

Sunday Morning Worship – December 28

Remembering Redemption: The Passover Fulfilled in Christ

Scripture References

Exodus 12:7–17; Exodus 12:13
1 Corinthians 11:23–29; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 1 Corinthians 5:7
Luke 22:19; 1 John 1:9; Galatians 4
Hebrews 10:1; Hebrews 9:22
John 1:29; John 6:35
Matthew 16:11–12
Romans 5:9; Colossians 2:13–14
Hebrews 11:13–16; 1 Peter 2:11
Isaiah 43:11–21

Introduction

This was the final Sunday of the year and a service built around **baptism and the Lord's Supper**. Lillie was baptized by her father, underscoring the church's emphasis on **family discipleship** and the home as a "little church."

Communion was celebrated at an **open table** for all repentant believers. The congregation was exhorted to self-examination in light of **1 Corinthians 11:27–29**. The service included corporate confession, assurance of pardon from **1 John 1:9**, and worship through songs such as "*His Mercy Is More*" and "*Amazing Grace*," preparing hearts to receive the Word.

The sermon text was **Exodus 12**, connecting the original Passover to the finished work of Christ.

Exposition & Key Teaching Points

1. Passover as God's Appointed Memorial

- Exodus 12:14 shows that the Passover was instituted by God so that Israel would *remember* redemption.
- Old Testament feasts function as **types and shadows** (Hebrews 10:1), progressively unveiling Christ (1689 LBCF).

- Redemption acts as a commemorative stone the Lord sets for ongoing worship.

2. Unleavened Bread and the Pervasiveness of Sin

- Removing leaven (Exodus 12:15, 19) symbolizes sin's universal spread (Matthew 16:11–12; 1 Corinthians 5:6–7).
- This illustrates **total depravity**—every facet of human nature is affected by sin.
- Though believers are secure in Christ, they are called to active mortification of sin (John Owen: “*Be killing sin...*”).

3. Rest from Work: Salvation by God Alone

- No labor was permitted on the first and seventh days (Exodus 12:16), emphasizing divine—not human—accomplishment.
- Applying the lamb's blood was an act of faith, not merit, illustrating salvation by grace through faith.
- God's sovereignty and human responsibility run together like **Spurgeon's railroad tracks**.

4. A People Ready to Depart: Pilgrims of Redemption

- Belts fastened, sandals on, and staff in hand (Exodus 12:11) reflected a pilgrim posture.
- New Testament believers are likewise foreigners and sojourners with heavenly citizenship (Hebrews 11:13–16; 1 Peter 2:11).
- Redemption launches a journey toward promised rest rather than remaining a static event.

5. God's Provision of Atonement: Shadow to Substance

- God provided the first covering through animal skins for Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21 implied).
- The Passover lamb's blood marked the doorposts for deliverance (Exodus 12:13).

- Christ fulfills the shadow as the true Lamb of God (John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7).
 - His blood justifies (Romans 5:9).
 - His sacrifice cancels the debt of sin (Colossians 2:13–14).
- Communion recalls a completed, sufficient, and effective sacrifice.
- The Supper is not a new sacrifice but nourishes faith already resting in Christ (John 6:35; 1 Corinthians 10:16).

6. Coming Worthily to the Lord’s Table

- Self-examination is commanded (1 Corinthians 11:27–29).
- Unrepentant participation profanes Christ’s body and blood.
- Believers are called to come with faith, repentance, discernment, and unity, proclaiming His death until He comes.

Major Lessons

- God weaves a continuous redemptive storyline—promised, pictured, and perfected in Christ.
- Sin’s reach is total, yet God’s mercy is greater.
- Salvation is **monergistic**, fully accomplished by God, while sanctification calls for obedient cooperation.
- The Christian life is a pilgrimage; Communion reorients believers toward the coming kingdom.
- Christ’s atonement moves us from guilt to justified, from shadow to substance, and from captivity to covenant family.

Practical Application

1. Examine hearts before Communion; confess and forsake hidden sin.
2. Cultivate worship in the home as a “little church,” with fathers leading families.

3. Practice habitual sin-killing through Scripture, prayer, and accountable fellowship.
4. Live with pilgrim readiness—holding earthly things loosely and eternal priorities firmly.
5. Regularly remember gospel milestones to fuel gratitude and mission.

Conclusion

The Passover meal foreshadowed what the Lord's Supper fulfills. As the church gathers at Christ's table, it proclaims: "**Jesus paid it all.**" Believers are called to come in faith, leave in joy, and live as redeemed pilgrims until the Lamb drinks the final cup with His people in glory.

Prayer

"Father, thank You for clothing our shame, passing over our sin, and nailing our record of debt to the cross. Search us, cleanse us, and kindle fresh hunger for righteousness. May every participant leave assured, forgiven, and ready to walk in newness of life, to the praise of Your glorious grace. In Jesus' name, Amen."