

1 Corinthians 5:6-13
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Where We Left Off:
1 Cor 5:2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

1 Cor 5:6-7 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? **Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened.** For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

The Significance of Leaven

ζύμη, ης, ἡ (1) literally, as a small amount of dough kept over to start a new batch of bread dough *yeast, leaven* (MT 13.33); used proverbially to demonstrate great effect from little causes (*Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament*)

Two Imageries:

1. Leaven had to be cleaned out by the Israelites as a symbol of the new creation they were about to become. (Also a dietary safety concern.)
2. Symbolized the haste they left Egypt.

Jesus' Death Made Our "Newness" Possible

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1. Paul commands the Corinthians to clean out the old leaven (sinful man) so that they would start acting like who they truly were – new lumps in Christ.

2. "The slaying of the lamb is what led to the Jews' being 'unleavened'" (Fee, NICNT).

The Significance of Jesus Our Passover Lamb

Month of Nisan 1445 B.C.	Month of Nisan 33 A.D.
10 th Ex 12:3	10 th Monday Matt 21:1-9
14 th Ex 12:6-15, 46	14 th Friday Matt 27:27-61
15 th Ex 12:14-22	15 th Saturday Matt 27:62-66
16 th Lev 23:9-14	16 th Sunday Matt 28:1-15; 1 Cor 15:20
50 days after the Sabbath preceding First Fruits Pentecost	50 days after the Sabbath preceding First Fruits Pentecost
Exodus 32:28 – 3,000 perish	Acts 2:41 – 3,000 everlasting life

Learning To Celebrate Continuously

1 Cor 5:7b For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

1 Cor 5:8 Therefore let us celebrate the feast not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Inferential conjunction: ὡστε = in light of what Christ has done – we ought to live this way...

Celebrate: εορταζόμεν = hapax – present tense - indicating the continual celebration to which we are called.

What Is The Feast?

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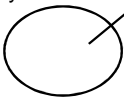
1. The Lord's Supper?
Vs. 11 not to associate...not even to eat with such a one.

2. Life in general? We are to live every day in gratitude to our Paschal Lamb who purchased us and made us into "new bread."

In The World But Not Of It

1 Cor 5:9-10 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world.

John 17:15-16 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Physical Earth  Moral Sphere

World/ Evil One	In Christ
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The Church Must Judge Its Own

1 Cor 5:11-13 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within *the church*? But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.

Refuting Those Who Say "Judge Not"

Matthew 7:1-2, 5 Do not judge so that you will not be judged. **"For in the way you judge, you will be judged;** and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you... You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Matthew 7:12 In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

James 5:19 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Application

We, being the people of God, are called to cleanse the old leaven out of our lives as we continuously remember that Christ has once and for all purchased our exodus from sin. Let us therefore never look back to "Egypt" and long for are former lives in which we remained in bondage to sin.
