

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER  
I Corinthians 5:7

Intro:

Paul describes Christ as our passover. Because Christ typifies the passover lamb of the Old Testament let us discover the similarities and how it impacts the Lord's Supper.

- I. The Old Testament Passover observance. Exodus 12
  - A. Lamb without spot or blemish. Ex 12:5
  - B. No leaven was to be in the house.
  - C. Bitter herbs were eaten.
  - D. One lamb per house. Ex 12:3
  - E. Lamb's bones were not to be broken. Ex 12:46
  
- II. The Old Testament Passover was a symbol.
  - A. Of God's love.
  - B. Of deliverance from slavery of Egypt.
  - C. Of the unity of God's people.
  - D. Blood of the lamb which spared Israel from the death angel.
  
- III. Christ is our passover lamb.
  - A. Takes away the sins of the world. Jn 1:29
  - B. Was killed for our sins. Acts 8:32
  - C. His blood redeemed us from sins. I Pet 1:19
  
- IV. Elements of the Passover typify the Lord's Supper.
  - A. No leaven was to be in observance. Mt 26:17
  - B. Lord's supper given during passover feast time.
  - C. Jesus took only one loaf representing his one body. Mk 14:22
  - D. His one body symbolizes that he is the only sacrificial lamb.
  - E. Christ's bones were not broken on the cross. Jn 19:33-36
  
- V. The Lord's Supper is also a symbol.
  - A. One Cup represents = the one covenant.
  - B. One Loaf represents = the one body of Christ.
  - C. Unfermented fruit of the vine = the blood of the lamb of God.
  
- VI. Other symbols in the Lord's Supper.
  - A. Shows our victory over sin and spiritual death.
  - B. One cup and loaf show the unity of God's people.
  - C. Shows God's love for us as did the Passover for Israel.
  - D. Shows that we are spiritual Israel - God's chosen.

Conclusion:

The Passover memorial of the Old Testament in many ways pictures the memorial that Christ left for his disciples. Christ is our one lamb. And just as one lamb was allowed per house in the passover so today Christ has given us only one loaf representing himself - the one and only lamb of God which takes away the sins of the world.