Keeping Passover, in Remembrance of Jesus Christ

Passover is a Feast that God Himself Commanded Israel (and all those who believe upon Him) to observe (keep) ***forever***…

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
2 ***This month shall be unto you the beginning of months****: it shall be the first month of the year to you.*
3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:
4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.
5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:
6 And ***ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month****: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall* ***kill it in the evening****.*
7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.
9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.
10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.
11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover.
12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.
13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.
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****.*
Ex 12:1-14

However, since the time of Moses, the Messiah (Jesus Christ) ***has*** come. As such, He has fulfilled all the blood sacrifices when He shed His precious blood on the cross…

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
14 For ***he is our peace****, who hath made both one, and* ***hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;***

15 ***Having abolished*** *in his flesh the enmity [Rom 8:5-8], even* ***the law of commandments contained in ordinances****; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*
16 And ***that he might*** *reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross****, having slain the enmity thereby:***
Eph 2:13-16

10 And ***ye are complete in him,*** *which is the head of all principality and power:*
11 In whom also ***ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands****, in* ***putting off the body of the sins*** ***of the flesh*** ***by the circumcision of Christ:***
12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are ***risen with him through the faith*** *of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.*
13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
14 ***Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us****, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*
15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:
17 Which are a shadow of things to come; ***but the body is of Christ****.*
Col 2:10-17

1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.
2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.
3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;
4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;
5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.
6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.
7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:
8 The ***Holy Ghost this signifying****, that* ***the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest,*** *while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:*
9 Which ***was a figure for the time then present****, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that* ***could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience****;*
10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and ***carnal ordinances****,* ***imposed on them until the time of reformation.***
11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, ***by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands****, that is to say, not of this building;*

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but ***by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.***
13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:
14 ***How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God****?*
Heb 9:1-14

So truly, Jesus Christ has fulfilled all the blood sacrifices, and carnal ordinances that the Law of Moses imposed upon Israel - which were *only* to be performed *until* the 'time of reformation', which is when the Messiah (Jesus Christ) came to die for our sins. Now, this does not do away with the Ten Commandments, or any of the Statutes and Judgements of God that do *not* pertain to the ritualistic ordinances (pertaining to blood sacrifices). We are *still* to obey God's moral laws, even in the courts and governments of our nations. But, we are not to offer blood sacrifices anymore because Jesus Christ fulfilled them *once and for all* times (Heb 10:10). So, instead of offering blood sacrifices, we are now to offer God **spiritual sacrifices**, which truly, He has always wanted. Spiritual sacrifices (1 Peter 2:4-6, Ps 141:2), such as - ***thanksgiving*** (Ps 50:7-15, 107:11, 116:17, Jonah 2:9, Amos 4:5), ***praise*** (Ps 54:6, Ps 141:2, Jer 17:26, 33:11), ***joy*** (Ps 27:6) ***righteousness*** (Deut 33:19, Ps 4:5, Heb 13:15), ***controlling your body*** (Rom 12:1-3) ***including your mouth*** (Ps 119:108) – are what our Heavenly Father wants from us, but from the heart (sincerely).

So, at Passover, it's a time to take Communion 'in remembrance' of that Great Sacrifices Jesus Christ made for us **so we can remember just how much our Heavenly Father truly loves us** [https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1344]. If you'd like to study the full accounts of How Jesus Christ died for our sins, and rose again three days later, check out the links below…

Luke chapters 22-24…
Luke 22 https://t.me/BibleStudyBookof_Luke/452
Luke 23 https://t.me/BibleStudyBookof_Luke/454
Luke 24 https://t.me/BibleStudyBookof_Luke/456

Mark chapters 14-16…
Mark 14 https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Mark/18
Mark 15 https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Mark/19
Mark 16 https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Mark/20

John 19, Pt 1 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/311
John 19, Pt 2 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/314
John 19, Pt 3 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/317
John 19, Pt 4 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/320
John 19, Pt 5 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/323
John 19, Pt 6 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/326

So again, because Jesus has already died for us (once and for all – Heb 10:10) we are no longer to sacrifice blood animals. Therefore, we keep the Passover **as Jesus told us to**…

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.
15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:
16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.
17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:
18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.
19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: ***this do in remembrance of me.***
20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.
Luke 22:14-20

We observe Communion now, **as Jesus commanded us to do** in remembrance of His great sacrifice for us on the Cross…

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:
22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; ***but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:***
24 Who ***his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree****, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:* ***by whose stripes ye were healed.***
25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your soul
1 Peter 2:21-25

Consider the Scripture Peter was quoting from, which describes the great Sacrifice(s) of Jesus Christ for our sins…

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
5 ***But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed****.*

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: ***for the transgression of my people was he stricken****.*
9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
11 ***He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities****.*
12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
Isa 53 [to study this chapter in full: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Isaiah/1386]

Along with keeping Communion at Passover, we should also remember Paul's admonition…

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.***
1 Cor 5:7-8 [to study this chapter in full:]

We should remember that being a Christian isn't a game. We can't pretend to love God. He wants our *heartfelt* love and *totally* loyalty. He wants us to study His Word (learn of Him, Mth 11:29) and strive to obey it, *from the heart*. Kick out the 'leaven' of sin and malice in our hearts and serve Him in sincerity *and* truth (John 4:23-24). Paul also taught us how to how he was taught to keep the Passover…

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:
24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: ***this do in remembrance of me****.*
25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, ***in remembrance of me****.*
26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ***ye do shew the Lord's death till he come****.*
27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.
1 Cor 11:23-30 [to study this chapter in full: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Corinthians/25]

To learn what it means to take Communion 'unworthily' check out this study on **What is Unworthily** https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/396].

Let's close with a few beautiful reminders…

*17 These things I command you, that **ye love one another**.*
18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.
19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.
*20 **Remember the word that I said unto you**, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.*
21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.
John 15:17-21

*23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words**: and my Father will love him, **and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.***
*24 **He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings**: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*
25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.
*26 But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things**, **and bring all things to your remembrance**, **whatsoever I have said unto you.***
*27 **Peace I leave with you**, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.***
John 14:23-27

*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: **but be of good cheer*** [cheer = courage, #2293]*; **I have overcome the world.***
John 16:33

*3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed on thee**: because he trusteth in thee.*
4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:
Isa 26:3-4

AMEN.