

## WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US

4/26/19

- \* Today -- We came together to observe the 7th Day of Unleavened Bread
- \* Thank you to Church of God International -- meeting with us
- \* Recently began -- 6-Part Series About the Spring Feast Days
- \* On 3/23 -- Part 1 -- Overview of Passover in Book of Exodus
- \* On 3/30 -- Part 2 -- The Night in Which He Was Betrayed
- \* On 4/13 -- Part 3 -- Do This in Remembrance of Me
- \* On 4/13 -- Part 4 -- Are You Worthy?
- \* On 4/20 -- Part 5 -- Reaction to Grace
- \* Today -- Part 6 -- We Love Him Because He First Loved Us

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- \* When speakers begin a series of presentations, they generally establish a syllabus
  - \* During the ongoing preparation, they often make adjustments to the material -- As you can imagine, more adjustments come at the later stages of the series
  - \* That was certainly true for me with this series
  - \* Originally, Part 6 -- to emphasize what God expected \*  
Actualty, Part 6 -- to further evaluate what God is doing

\*Before the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, we focused upon God's grace

Ephesians 2:8-9 saved by grace

Titus 3:4-7 justified by His grace

\*After the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ (as we observe the Days of Unleavened Bread), we focus upon our Father's expectations of us

Ephesians 2:10 since saved, good works

Titus 3:8 since justified, good works

Exodus 20:1-17 since delivered, 10 Commandments

Romans 6:1-2 since saved, should we sin?

Romans 6:3 baptized into Christ's death

Romans 6:4-5 likeness -- His death & resurrection

Matthew 5:14-16 good works to glorify the Father

Matthew 19:17 keep the Commandments

Matthew 19:21 give to the poor

Matthew 22:36-40 two great Commandments

Romans 12:1 become a living sacrifice

Romans 12:2 transformed by renewing of the mind

Romans 12:9-21 many positive characteristics

1 Cor. 10:5-11 five sins in the wilderness

Galatians 5:19-21 avoid works of the flesh

Galatians 5:22-23 reflect fruit of the Spirit

Colossians 3:1-2 seek those things that are above

James 1:25 perfect law of liberty

James 1:26 bridle the tongue

1 Peter 2:11-12 good works to glorify God

\* Becoming a New creation

1 Cor. 5:7      new lump  
                 8      no malice or wickedness -- but sincerity and truth  
Romans 6:3      baptized into Christ's death  
                 4-5      likeness -- His death & resurrection  
                 6      old man was crucified with him

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\* How Well Are We Becoming a New Creation?  
\* It is occurring  
\* It is not occurring institutionally  
\* In fact, institutions oftentimes provide the  
    negative environment -- from which true  
    growth occurs  
\* It is occurring within the Body of Christ -- maybe  
    still at the stage and size of a grain of  
    mustard seed

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\* Recognizing God's motive

Heb. 12:5-11      motives of a loving Father  
1 John 3:2      we are the children of God

\* Accepting God's love

1 John 4:19      we love Him because He first loved us