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ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

GENTILES - "Uncircumcision" "far off" "without God"

Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 22	2 Kgs 1 to 10:31	2 Kgs 10:32 to 16:20	2 Kgs 17:1 to 25:30	Ezr Neh Est	The Silence of God	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts 1-8	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation
						1 and 2 Chronicles		Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.					
								Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon					

Paul and the Passover

Jn. 2:13-25; 1 Cor. 5:1-8

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1. The condition of Israel in Jesus's earthly ministry:
 - a. The Lord's Passover had degenerated into the Jew's Passover (Jn. 2:13).
 - b. The Father's House had degenerated into a House of Merchandise (Jn. 2:16) and a Den of thieves (Mat. 21:13).
 - c. So, with the approaching Passover, Jesus, through a Prophetic Sign Act, sweeps the leaven of idolatry and iniquity out the Temple of the VRS (Col. 3:5).

2. Leaven is not so much “sins” in general but sin in the sense of reliance on anything other than God and His Word. Sins are the symptom. Lack of faith is the disease. The Passover was not a sacrifice for sins but a sacrifice for separation/sanctification that provided a place of safety for the Bel. Rem. Of Israel

Once the LORD redeemed Israel, separating them and delivering them out of Egypt (Passover—through blood and power), which they could participate in by sweeping away all leaven--reliance on Egypt's gods and idolatries--so that they leave Egypt as unleavened dough to learn to rely solely on the one true God on the way to Sinai (Unleavened Bread), whereby God would “knead” His Own things into them through testing and trials, inflating and raising them up, making them into His Own great nation (Firstfruits--Pentecost).

3. 1 Cor. 5:1-8: Paul's use of this concept.
 - a. As God's new humanity in Christ, believers in the Body of Christ are separated and protected from wrath and judgment of Satan's realm of sin and death. They are positionally a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).
 - b. Imperfect pictures of this are experienced down here in assemblies of believers that are supposed to be safe areas where God works, empowering us to mutually comfort one another in the mutual faith, building each other up in God's truth for today.
 - c. In Corinth, this was breaking down completely.

4. There was a man in their midst engaged in on-going egregious sexual immorality and to Paul's horror, they were not doing anything about it (1 Cor. 5:1).
 - a. Perhaps, all of their divisions and fighting prevented them from coming together as an assembly to deal with this matter. How could they be such a proud assembly while ignoring this major issue? (1 Cor. 5:2; 1:11).
 - b. Perhaps, their proclivity to sin had seared their consciences so that they were not taking it seriously (1 Cor. 5; 6:12-20).
 - c. Perhaps they were dealing with it through the flesh—joking, gossiping, whisperers, that have pleasure in them that do such things (Rom. 1:29)
 - d. If they couldn't agree and unite as an assembly to deal with a problem as egregious as this, how would they be able to be concerned over and deal with all those lesser problems.

5. The Leaven Principle introduced: Instead of being puffed up, inflated, with arrogance and pride, you should have been deflated (unleavened dough) with mourning (1 Cor. 5:2).

6. The correct functioning of a church in Disp. Of Grace:

Paul's apostolic authoritative presence in spirit not in body

In the Name of OUR Lord Jesus Christ.

Gather your assembly together w/ Paul's spirit

In the Power of OUR Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's apostolic authoritative instructions.

7. Paul's instructions from his spirit is to remove this man who clings to the things of the flesh and the world and deliver him over to Satan's realm of sin and death to save his spirit.

8. Paul's purpose is that forcing him to live a miserable life of sin with all its horrible consequences outside the safety and fellowship of the church and apart from God, would get him to change his spirit from desiring the things of the flesh to desiring the things of God. In this way, his reliance on the flesh and its desires would be destroyed and his reliance on God through the S/spirit would return him to the Lord and the church, saving it and keeping it until the appearing of Christ when he will be in the new resurrection body without the flesh forevermore (1 Cor. 1:7-9)!

9. They were to purge out the man who would rather participate from the flesh in Satan's sphere of sin rather than from the spirit in Christ's sphere of righteousness. Mark those and avoid them who teach contrary to Paul (Rom. 16:17-20).
 - a. This removes him from the safety of the assembly and deliver him to the realm of Satan, sin and death to suffer the consequences of his sin on his own.
 - While the assembly gathered in the Spirit and power of the Lord Jesus Christ, edifying one another through PGMT, this man would be cast out into world where Satan and his powers and principalities worked.

10. The end result of this is that (Rom. 8:12-13):
- a. To live after the flesh ye shall die, unable to be used by God. Destruction of the Christian life. Forcing this issue by delivering him over to live after the flesh in Satan's realm separated from the Spirit and the divine life of the community of believers may get him to instead:
 - b. Not live after the flesh any longer but that he live after the S/spirit, putting to death the fleshly deeds of the body.
 - c. It may have worked (2 Cor. 2:6-8).

11. Back to the Leaven Principle:

- a. Proverb: A little leaven leavens the whole lump (of dough).
- b. Therefore, purge out the old leaven of reliance on the flesh and Satan's world system of sin and death, as embodied in this man's sexual immorality, and their response to it (or lack thereof!!).
- c. This will make your assembly in practice and experience what it already is in Christ positionally—a new lump of dough, a new creation, a new humanity that is ready to receive the things of God, like righteousness and life, and be raised up by those things rather than the world's things of the old humanity.

12. Paul can't believe they haven't dealt with this issue yet. They need to deal with it immediately. To carry on with the Passover and leaven analogy (Ex. 12:11, 33-34):

a. **Hurry**—Don't you realize that Christ our Passover has already been sacrificed!

Hurry up—Sunset is almost here! To participate in the feast, you have to purge out the old leaven of the flesh operating in accord with Satan's realm of sin and death, all the malice and wickedness, so that we can be in practice by faith what we really are in position.

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry, you're running very late, cutting it close—be that new unleavened lump of dough, characterized by sincerity and truth, ready and willing for God to knead His things of righteousness and life into us, raising us up!

13. As in the Passover account, here in 1 Cor. 5, Christ's death isn't primarily referring to dealing with sins (as true as that is!) but His death that separates and delivers us from the power of Darkness, Satan's realm of sin and death and places us into the Kingdom of His Dear Son, God's realm of righteousness and life (Col. 1:13).

--Of course, this same death is also what redeems us through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:14).