

April 17, 2022 Easter Service
“Easter Menu—the Bread of Life”

Every 10 years, Passover and Easter Converge

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

⁷Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

What does yeast (leaven) represent in the Bible?

- Sin (warped way of thinking and the resulting actions)
- Hypocrisy
- Legalism

Galatians 5:1,4-9

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery...⁴You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. ⁷You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? ⁸That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. ⁹“A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.”

Making Sourdough Bread and Unleavened Bread

- Ingredients: flour, olive oil, salt, water
- What’s the difference?

Unleavened Bread in the Bible: Passover

Exodus 12:18-20

¹⁸In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. ¹⁹For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And anyone, whether foreigner or native-born, who eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel. ²⁰Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.”

- From slave to free: physical and spiritual habit of surrender
- Obeying immediately and completely

In the Wilderness: Manna

Exodus 16

- Not in your own strength, but living by faith in the Lord, day by day

Jesus’ Last Passover→Communion

Matthew 26:26

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

- Living life empowered by my connection and relationship with the Lord

Jesus: The Bread of Life

John 6:31-35

³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Conclusion:

1. What is fermenting in your heart that you need to let go of?
2. How can you clear your heart of “leaven”?
3. How can you receive Jesus, the Bread of Life every day?