



How wonderful is the love of Christ! How perfect and complete are His affections toward us! We are the very apple of His eye. And nothing, absolutely nothing will separate us from His love. There is no shadow in Him, no hint of His turning away from us. Rather His face shines like he dawn, bringing light to even the deepest crevices of our soul. He loves us! Hallelujah He loves us. And He shall reign forever and ever.

I've been revived! And my heart is full. I am a fiery vessel... and I pray you too are experiencing the flames of first love again. We are just about through our series. Next week will be our final teaching, covering all 50 of Jesus' commands as recorded in the New Testament. These are not the 50 options of Christ...but rather the commands leading us into true Life.

#### **44. #CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

##### ***Matthew 26***

***[26] Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." [27] And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, [28] for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.***

##### ***Luke 22***

***[14] And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. [15] And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. [16] For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." [17] And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. [18] For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." [19] 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." [20] And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.***

A. There is no way to understand the Lord's Supper without understanding the Passover. He is in fact the Passover Lamb and makes new covenant with us and for us in His blood. He Himself is our sacrifice. Let me just say that that there are teachers who would void the Old Testament and it's promises...but I see Jesus comes to fulfill every jot and tittle! Now there are teachers who would write our the Lamb Himself, regarding Him as the final teacher of the Old Covenant. As for me, I say there is only One Man who gave Himself up for me... and His name is Jesus. I thank God for Paul and the Apostles who followed Jesus. But I am not sent to preach in the name of Paul, No! I am a preacher of Christ and Christ alone. He has saved me. And if you haven't met Him yet, He can save you!

B. So what is it that Jesus fulfills? For that we must go back into our history.

##### ***Exodus 12***

***[12:1] The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, [2] "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. [3] Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb***



*for a household. [4] And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. [5] Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, [6] and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.*

- C. The lamb must be perfect, unblemished. He must be at the very prime of His strength. Not decayed or diminished at all, but in full stature.

*[7] "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. [8] They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. [9] Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. [10] And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. [11] In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. [12] For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13] 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.*

- D. What other death but the cross, the crucifixion of Jesus can account for all of these details? He roasted like a lamb, broiling in the heat of the Sun. The blood covers the lintels and the doorposts, but not the threshold itself- we do not trample the blood. It's the sprinkling of blood the cleanses and the eating that sanctifies. There is an immediate exodus from slavery! There is a break with the old bondage.

*[14] "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.*

- E. Forever and ever we will acknowledge Jesus as our Passover Lamb. He's covered and sanctified us through and through. Jesus is the Lamb.

### **John 1**

*[29] The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

- F. Jesus commands us to remember Him. We are to commune with the One who takes away our sin. This is Communion. It's not about wafers and grape juice. It's about Him! He's the Lamb. He's my Lamb.

### **1 Corinthians 11**

*[26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. [27] Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. [28] Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of*



*the bread and drink of the cup. [29] For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. [30] That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. [31] But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. [32] But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.*

#### 45. #WATCH AND PRAY

##### *Matthew 26*

*[36] Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." [37] And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. [38] Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." [39] And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." [40] And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? [41] Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." [42] Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." [43] And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. [44] So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. [45] Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.*

#### 46. #KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS

##### *John 14*

*[15] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*

- A. I know this isn't the popular teaching of the day. But I'm going to be loyal to Jesus...obedience and love go hand in hand. We cannot claim love and loyalty while deliberately sinning. If we love Him we will obey Him. If you are toying with any doctrine that has you jumping through hoops and disregarding the main and plain of the text, throw it away. Some 60 different authors wrote the scriptures, from all different backgrounds and centuries, and yet there is a supernatural continuity. If you have to disregard this simple command of Christ to find liberty, what kind of freedom is that?

##### *Hebrews 10*

*[26] For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, [27] but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. [28] Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. [29] How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? [30] For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." [31] It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*



- B. To disregard the sacrifice is to outrage the Spirit of grace. Grace and obedience go hand in hand. There is no separation we can make between love and obedience that God will buy into. He will not be manipulated by our false theologies that try and justify sin.

**1 John 5**

*[3] For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

**Ephesians 5**

*[5:1] Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. [2] And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. [3] But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. [4] Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. [5] For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. [6] Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. [7] Therefore do not become partners with them.*

**47. #FEED MY SHEEP**

**John 21**

*[15] When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." [16] He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." [17] He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."*

- A. Here's another thing Jesus joins together that has gone out of fashion, nevertheless I shall declare it to you! Love and feeding His sheep go hand in hand. This is my hope for the prayer movement and evangelism efforts, that they would be joined as one in love toward Jesus. Our personal affections for Christ should translate easily to love for those He loves. It's that tension again. Love God, this is the first command and the second is like it... Love people.
- B. More accurate Bible translations list three slightly different commands:
- 1) Feed my lambs, i.e., feed, teach, support, nourish people new to the faith
  - 2) Tend my sheep, i.e., care for, rule over, keep together people who are believers
  - 3) Feed my sheep (same as #1 but sheep imply more mature believers)
- C. I want to ask you how you can apply this in your life? Will you open your eyes and hearts to the people right here? What about the people in your workplace? Will you help feed God's lambs? I promise you the Lord will use you in tremendous ways if you will only make yourself available to His sheep.