

The Lord's Supper is

A CELEBRATION!



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)



Do you like CELEBRATIONS?

Most people all over the world celebrate something during their life here on earth. Many people

celebrate

BIRTHDAYS!



People from all parts of the world CELEBRATE all kinds of days or occasions that have a special meaning



to them. Do you know what the word CELEBRATE means? Here are some definitions for the word

CELEBRATE:

1. to show happiness that something good or special has happened by doing such things as eating and drinking together or playing music.
2. to mark a special occasion or day by ceremonies or festivities.
3. to perform a religious ceremony according to the prescribed forms.
4. to praise something or someone publicly for something good or special that they have done.

Look up at all those definitions. Then fill in the blanks of the following statements to find out the REASON or

PURPOSE people celebrate. People celebrate to

show h _ _ _ i n _ s _

that something g _ _ d or special has happened.

People celebrate to
_ _ r _ a special occasion or day.

People celebrate to
p_ a i_ _ e something or someone for
something g _ _ d or special that they have done.

Now look back at all those definitions once more.
Then fill in the missing words to find out
THE WAY or HOW people celebrate.

People celebrate by
doing such things as _ _ t i n _ and dr _ _ _ ing
together or playing m _ _ _ c.

People mark a special occasion or day
by cer _ _ _ nie _ or festivities.

People celebrate by
performing a r _ igi _ _ _ ceremony a certain way.

So we see from all these definitions that
CELEBRATIONS
are HAPPY TIMES used to REMEMBER something good or
special. They are JOYOUS TIMES used to PRAISE some-
thing or someone for something good or special that they have
done. Well, did you ever realize that the Lord's Supper is a

CELEBRATION?

It certainly is! Most of the definitions that we just
read for the word CELEBRATE fit the REASONS &
the PURPOSE & the WAY or HOW we

CELEBRATE

THE LORD'S SUPPER!

Let's read what happened at the very **FIRST** Lord's Supper to see **WHY** the Lord's Supper is a **CELEBRATION!**

As we read, **PICTURE** in your mind what happened on that day just about 2000 years ago.

"Now the first *day* of the *feast of unleavened bread* the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?"

And he (Jesus) said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples.

And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover."

Matthew 26:17-19 KJB



On the night before Jesus went to the cross, He **CELEBRATED** a special part of an important Jewish feast called the “feast of unleavened bread” with His disciples. On the first day of this feast, the Jewish people **CELEBRATED** what The Lord calls **THE PASSOVER**. On this special feast day, each family was to prepare a special lamb to eat. This lamb was to have nothing wrong with it. It was to be a healthy lamb—a **PICTURE OF PERFECTION!** There were other **SPECIAL FOODS** that the Jewish people were to eat at this **PASSOVER** celebration too. But the

entire celebration was to help them REMEMBER a certain day long before in history when the Lord through Moses delivered the Jewish people from an evil Pharaoh of Egypt. Here is a VERY BRIEF explanation of WHY the Lord Jesus was going to CELEBRATE this special feast on the night before He went to the cross for YOU & for ME — for ALL!

At that time in history, the Jewish people were slaves in Egypt. The particular Pharaoh at that time was VERY MEAN to them & treated them harshly. If you want to know more about this, read Exodus chapters 1– 12. And so, the Lord told the man named Moses all that He would do to RESCUE the Jewish people from the awful slavery they were in under this evil Egyptian Pharaoh. One of the most important instructions that the Lord told Moses to tell the people was that on a certain day, they were to slay that special lamb & put the blood from that lamb upon the door posts of their home. Here is what the Lord told Moses to tell the people concerning that FIRST PASSOVER LAMB:

“And ye (all the Jewish people) shall keep it (the special lamb) up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* (the blood from the lamb) on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.”



Exodus 12:6-7 KJB

Why did the Lord tell the people to do this at that time & WHY was the Lord Jesus CELEBRATING this special feast on the night before His death? Let’s read the next scripture to find out: “And the blood shall be to you for a token

upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you* when I smite the land of Egypt."

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." Exodus 12:13-14 LKB

Why did the Lord tell the people to slay the lamb & put its blood on the door posts that day?

Because the Lord was coming that night to SMITE the land of Egypt. Read Exodus 12:12 to find out HOW the Lord was going to SMITE Egypt. But the Lord PROMISED, that WHOEVER was in a house where the blood from the special lamb was on the door post would be SAFE from the Lord's judgment against Egypt. The Lord promised that He would PASS OVER all the houses where this special blood was on the door posts. It was right after the Lord sent this judgment upon Egypt that the evil Pharaoh let the Jewish people go. And WHY was the Lord Jesus CELEBRATING this special feast on the night before His death?

Because He was OBEYING the command that the Lord gave Moses up there in Exodus 12: 13-14 to KEEP THIS FEAST AS A MEMORIAL FOR EVER to remember that FIRST PASSOVER when the Lord PASSED OVER THE HOUSES WITH THE LAMB'S BLOOD & rescued His people from the evil Pharaoh! Jesus was Jewish.

While Jesus lived on this earth, He PERFECTLY OBEYED ALL the LAWS & CELEBRATED all the FEASTS in the EXACT RIGHT WAY as the Lord had told the Jewish people to do through Moses.

And so on that night before His death, Jesus had ALL THE CORRECT



foods & drink prepared so that He & His disciples could eat & drink special foods, say special prayers, sing special songs to CELEBRATE the PASSOVER correctly! But then during that CELEBRATION, Jesus did something NEW! At this Passover supper on the night before Jesus went to the cross, Jesus took some of the special food & drink to TEACH His disciples how they would be CELEBRATING from now on in a NEW WAY & for a NEW REASON!

Let's read what Jesus did & said during that
LAST PASSOVER SUPPER:

"And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave it unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."



Luke 22:19-20 KJB

What were the 2 parts of the Passover meal that Jesus used to teach this NEW WAY & NEW REASON for celebrating?
Fill in the blanks to answer.

Jesus used the b _ _ a _ and the c _ _ to teach His disciples the NEW WAY they would CELEBRATE from then on.

Jesus used that BREAD & that CUP to teach His disciples the NEW REASON for celebrating. At this LAST PASSOVER SUPPER, Jesus used the BREAD & the CUP to teach His disciples how they

should CELEBRATE all the special things that Jesus was going to do for them the very next day when He would be crucified on the cross.

Jesus told His disciples that the BREAD would help them remember His BODY which He was going to give for them that very next day.

Jesus told His disciples that the CUP would help them remember His BLOOD which He was going to shed for them that very next day.

Jesus used the food & drink from the Passover celebration to teach them (& us by the way) that HE was the REAL PASSOVER LAMB! See

1Cor 5:708, 1Peter 1:18-19. He was the LAMB OF GOD who TAKETH

AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD! (John 1:29)

And because they BELIEVED IN HIM, they & anyone else at all who believes in Him, will be SAVED from God's wrath & judgment forever!

On that cross, Jesus paid in full for the sins of the entire world. But only those who BELIEVE IN HIM will be FOREVER SAVED from God's wrath, just as only those with the BLOOD on the DOORPOST long ago were saved from God's wrath at that time.

The Lord's Supper IS a celebration to celebrate any time at all! Believers in Jesus use the BREAD & THE CUP to mark that special work that Jesus did when He went to the cross to do what no other person could do for us—He paid for all of our sins & made the way for us to be SAVED from God's wrath forever. We should CELEBRATE the Lord's Supper with HAPPINESS & PRAISE for our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ! The Lord's Supper is a CELEBRATION!



GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Pastor John A. Ricci

Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

Available for Every Service

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Directions

From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Right*.



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