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Dear Partners,

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"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 an ordinance for ever." <u>Exodus 13:3</u>

In this passage the Word of God is instructing the Israelites to keep the Passover (Feast of Unleavened Bread) as a commemoration of their exit from Egypt. The Lord instructed them to set aside a day of remembrance so they can meditate on the goodness of God; how He brought them out of slavery and spared their firstborns. If you will remember the story of Moses, the sequence of 10 plagues upon the people of Egypt ended with the death of all the firstborns.

The destroyer passed through and struck the firstborns of the Egyptians. The Israelites were instructed to kill a Passover lamb and mark their doorposts with the blood of the lamb. This way when the angel of death would see the blood, he would not strike that household. Because of their obedience, the firstborns of every Israelite family were spared but the firstborns of every Egyptian family and animal died.

Why would the Lord instruct the Israelites to keep this "memorial" as part of their lives? He did it to ensure that they never forget where they came from and how **merciful** the Lord was.

What does the Passover have to do with us today?

EWSLETTER

Sadly there are Christians all over the world today that do not know what the Passover symbolizes or the importance of it today. God has impressed on our hearts to speak on this subject and shed some light on this Old Testament act. In order to understand how it pertains to us today we have to look into the history of the Old Testament. According to Leviticus 16, only the High Priest (Aaron) could enter into the Holy of Holies **once a year** on behalf of his sin, his household and the sin of the people. The Holy of Holies was located inside of the Tabernacle behind a thick curtain separating the two sections. No one but the High Priest was permitted there.

In the New Testament Jesus comes to earth as the second Adam, the ultimate Sacrifice to atone for the sins of ALL MANKIND once and for all. Thank God for Jesus! In **Hebrews 9:24-26** says, "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entered into the holy place every year with blood of others....but now ONCE in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."

When Jesus the Perfect Lamb of God died for our sins, **He appeared before God ONCE for ALL!** Praise God! If it were not for Jesus and what He did on the Cross for us, we would still have to atone or make amends for our sins to this day. If it were not for Jesus and what He did on the cross for us, **it would be impossible for us to keep the whole law.**

Our commandment now, in the New Covenant (after Jesus), is to take Communion in remembrance or memorial of what He did for us on the Cross of Calvary.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree") Galatians 3:13

Remember that the Lord instructed the Israelites to keep the Passover as a commemoration of how He had miraculously gotten them out of slavery. The same way the Lord spared the life of their firstborns is the same way **Jesus spared our life** from eternal damnation. *Our new instruction today is for us to take the Communion of our Lord Jesus Christ in remembrance of the price He paid for us.*

In John chapter 6:53-54, Jesus said, *Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you, whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.*

When we take Communion we take life unto ourselves not only in this life but for Eternity. In this life on earth we're just passing by; we're travelers. But when we partake of **His broken body and the blood** that was shed, we take that seed of eternity inside of us. Verse 57 goes on to say that Jesus lives because of the Father so we also live because of Jesus. He tells us that if we eat this Bread, which is Jesus Himself, we will live forever! What a promise for all God's children! *Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him* John 6:56

Communion becomes extremely important this month when we celebrate the death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We should take the communion as often as we can. When we take it, we take it with the hope of eternity knowing that we have taken the **seed of Life during Communion**. In order for us to have the hope of eternal life, and the seed of Resurrection in us, we must fellowship with the Father through the act of Communion. It is a privilege as Christians because we do it in remembrances of Him and the price He paid for us (1 Cor. 11:25b).

When we allow ourselves to become penetrated by the message of the Resurrection and what it means for us, we will begin to **understand what it means to honor God**. We have the privilege as children of the most High God to celebrate the act of Jesus and the liberty and freedom we receive from it. Honoring God should not be a chore for us. It is the highest honor and privilege!

We believe that God is getting ready to move in miraculous ways in the lives of our partners and others around the world. Please continue to pray for this Ministry and for what God has called us to do. Please pray for those here, in Europe and all over the world that watch our programs and have been set free, delivered and restored by the Message of Jesus. *We're in this race together*.

We thank God for each one of you who have been so faithful in this Ministry. Whether you have prayed for us, believed God for miracles with us or have supported us financially, you are a blessing to us and for the Kingdom of God. There are many needs in this Ministry but please pray for new equipment! This is an urgency for this Ministry and we believe God for it as soon as possible so we can take this Gospel all over the world!

We thank God for your obedience partners! Because of **you** we are able to take God's uncompromised Word to the ends of the world and reach the forgotten for Jesus. We are winning souls for God's kingdom together and your reward is the same as ours! We are so thankful for you and your continued prayers and financial support!

Please continue to send in your prayer requests! We are here to pray for you and for whatever you believe God for. Please email, write or call us for any need in your life. And remember what Jesus did on that Cross for you this Easter as you celebrate **HIS RESURRECTION**, the most selfless act that anyone has ever done for mankind!

Have a Blessed Resurrection Day!

John & Alexandra and the JMM staff

