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From the Pastor



I Hope You Get Passed Over

No one likes to get passed over. We don't want to get passed over for a job promotion. We don't want to get passed over for dessert. But I want you to get passed over. Let me explain.

On Sunday, March 28, we are going to be having a Seder dinner at church. The Seder is the celebration of the Passover meal that goes way back to the time of the Exodus. You can find out about the first Passover in Exodus 12.

God used Moses to bring ten plagues to Egypt. Each plague was preceded by Moses coming to Pharaoh to ask him to free the nation of Israel that was in Egypt as slaves. God hardened Pharaoh's heart so that another plague was necessary to change Pharaoh's mind. Each plague was used by God to show His justice and power. The final plague was to take the life of every first born.

One night God sent the angel of death throughout the land of Egypt. God provided a way to be passed over by the angel of death. If a family put the blood of a lamb on the door and the doorposts of their home and they stayed in the home overnight, they were passed over.

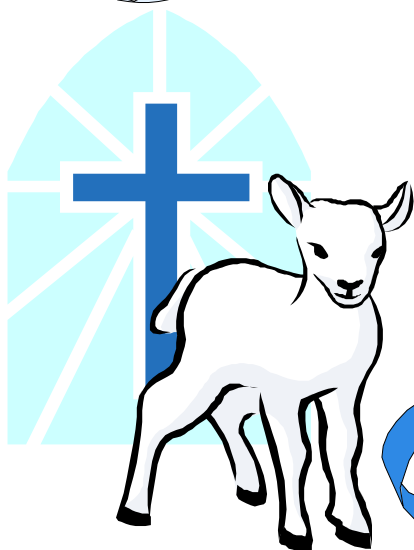
After the angel of death was finished, Pharaoh called Moses and ordered that the Jews leave Egypt. That day the nation of Israel was delivered and Egypt was judged for the way they treated the people of God.

The blood of the lamb protected the Jews from death. Passover celebrates God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

Over 1500 years later another Lamb was slain, the Lamb of God. Jesus took the full wrath of God's judgment for our sin. His blood was shed for all sinners.

The blood of that Lamb can protect us from death, eternal death. Because of the blood of Jesus Christ we no longer have to face the judgment of God. We no longer have to face the power of God's wrath.

To be passed over from the judgment of our sins we need to accept what Jesus did. He took the place for us. What we have to do is take the blood and use it. We need to accept what Jesus did for us.

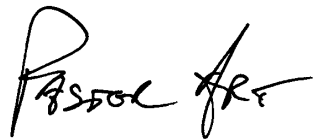


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This means that we admit our need for the blood. We have to admit to our sin. Then we come to realize we are not able to judgment on our own. We fall short because we are sinners. But when we are protected by the blood of Jesus we are saved from death.

I hope that you are passed over.

In Him and for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor [unclear]". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.