The Feast of Unleavened Bread



Exodus 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. 15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. 16 And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. 17 And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. 18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. 19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. 20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

Exodus 13:6 Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the Lord. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters. 8 And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the Lord did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. 9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the Lord's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the Lord brought thee out of Egypt. 10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

Get all of the leaven out of the house. Look in all of the nooks and crannies for any leftover bits. Sweep out the dark corners of the cabinets for any stray crumbs. Analyze every single thing that you eat to see if it contains any leavening for 7 days. 21 plus meals we are examining what we are consuming for any leaven. Is not eating any leaven the fullness of God's intent?

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: **8** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and **wickedness**; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

G4189 πονηρία poneria (pon-ay-ree'-ah) n.
1. depravity
2. (specially) malice
3. (plural, concretely) plots, sins, iniquity, wickedness
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KJV: iniquity, **wickedness**

Paul told the church at Corinth to celebrate the Feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread. He told them to purge out the old leaven, the worldly leaven, the sin and iniquity that they were holding on to. Therefore we are to celebrate the Feasts without malice, sin or iniquity but with purity and Truth. Paul was applying the Feasts in a spiritual manner.

1 Corinthians 5:9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: **10** Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. **11** But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. **12** For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? **13** But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

Paul went on to tell the Corinthians to judge those within the house of God and to not associate with those that are fornicators, or covetous, those that worship false deities or participate in the feasts of idols, with drunkards, or extortioners, with railers or one who scoffs, insults, or expresses disapproval of another with scorn or criticism.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Paul reiterated these traits and reminded the Corinthians that people who do these things will not inherit the Kingdom of God. These are all things that we should be looking for in ourselves so we can remove it from our home during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Exod 23:14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. 15 Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) 16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. 17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD. 18 **Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread**; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

Exod 34:18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. …**25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven**; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning. 26 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

God tells us not to offer the blood of His sacrifice with leaven. This goes right along with what Paul told the Corinthians. We need to examine ourselves. We need to ask God to reveal any areas that we need to work on. Pay close attention to your interactions with others, especially those in your household. The conversations, the way you treat them, the way you react to them and even the external situations that find their way into your conversations. This usually reveals the leaven hiding in the corners of our heart; The things we have shoved into the dark nooks and crannies that we don't want revealed or that we don't want to deal with. Are we claiming the blood of Jesus but holding on to wickedness? Let's search those hidden, dark spaces and oust the leaven that doesn't belong.

Remember, the harvest is coming. Will we be a tare- one who looks like the wheat in our physical appearance to most people but inwardly we are hiding sin? We may be checking all of the boxes of the things God requires of us but are we holding onto wickedness and malice in our heart? Do we truly love those around us? Do we truly show those around us that we love them? Or are we selfish? Self seeking? Backbiting? Criticizing others but not searching within ourselves? Are we demanding? Full of hate? Bitterness? Resentment? Do we truly listen to others and what they are saying or do we interrupt or talk over them? Do we toss others' feelings aside as not being valid?

Searching ourselves and removing any offending wickedness is what the Feast of Unleavened bread is all about. Will we be ready for the first fruits harvest offering at Jesus' return? It all comes down to love. Do we love God with all of our heart, soul and mind? Do we love our neighbor as we love ourself? If we don't truly love others, we cannot love God.

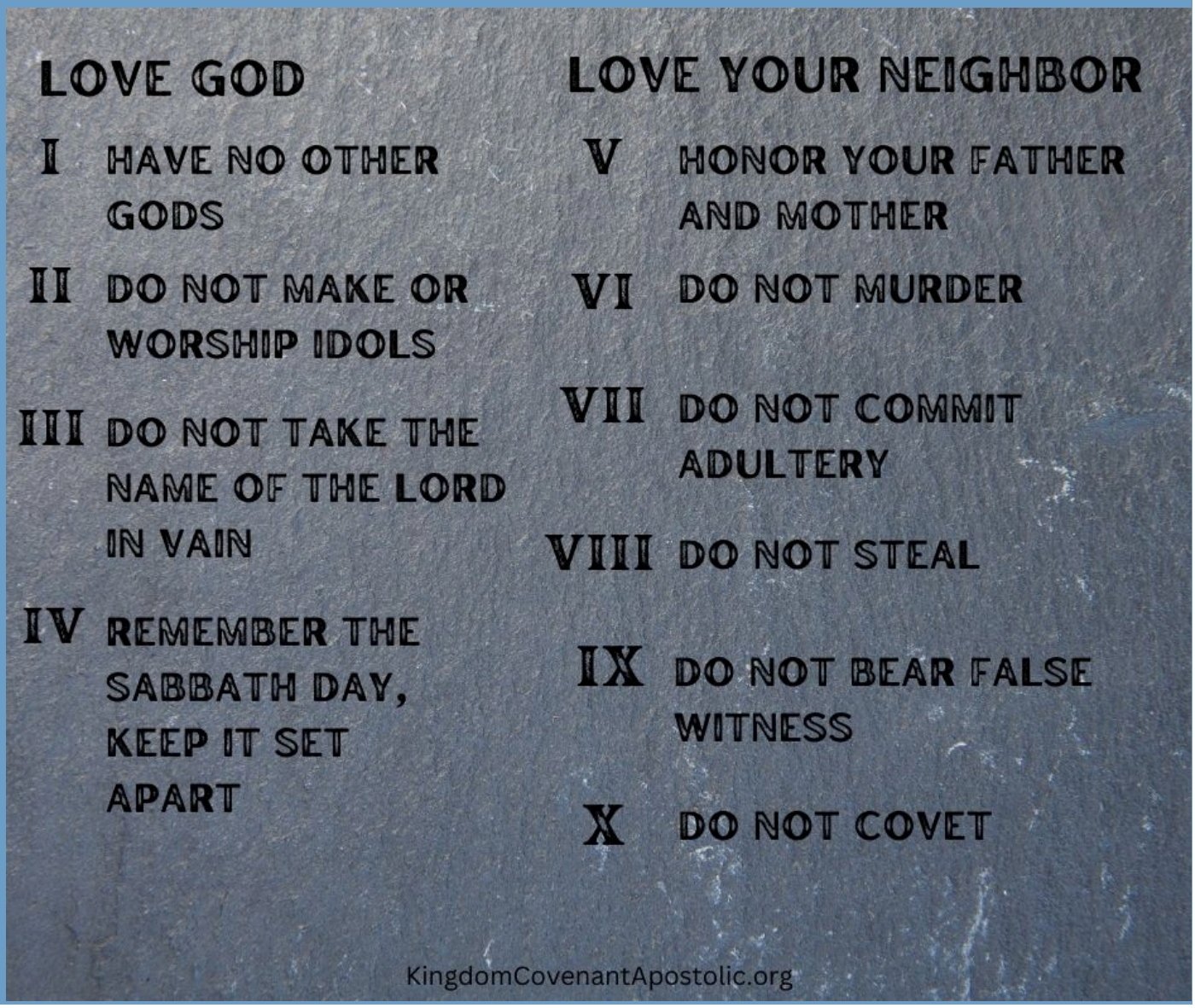
1 John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. **7** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. **8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. **10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. **12** No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. **13** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. **15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. **16** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. **17** Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. **19** We love him, because he first loved us. **20 If a man say, I love God,**

and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. **5:1** Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. **2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**

We are of God when we love others. If we say we love God but treat others badly, scripture says we are a liar. If we don't love others who we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen. If we don't love our neighbor as ourself, we don't love God. If we claim to love God then we also need to be keeping His Commandments because that is how we show Him that we love Him. He knows we love Him when we keep His Commandments and love others as we love ourselves.

2 John 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. **5** And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. **6** And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

From the beginning, His Commandments have been about love.



Matthew 22:35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, **36** Master, which is the great commandment in the law? **37** Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **40** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Mark 12:28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? **29** And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: **30** And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. **31** And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. **32** And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: **33** And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. **34** And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

Loving God as He asked us to love Him, by keeping His Commandments, and loving our neighbor as ourself sums up all of the law and prophets. Doing this is more than any sacrifice or burnt offering ever could be.

Romans 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. **9** For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **10** Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. **11** And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. **12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. **13** Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. **14** But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

We don't fulfill the law, if we don't love others as ourself and if we don't love God how He asked us to show our love for Him.

1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. **2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. **3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. **4** Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; **6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; **7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. **8** Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. **9** For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. **10** But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. **11** When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **12** For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. **13** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. **20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. **21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. **22** Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **23** But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. **24** And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, **25** In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; **26** And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. **3:1** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. **3:2** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3:3** Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, **3:4** Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; **3:5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

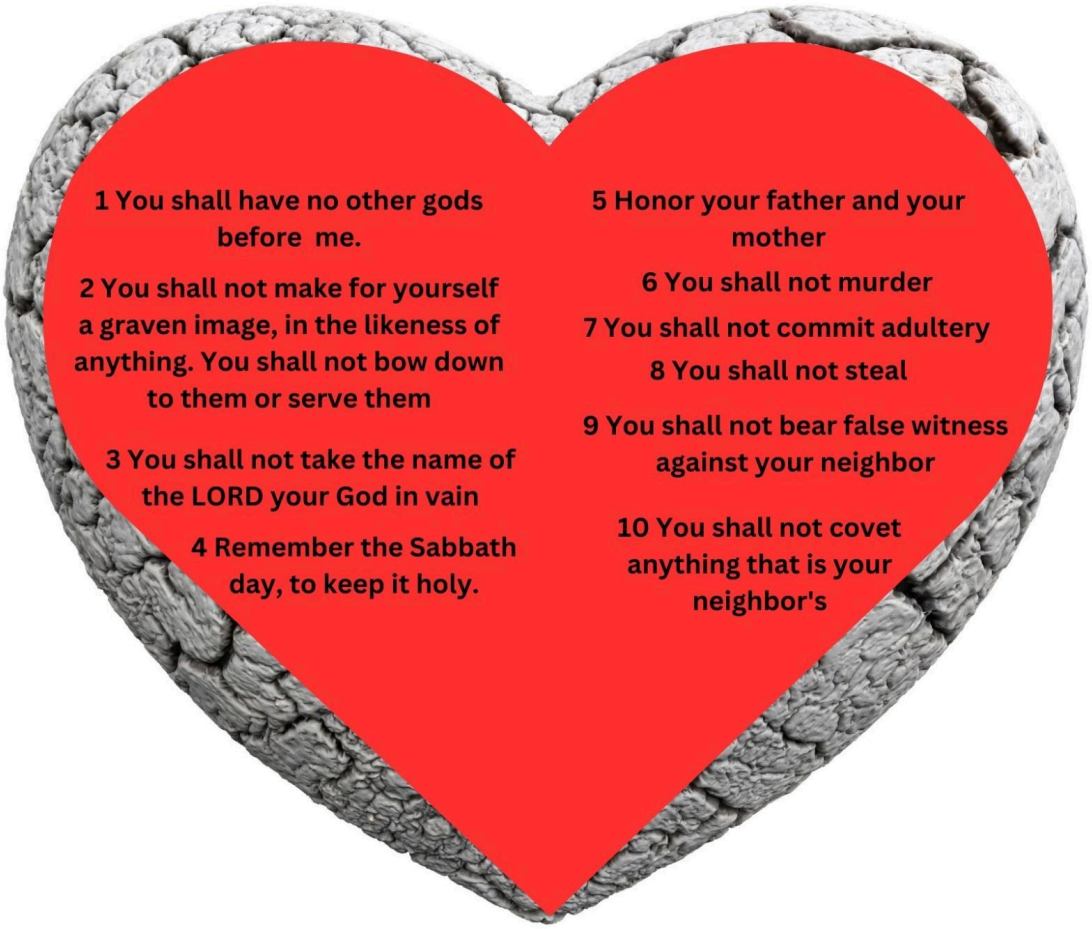
Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. **30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. **5:1** Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; **2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. **3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; **4** Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. **5** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. **7** Be not ye therefore partakers with them. **8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: **9** (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) **10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. **11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. **12** For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. **13** But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. **14** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. **18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; **19** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; **20** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? **10** I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. **14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **15** But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. **16** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. **18** But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. **19** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders,

drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. **5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **6** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: **7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. **8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. **9** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; **10** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: **11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. **12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; **13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. **14** And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. **15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. **17** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.



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All through the scriptures we are commanded to love God and love our neighbor. The Holy Spirit writes God's Law on our heart. The scriptures, both the Old Testament and the New, teach us how to love God and how to love our neighbor. Let us take these words to heart. Let us search the depths of our heart and purge any and all leaven of wickedness. Let us be vessels of honor. Let us follow righteousness, faith, love and peace. Let's love God with all of our heart, soul and mind and let's love our neighbor as ourself. Let us not just have a form of godliness but let us walk in the power of His love. Our fruit shows if we have allowed Him to write His laws in our heart. Let's go through our home and purge the leaven. The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a lesson in purging sin and iniquity.

Therefore, let us keep the feast!