Celebrating The Feast

Ken Chapman · 1 Corinthians 5:6–8

INTRODUCTION

- How would you describe the Christian life?
- What are the words or the descriptions that the New Testament gives to the Christian life? There are many.
- In the midst of that discussion about dealing with sin in the camp, he describes the Christian life as a feast.

1 The Christian Life Is a Celebration

Exodus 12:3–13; John 10:10; Mark 10:29–30

- Paul is drawing an inspired comparison between the Christian life and the Passover feast.
- The blood would be a symbol that they had submitted to the will of God, and therefore death would pass over their household.
- Christ is our lamb. It is his blood that is applied to us, and it is his blood that escapes us from the death that sin otherwise would bring.
- Like that Passover feast of old, the Christian life is a celebration.
- I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.
- That we'll have life and we'll have it more abundantly, and that life begins now.

2 Remove the Old Leaven From Our Lives

1 Corinthians 5:8; Romans 6:1–3

- This is a feast, this is a celebration, but it's a feast and a celebration that must be undertaken after we remove sin from our lives.
- We have to remove the leaven from our lives if we're to share in the Passover of Jesus Christ. In a word, this is repentance.
- A constant endeavor that we're always going through our spiritual houses and removing the old leaven from our lives.
- Becoming a child of God, of being born anew, is more than just a change of status. It's to be a change of being.
- How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
- But something else took place, he says. You died. And that old man is to be put away.

3 Keep the Feast in Sincerity and Truth

1 Corinthians 5:8

- Let us keep the feast not with the old leaven of malice and wickedness, but in sincerity and truth. This is how the feast should be observed.
- God will not let us observe the feast with the old man, the old sinful life still with us.

- God would not allow us to observe and to celebrate this feast outwardly when we're full of corruption from within.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What about you? Can you describe your life as a celebration as a feast? That's what the Christian life is to be. Can you say you've put to death the old man?**

MY NOTES