NEW BEGINNING!

Genesis 1:26a ESV

"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

A new beginning

- We were made to reflect God
- Where we are not reflecting God we are missing it
- We are falling short of reflecting Him
 Covenant with Abraham

Genesis 12:2-3b ESV

"And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse"

Passover of Israel

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Exodus 12

- The nation of Israel came through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Joseph ended up in Egypt with his 11 brothers. After 430 years in Egypt the Israel nation was slaves. God redeemed His people by liberating them from the oppression of Egypt.
- The Passover
- The final act of deliverance to let God's people go.
- In Exodus 12 God instructed Israel through Moses to take a Lamb without blemish.
- Take the blood and put it on the door post.

Exodus 12:7 ESV

"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it."

Exodus 12:13 ESV

"The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt."

Passover of Israel

- The practice would indicate that the members of the household had followed the Lord's instructions and were consecrated to him
- Developed sacrificial system
- The blood of the slain lamb to be a vivid reminder that a life had to be sacrificed in place of those in the home.

Exodus 12:14 ESV

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

Passover of Israel

- The beginning of Israel's deliverance from slavery
- The Lord brought judgment by killing the firstborn in every Egyptian house but "passed over" the Israelite houses where the blood of the Passover lamb had been applied.
- For a further 1500 yrs Israel kept the passover.

MISSING

MARK

Missing the mark

 No longer reflecting the glory of God and falling short of the glory of God

Looking at the heart?

Jeremiah 17:9 ESV

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "

v20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

v21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it

v22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: v23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

v24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

v25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

v26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Missing the mark

• We were falling short, a whole chasm between us and God.

The coming Messiah

Isaiah 25:6-9 ESV

"On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast ... And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

Isaiah 25:6-9 ESV

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,...

Isaiah 25:6-9 ESV

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." "

John 1:29b ESV

"..."Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" "

Romans 5:6-8 ESV

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die, but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:12,14a ESV

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses"

God's provision



"v15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

v17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

v18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

v19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."

Jesus

Romans 6:5,10-11 ESV

"v5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."

Romans 6:5,10-11 ESV

v10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. v11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Luke 22:14-15 ESV

"And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." " Jesus earnestly desired to eat this meal with his disciples for several reasons: 1. It represented the founding of the nation of Israel (see note on Mark 14: 17); 2. Jesus himself was now about to become the true Passover Lamb who would be sacrificed for the sins of his people, and thus this Passover meal was the last in long centuries of celebrating it while looking forward to the Messiah;

Jesus earnestly desired to eat this meal with his disciples for several reasons: 3. Jesus knew the meal would richly symbolize the giving of his body and blood for the disciples to earn salvation for them; 4. This Passover meal itself looked forward to the "marriage supper of the Lamb" in heaven (see note on Rev. 19: 9–10)

Jesus

- The past the present and the future.
- Jesus knew this was going to change everything.
- Not only remembrance but an echoing of the truth of what Jesus has done.

Jesus

- Past, Present and Future = time.
- God is outside of time
- But came to redeem our time, which would otherwise have been lost, he became the sacrifice.
- Crucifixion was the beginning, not the end.

Luke 22:16-18 ESV

"For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." "

Revelation 19:9-10 ESV "And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Revelation 19:9-10 ESV Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Jesus

 This "marriage supper of the Lamb" was anticipated in the predictions of a messianic banquet



Past, Present and Future



Luke 22:19-20 ESV

" "And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

New Future

Revelation 5:9-10 ESV "And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

Revelation 5:9-10 ESV

and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." "

1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. "

Matthew 11:11

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

John 17:4

I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 ESV

"v16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. v17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 ESV

v18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

Hebrews 12:24

"and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel."

Colossians 2:13-17

"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

Colossians 2:13-17

This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Colossians 2:13-17

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.