



And live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

I. Passover was the most important sacrifice in the Old Testament.

¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴ This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD -a lasting ordinance. Exodus 12:13-14

II. Jesus is the perfect Passover lamb; His blood covers us in God's sight.

*¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it **finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.**"*

Luke 22:14-16

*I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has **clothed me with garments of salvation** and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness . . . Isaiah 61:10*

III. Authentic worshipers focus intently on the sacrifice of Christ. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him **endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Hebrews 12:2

- Remember how Jesus suffered for you.

*This is how we know **what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.** And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.*

I John 3:16

- Recognize that only Jesus is worthy to secure you.

*. . . ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "**Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.**" Revelation 5:4-5*

- Realize that one day; you will join with believers from every nation to worship the Lamb.

*¹¹ . . . They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they sang: "**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**" Revelation 5:11-12*

My next step today is to . . .

- Memorize Ephesians 5:2.
- Thank God for Jesus, our Passover Lamb.
- Prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper.
- Help deliver gift bags and collect prayer requests - Tuesday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m.
- Be baptized on Life Change Sunday, August 29 at 9:30 or 10:50 a.m.