say unto you, except you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink His blood you shall have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath everlasting life and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:53-54)*

What is the meaning of these words of Christ? When Jesus spoke these words many of those who were following him left because they said it was a difficult doctrine to swallow. They were taking the words in a physical sense of literally eating His fleshly body and drinking His blood like cannibals and primitive pagans. Of course for the Jews this is an unacceptable doctrine and a taboo. So what does this really mean? There are two meanings to this teaching of Christ.

1. To eat means to believe; take it into the believer's heart, mind and soul; or to internalize the truth that the body and blood of Christ alone is the only cure for our sins and the curses resulting from it. It is also the antidote for the sting of death. Therefore whoever has taken into his heart and life Jesus Christ, He will never die but have everlasting life.
2. To eat means to see the Body of Christ as the source of physical and spiritual food to give health, healing and nourishment of our body, soul and spirit. When we truly believe, internalize and practice this truth we will truly experience the reality of God's internal, external and eternal blessings.

The Passover Meal eaten in Haste with the Israelites dressed up to leave Egypt right away.

Every household has to eat it in haste so they are to eat it with their garments ready to travel for they are going to leave Egypt right away after they eat. (Exodus 12:11)

Why did God ask them to leave right away?

First, God is teaching us that Life and Death cannot mix.

God has sent His Angel of Death to destroy all the gods of Egypt and kill all their firstborn both of men and beast. Death was all around the land of Egypt. It has become a graveyard nation. Everywhere you hear the sound of moaning and crying of mothers and fathers weeping for the great loss of their children and property. They were all in the spirit of perplexity, doubt, despair and confusion for their gods disappointed them. They could not help them. The sight of Egypt was like Sodom and Gomorrah truly, a ruined and a devastated nation! One of the things I find unthinkable was the fact that the Israelites while in the wilderness wanted to go back to Egypt? Why would they want to go back to a nation with a stench of death? The Israelites said. They missed the garlic, onions and fish in Egypt. They are deluded for there is no food and clean river in Egypt. There is no normal life in Egypt. They have no more strong army. God destroyed this proud nation! If and when they go back to Egypt they are going to sign their death warrant and dig their own graves!

Second, When God commands us to move right away. We obey swiftly or face consequences for inaction. God wanted them to leave right away because time is of the essence. Like Lot and family, they were to leave right away and instructed not to even look back. When Lot's wife looked back, she became a pillar of salt. I'm so sad for her that she came so close to life after a narrow escape from judgment yet regretted her leaving everything so her heart moved her face and eyes to gaze back at Sodom. Then suddenly her whole body turned into a pillar of salt. What a pitiful sight! Ever near but never arrived. The same happened to the complaining, rebelling Israelites who want to turn back they "turned to a pillar of desert sand." God's appointed time cannot be changed. We have to follow His schedule or face the consequences. God may not tell us the reasons for His schedule whether He wants us to be in a hurry or wait for His reason is simply just trust Him! He knows what's best for us.

Third, God wanted them to be excited at their new life with God in the desert and look forward to their final destination in their Promised Land in Canaan.

God wanted them to leave death and walk in the new life of freedom and liberty from bondage in the service and the knowledge of the glorious and eternal God of their forefather Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. To go to a better country God promised them. A land flowing with milk and honey, all this in the spirit of joy, thanksgiving, and excitement!

What does this command to make haste in eating the Passover meal and to ready themselves in clothing for the journey that night mean for us today as Spiritual Israelites?

**1. Let me first define important terms the bible is using.**

- a. The word EGYPT means the "world" a system of cultural belief that is against Christ. This may mean a political, economic, cultural, religious system that hates or is contrary to Christ and his teachings.

- b. The word DEATH means no motion, movement, no purpose, cursed, no breath of God, no blessing, no life, and eternal separation from God.
- c. DESERT WILDERNESS means a transitory place of journey for Israel, for them to be trained and schooled in the knowledge of and service of God so when they reach their final destination, the Promised Land, they know how to worship God and serve Him.
- d. The word PROMISED LAND is also called Canaan Land, a piece of real estate property along the Mediterranean Sea north east of Egypt. Bordering on the Northeast the Euphrates River and the south, the river of Egypt. Today it encompasses Syria, Lebanon, Gaza Strip, part of Iraq and part of Jordan. This was promised by God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in Genesis 15: 18-21. This is the eternal inheritance of Israel.
- e. THE JOURNEY OF THE ISRAELITES. It means that they travelled from Egypt to the wilderness desert for close to about two years and three months for their first trip but because they didn't pass the test of faith, they had to go around the desert of Sin for another 38 years. The generation of Israelites that left Egypt died in the desert but their children who were Nineteen years old and below with Joshua and Caleb entered the Promised Land after forty years.

The Israelites of old is the type of the New Testament believers of Christ called Christians, Disciples, Faithful, and Saints by the Apostles. However, there is one description of who we are that speaks of our relationship to the world; how we treat it and our present life in terms of our purpose for existence and what we look forward to in our future life as our final destination. The Apostle Peter best describes us as Pilgrims or Sojourners in this life saying "*Dearly beloved, I beseech you as Strangers and Pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.*" (1Peter 2:11)

We as true believers are on a Pilgrimage in this life. This world is not our permanent home. This is only a transit place for us, just like travelling to a certain place of destination in a plane or bus were there are transit stop-overs before we reach our final destination. Our real home, our final destination is the dwelling place of God called heaven. It is a place of eternal bliss, joy and pleasure with God the Father and our Savior Jesus Christ. Then at His second coming, He creates a new heaven and a new earth and with it is the "New Jerusalem" (Revelation 21:1-4) ( 1Peter 3:13) This is the Eternal City that Abraham was looking forward to eternally live! (Hebrews 11:8, 9, 10) It is supremely better than the paradise of Eden that Adam and Eve inherited before the fall. Surely it is worth the cost; the ride and travel inconveniences just to be there! Our travel time is not too long. It is short. On an average by God's mercy and favor we live up to 70 or 80. A life full of challenges yet a very fulfilling journey to us whose main pleasure in life is to love and obey our God. (Psalm 90: 9-10)

Since now we know we are destined to rule and reign with Christ forever in the coming new heavens and earth and we are called Pilgrims in this world constantly on the move, how do we treat this world we are living in?

## We are to Love not the World

St. John says love not the world neither the things in the world the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. (1John 2:14-15)

I described Egypt to be a type of the world system where her laws, and values are hostile or contrary to Christ and His teachings. Why? Due to the fact that Egypt or the world has numerous gods whom they serve. While we serve the only One, True and Living God

### Lusts of the Eyes

St. John the apostle describes the world as having a political, economic, social, religious, educational value systems of feeding, supporting and satisfying the desires of the eyes to be pleased by what it sees that goes beyond the norm and is forbidden by God.

Also, the lust of the eyes is the desire of the eyes in a person or thing that is pleasurable to look at; wanting to touch and wanting to possess that person or thing which is not yours or is forbidden by God. In the old covenant it is the tenth commandment of thou shall not covet your neighbor's goods, property and wife. (Exodus 20:17) Like Eve when she desired, touched and then ate the forbidden fruit. This was a very costly mistake that caused her and Adam including all of mankind the death penalty. Like Samson and David whose love for the pleasure of looking and wanting a beautiful woman that is forbidden by God made them to act foolishly that brought them untold pains and sorrows. Like Balaam who was a good prophet at first, but because of the enticement of sensual pleasure, material riches, honor and power offered by Balak king of Moab, he became a false prophet and a warlock. He used his spiritual gift in rebellion against God by using witchcraft; cursing Israel and entrapping Israelite soldiers to commit idolatry and fornication with Moabite women that resulted in a plague, slowed, then stopped the entire Israelite march towards the land of promise in the place called Shittim in Moab.

### Today's application

The danger of Impulse buying: thoughtless and careless spending. Today the gods of this world wants to blind and darken the Believer's eyes and mind so He cannot discern right from wrong, false and true. This is done through the charm of sensual, temporal, and material pleasures.

How many believers have been entrapped by impulse buying and thoughtless purchases of electronic gadgets, toys, appliances, cars, homes etc. that is not affordable or goes beyond their means all because there is the offer of the creditor bank or finance co. Then they end up losing all of it in the end, plus the emotional heaviness of regret, sense of loss, feeling of defeat and loss of self –worth. But thank God He is there to help when we come to our right mind and look to him in believing prayer that He will give us a second chance to follow His way and a comeback. Yet it is wise to follow the old saying; “an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure.”

How many marriages fail due to financial hardship? How many families break up or is scattered due to financial loss all because of unwise spending and uncontrollable appetite to spend unnecessarily. Worst, not even honoring God with His portion of the blessings He gives us with His tithes and offerings. It is time to change our ways and make obedience to God and His commandments our number one priority. If we do this and look to Christ for wisdom and guidance, He will surely reward our faith with His intervention and in the end, will have a comeback with our joy full again.

1. The danger of exposing or overly exposing oneself to legal or illegal spots of provocations or tempting situations. When I speak of tempting situations I mean a particular weakness of the soul that maybe weak for some but strong for others. When we were still in Egypt (the world) we were in bondage to sin but by His grace we got delivered by Christ. However, from time to time the devil comes to tempt to make us go back to Egypt. world” (John17: 13-16) It is for this truth that Jesus prayed for all of us before and more so now in heaven that we His people of faith be kept away from the evil. (John 17:15)

Based on our Egyptian past and background, for some pornography is a strong temptation; for some, the sight of drugs; some the sight of former gang mates; for some casinos; for some the sight of guns; for some violent video games. For some foods and alcohol; for some legitimate sport; for some socials and parties; some fanatical occult religious groups; I can go on and on with my lists of exposure or over exposure to spots and places that are normal and abnormal legal or illegal that can bring one to a strong temptation. Then given time if one does not remove himself or herself from that situation like a battering ram sooner or later the tempted will give in to the tempter.

Now again will this be true for all? Of course not for some can be over exposed to casinos but never gambles because it is not his weakness. It can be part of His or her job as waiter to earn for his family. For some going to Drugs and gang neighborhood to bring the gospel is not a temptation. Going to a nightclub may not be a temptation for some to preach the gospel. I know of ministers who have this ministry. I also experienced preaching to a nightclub and brought the employees to the Lord. The owner later after a month closed it. They all got a new life and went their way out of Egypt! So I think I made myself clear here in explaining that we ought to know what temptation we find as great, and avoid exposure or over exposure to it and temptations we can easily brush aside with no or less efforts at all. Our aim in life is to pursue Christ, to seek to know Him and see Him in the beauty of His Person and Work. The more we know Him and grow in His love, the more we obey Him. As we grow to be intimate with Him, the less we sin as Jesus said. “...*I know Him and I keep His saying.*” (John 8:55). As we grow closer to Christ He will purify us in heart and eyes until the day we see Him face to face in heaven where as we grow closer to Christ He will purify us in heart and eyes until the day we see Him face to face in heaven where we will be like Him with no more struggles over the Lust of the Eyes.

However, brothers and sisters in the Lord, we just need to be watchful that we do not think that our strength over a temptation is of our own. It is given to us by Christ. So let us not think we can stand on our own lest we fall. Let us remain humble and dependent on Christ and the Power of His Holy Spirit. (John 14:1-5)

### The lust of the flesh

The lust of the flesh mean the basic, natural propensity of the body and soul of man to satisfy his physical need and desires for survival, fulfillment, and pleasure w/c can be to a point of violating God's law and the rights of others to live and to own property.

Another meaning is the carnal inclination of the body and soul of man to act without thinking, considering not the moral and ethical consequences of such action.

With this definition we can easily see how destructive man can be in this world we live in. Man can easily be violent verbally or physically resulting in injury or death. Worst it can go into nation against nation resulting in grave damages and great loss of life. Like the dangerous current conflict in Ukraine, China and Japan including Southeast Asian nations like the Philippines. Like the nation of Israel, Iran and the Palestinians. The conflict is always between the aggressors and the aggrieved party; the big against the small; the violent against the peace loving; the rich who wants to be richer at the expense of stealing from the poor even the last penny of a widow. The human flesh can be so naturally cruel, evil and monstrous unless Christ intervenes and bring restraint to its destructive path.

War and conflict is the result of carnal motives of envy, jealousy, greed, inordinate passion of sexual lust, anger and betrayal; vengeance, Pride, real and imagined injustice. As James the apostle said. *"From whence wars and fighting among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that dwell in your members? Ye lust and do not have so ye kill, desire to have and cannot obtain: so ye fight and war."* (James 4:1-2)

The flesh is so dark, ugly and monstrous that it deserves to die! Thus Christ needs to bring it at the Cross and kill it. Christ became FLESH like us yet never gave in to the lust of the eyes; the flesh and the Pride of life. So He took all of man's fleshly sins upon himself and then God the Father killed it at the Cross together with Christ as our substitute so we can be free of condemnation and sin's power. Praise be to the Passover Lamb!

### Pride of Life

What is the meaning of these words by St. John referring this to an item that the world we live in possess?



This means exalting, lifting, glorifying one's self for what one has possessed, acquired, or owned, inherited, or has as a natural gift, like being proud of one's talent, money, possessions, success, beauty, strength, intelligence, connection, gender, race, religion, nation and others.

The other related words or concept similar to pride is belief oneself as god; boastful, arrogant, selfish, self-centered, vain, and conceited. The best pronoun to describe it is I, Me and Myself. Where the world of the one entrapped in this worldly system revolves only on I, me, and my will be done on earth.

These sins exclude God as the main factor of one's blessings. If He is included, God is only used as a means to pursue one's agenda or objectives. At the worst God and Christ is totally rejected as the source of life, strength, grace, truth, wisdom, gifts, talents, and all external systems of order that brings peace, justice and prosperity in a society or nation.

These sins have awful, devastating, and eternal consequences if not repented of or a person does not submit to the Lordship of Christ for it is either "Christ is Lord" of our lives or "I am Lord of my life". There is no in between. Lucifer said. *I ...will ascend into heaven...I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...I will sit upon the mount of the congregation...I will ascend above the heights of the cloud...I will be like the Most High.* (Isaiah 14:13-14). Five times Lucifer said "I will" and He brought upon himself an eternal judgment of descent upon the pit of Hell. (Isaiah 14:15)

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon said. *"Is not this great Babylon that I have built for the house of thy kingdom which I have built by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?"* (Daniel 4:30) After the king spoke these words, God spoke from heaven and judged him to be transformed into a beast to live among the beasts of the field to eat grass. God did this to teach him and all men of power and government that power is given only by God to whomsoever He wills. *"While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; the kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beast of the field; they shall make you eat grass like oxen...until you know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdoms of men and giveth it to whomsoever He wills."* (Daniel 4:31-32)

King Herod was slain by the angel of the Lord when after he gave an oratory speech before his subjects, the people shouted and said. "It is the voice of a god and not of a man". (Acts 12:22) His death was ugly and disgusting for immediately worms came out and ate his body. (Act 12:23)

We need to take heed to the book of proverbs "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. (Proverbs 16:18)

Even the traditional 7 deadly sins list, pride as the number one in the hierarchy of deadliness.

Let us learn from the bad examples of Lucifer, Nebuchadnezzar and Herod for their names has been immortalized as the total picture of Proud Ambition, Glorification of Self, and man

attributing himself as god. We ought to be reminded too of the fearful consequences of these sins which is destruction and eternal death.

Let us now learn well from this lesson as beloved saints of Christ by the following:

1. Let us not pursue living our own way but surrendering to Christ's way.
2. Let us be always and forever be grateful to God and His son Jesus Christ for the Life, Truth, Grace, Provision, Protection, Guidance, and Help even being there for us when we go through the fire, floods, and storms of life. More so for giving us eternal life.
3. Let us follow the examples of Christ in meekness, lowliness of mind, humility, selflessness and depending and giving honor to the Father always even obedience unto death.
4. Let us as new persons born again by the Spirit and the Word denying ourselves of our self- will; remove the old Man or old nature and wore a new clothing made by Christ full of Love, joy, peace, righteousness, holiness and wisdom.

Why should we not love the world? For this world passes away. It changes from one age to another. We are just pilgrims on earth passing through for we are looking forward to our eternal destiny, the dwelling place of God and Christ. There we will be happy forever!

## THE UNLEAVENED BREAD STORY AND MEANING

### **The commandment to celebrate the feast of Unleavened Bread:**

*<sup>15</sup>Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.*

*<sup>16</sup>And in the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.*

*<sup>17</sup>And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought Christ: The Lamb and the Bread ©copyright Jude M. Garcia National Library Philippines 2016 serve this day in your generations by an ordinance forever.*

*<sup>18</sup>In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.*

*<sup>19</sup>Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.*

*<sup>20</sup>Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.”  
(Exodus 12:15-20)*

## THE HISTORY OF THE UNLEAVENED BREAD CELEBRATION

About 3,500 yrs. ago, a family from the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (later called Israel) with His 12 sons, their wives and households migrated to a land called Egypt. They were originally from their God given land in Canaan but because of a severe famine that plagued the

land they were forced to go to Egypt to buy bread in order to survive. However, upon reaching Egypt they got a surprise of a lifetime. An amazing unexpected miracle took place. Joseph their kinsfolk whom his brothers sold into slavery,

Israel's second youngest became the Prime Minister of Egypt! After a tense and teary drama of reconciliation and forgiveness Joseph saved his blood family from starvation and death. From that time on they all decided to live in Egypt and lived happily for some good years until a wicked Pharaoh started to rule in Egypt and made their lives miserable.

In spite of their hard life they increased in numbers greatly so that within 400 years they became close to 600,000 men and maybe about 3,000,000 including women and children. Their happy start in Egypt became a sorrowful ordeal of hardship, cruelty, slavery and death. Their experience caused them to cry out day and night praying to the God of their father Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob for help. God heard their prayers and sent Moses to be His arm of salvation to deliver them from their bitter bondage to Pharaoh and Egypt.

In the fullness of time, when Moses was ready God sent him to Egypt with many signs, and wonders of judgment in Egypt but on the other hand Protection, Provision, and Salvation to Israel. It was truly an awesome sight of God's sanctification and Intervention for His people.

At the last day before they left Egypt God gave an eternal command to mark the month of Abib or Nissan to be a day of remembering their Exodus from Egypt into their freedom to serve the one and true God in the wilderness and in their ultimate destiny, the Promised Land of Canaan.

### **Feast of Unleavened Bread requirement and meaning**

One of the requirements on this month which is the focus of our lesson is the seven days of eating Bread without leaven and that no leaven is to be found in the home during this celebration. For close to three thousand years, from the time of Moses to the time of John the Baptist, the Israelites were keeping this feast by faith, by obedience based on biblical authority or their historical tradition.

Most doing it without truly understanding the meaning of the leaven, nor the unleavened bread, and eating it for seven days! Even the prophets and wise men have no full understanding or revelation of it. The patriarchs and the prophets of old may easily connect the sacrifices of animals to the coming Messiah because of its Genesis origin found in Genesis 3:15, 20 and 21. However, the eating of Unleavened Bread on the other hand is difficult, because this is taught much later in the book Exodus in Moses time. Even the wisest searchers of truth only have a glimpse or a minimal understanding. It is surely a mystical ritual to most. Even in the time of Christ no one understood it's meaning except our Master, Jesus Christ!

Then, in the fullness of time Christ the Son of God who became the Son of Man in the last days of His public ministry, while celebrating Passover before His suffering and death, made a surprising, amazing and radical claim before His disciples, when He said. "*As they were eating,*

*Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to His disciples and said. "Take it; this is my Body." (Matthew 26:26)*

What does He meant by this claim "*Take eat; this is my body*"?

1. This means that the Unleavened bread speaks of the sinless life and broken body of Jesus Christ.

This celebration of the feast of unleavened bread done every year was not just a remembrance of the deliverance of Israel but a prophecy of the person, conduct, and salvation work of the coming Messiah. The ingredient of the unleavened bread is only a shadow and picture type of Jesus Christ who though clothe in the human body does not have any leaven of sin in His life. As a man He was tempted and yet never sinned! Wherein anyone who believes in Him, takes in, or receive His sinless broken body inside of them by faith shares in His Righteousness, His sinless life, and death. Then later at His second coming inherit a resurrected, incorruptible and immortal body.

#### His Life and Body Suffered and Died.

While Jesus was celebrating Passover with His disciples, He blessed and broke the Unleavened bread. Then, claimed that this broken unleavened bread speaks of His body that will suffer and die on the cross of Calvary at the hands of sinners though He was not guilty of any sin or wrongdoing.

*"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Matt. 26:26-28)*

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#### His Suffering and Death was by His Own Choice

No one forced Christ to come down here on earth to become man and identify with all human suffering and die. It was His choice. The Romans and Jews had no power over Him as He said to Pilate. "*You could have no power at all against me unless it had been given you from above...*" (John 19:11)

He came by His own choice. He has the power to give His life or take it back as He said in John 10:18 "No one takes it from me but I lay it down of myself. I have the power to lay it down and I have the power to take it again." But why did Jesus decide to give His life? It is because He loved God His heavenly Father and Mankind. In His love for His Father, He would always choose to please and obey Him so when God His father wanted to save humanity from sin and the curse He did not hesitate to volunteer! As the Scripture says in Isaiah 6:8 ...whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then I said.

*"Here am I! Send me"* "Then I said. *"Behold I have come- in the volume of the book it is written of me to do your will O God."* (Hebrews 10:11)

Not only that He loved His Father but that He loved mankind and the world as well, so much so that He was willing to suffer humiliation, resist temptation throughout His life and endure a very painful death on the cross.

## **1. THE MEANING OF HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

His Death was the Punishment of God the Father on the Sins of the Whole World.

The curse of suffering and death that Jesus Christ experienced on Calvary was not the result of the punishment of God the Father on Him. No and Never! He was not guilty of any sin, offense or crime. Rather, it was the punishment of all humanity of all time from the time of Adam till the last person at the day of his second coming compacted into one time and one place, April 3 A.D. 33 at mount Moriah, Jerusalem as the scripture says. *"Surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted" (Isaiah 53:4) "...and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."* (Isaiah 53:6)

Many learned men thought it was the Jews that killed him or the Romans or Religious men, Politicians, Soldiers, or wicked men. No! It was none of the above. The scriptures plainly said. It was GOD! In His love and infinite wisdom His plan of salvation was to choose a man who is blameless, guiltless, and sinless yet willing to carry the weight of the world's sins upon himself and willing to take the punishment of it all so that whoever believes in Him is freed from the punishment and now is accounted righteous. For He became our substitute for all the punishment our sins deserve.

Who in all of heaven and earth's creation is qualified to meet God's requirement for the salvation of the world and humanity?

None of the angels or any man for all fell short. Only Christ qualified and was willing! "

Not only that He loved His Father but that He loved mankind and the world as well, so much so that He was willing to suffer humiliation, resist temptation throughout His life and endure a very painful death on the cross.

While hanging on the cross Jesus cried out and said. *My God, My God why have you forsaken me?* With this words Christ has just confessed what God the Father did to Him. He was abandoned by the Father with no angels to defend him or rescue him from the cross. The full wrath of God's fury and anger on the sins of all humanity was now unleashed by God himself on His own begotten Son! All these He endured for the justification, sanctification and glorification of every true believer. Blessed be the name of our Glorious Christ!

## Jesus Rose from the Grave because He was Sinless.

When Adam and Eve fell into sin, death came unto all mankind. Why? This was the promised justice by God on the Garden of Eden. He said. "...of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat for in the day you eat of it, you shall surely die." (Gen. 2:6) Thus, Adam lived only for 950 years then died. After him everyone dies! Who can defeat death? What magic potion or pill can cure death? What fruit or plant can cure death? What can modern science and technology invent that can cure death? All man can ever invent are ways and means to prolong life and delay death. But even this does not take into consideration death from war, accident, plague, diseases, and natural calamities.

From the Garden of Eden till now no human being was able to conquer death. But thanks be to God through Jesus Christ' sinless life, death could not sting Him. Thus, Hell and the grave do not have a choice but to vomit Him out of the grave! For He doesn't deserve death and hell, He did not sin. How could He be penalized by God? He only deserved to be resurrected! So, on the third from Passover in the midst of the feast of Unleavened Bread, the real Hero of humanity, Jesus Christ rose from the grave!

Victorious over sin and the curse! Now everyone who believe and follow Him shall have everlasting life, not only an eternity of bliss but an abundant fulfilling new life in this world with our new Savior and King.

## **PASSOVER PRAYER FOR BLESSING:**

### **1. PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF OUR UNION WITH THE DEATH OF OUR MESSIAH, JESUS CHRIST. (Done during the eating of the Lamb)**

FATHER IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SABBATH FEAST OF PASSOVER AND UNLEAVENED BREAD; AS WE EAT THE MEAT OF THIS GOAT OR LAMB WE REMEMBER THAT YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST IS THE PASSOVER LAMB, HIS BODY DIED ON THE CROSS 2,000 YRS. AGO. BY FAITH, WE APPROPRIATE THE POWER OF OUR UNION WITH HIS DEATH THAT SIN MAY NOT ANYMORE HAVE POWER OVER US. WE PRAY THEREFORE THAT WE BE DEAD TO SIN AND UNBELIE. NOW WE THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSING OF OUR UNION WITH YOUR SON'S DEATH ON THE CROSS IN JESUS NAME. AMEN.

### **2. PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF OUR UNION WITH HIS SINLESS LIFE AND RESURRECTED BODY. (Done during the eating of the Unleavened Bread)**

FATHER IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST, WE COME TO YOU TO REMEMBER OUR UNION WITH YOUR SINLESS LIFE AND RESURRECTED BODY. AS WE EAT THIS UNLEAVENED BREAD, WE PRAY FOR THE INWARD BLESSING OF A NEW LIFE AND THE POWER TO FOLLOW YOU CLOSELY UNTIL WE ARE CHANGED INTO IMMORTAL AND INCORRUPTIBLE BEINGS IN JESUS NAME. AMEN.

### **3. PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF THE MARK AND SEAL OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS IN OUR LIVES AND HOMES**

FATHER IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST, WE COME TO YOU TO REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE BEEN COVERED, MARKED, AND SEALED WITH YOUR PRECIOUS

BLOOD. BY FAITH WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE NOW FREE FROM GUILT, SHAME, REPROACH, SICKNESS, SORROW, AND DEATH. NOW WE THANK YOU FOR OUR FREEDOM FROM THIS CURSE AND THE BLESSING OF LIFE EVERLASTING, IN JESUS NAME. AMEN.

**4. PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF FAVOR WITH ALL MEN.  
(Done during the eating of the egg, and bitter herbs and dried fruits)**

FATHER IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST, WE COME TO YOU TO REMEMBER THAT THE WEALTH OF EGYPT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US. WE THEREFORE PRAY AND BELIEVE THAT FINANCIAL BLESSING, FREEDOM FROM DEBT AND SLAVERY FROM THE EGYPT OR THE WORLD BE EXPERIENCED BY ALL OF US WHO BELIEVE. THANK YOU LORD FOR THE ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS IN JESUS NAME. AMEN.

**A. Program for Passover and the Requirements for the symbols.**

**Guide:** This is a one-day event therefore, is a congregational gathering to be done only in the sanctuary (Deuteronomy 16:5-6).

1. Praise and worship songs are about the body and blood of Christ. (shofar/trumpet blowing)
2. Roasted/grilled goat to be eaten by everyone only a very small portion like a toothpick size portion per person.
3. The whole Unleavened bread will be distributed piece by piece to the members of the congregation by the pastors and elders. Also, the same with the grape juice.
4. Everyone must have an offering to the Lord. (sound of trumpets/shofar)
5. Bitter herbs or *ampalaya* should be eaten.
6. Prayers of blessings done with each important part during the ritual and the program.

**B. Program for last day of Feast of Unleavened Bread.**

This is a congregational gathering to be done only in the sanctuary (Deuteronomy 16:5-6, 8).

1. Praise and worship songs are about the resurrection of Christ. (shofar/trumpet blowing) (songs must be songs of joy and victory about the resurrection). Everyone is to make a Jericho victory shout of praise and thanksgiving.
2. The whole Unleavened bread will be distributed piece by piece to the members of the congregation. Also the grape juice by the pastors and elders.
3. Everyone must have an offering to the Lord. (sound of trumpets/shofar) (Deuteronomy 16:16-17).
4. Word preaching (Resurrection).
5. Presentation of all males before the Lord (the pastor will anoint and consecrate them with oil.) (Deuteronomy 16:16).