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THE PASSION OF CHRIST:

Those of you who have seen this movie, don't allow it to be a one time episode. Pick it up again and review it (rent or buy it). It's just like reading the bible over and over again—you discover something new every time. It refreshes **your** passion for Christ. It humbles you when you really see with visualization of what Jesus had to go through for you and I; what He felt for you and I; how He loved you and I with such passion. That's why He continued His Father's Will. He continued through affliction, hurt, betrayal, rejection, abuse, stress, lies, evil, critical spirits, anger, many sufferings—all

of the things He knew we would encounter in our lifetime. He went to His death for the all things we would ever come up against. He didn't leave out anything.



Do not allow Easter week to pass like it's just another day we eat our Easter dinner, dress up in our Easter frock, search for Easter eggs. Please remember the "**passion**" of Christ; what He went through for our sake; remember His Word that has set us free from bondage; remember where you were a year ago and where you are now because of Christ being in your life. Begin to give testimony of the goodness of God. His

touch in your life has brought about a change that someone else needs to hear about!

When looking at the movie, it didn't matter that I was in a theater; I began to cry so uncontrollably. I literally felt His "Passionate Love!" And it's only by the Power of His Holy Spirit that comes upon you. Every time I've seen the movie, there is a strong desire to tell others what I've seen or what God has imparted into me. We have so many opportunities to be passionate about something. **Be Passionate about Christ!**

God Bless!

Give this Newsletter to as many as possible! I Will!

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SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST

- **Passion Week** (also known as **Holy Week**) is the time from **Palm Sunday** (the "*triumphal entry*" into Jerusalem), through **Easter Sunday** (**Resurrection Sunday**).

Passion Week is so named because of the passion with which Jesus willingly went to the cross in order to pay for the sins of His people.

Jesus, God's Passover Lamb; It's Sealed—Blood Covenant Relationship

Egypt was a type of sin. The Jews were in captivity, in slavery and bondage to the Egyptians. God could have sent an army of angels from heaven instead of using Moses. In the garden of Eden, the curse of sin was brought down upon humanity through the disobedience of Adam. There was only one way the curse could be removed. It had to be bought and paid for by the

shedding of blood. There was only one way redemption could come; deliverance could come; victory could come. It had to come through the shedding of blood.

The lamb shall be your means of escape, your means of deliverance, your way out of sin, slavery and bondage. Christ who was the great Sacrificial Lamb of the New Testament—the lamb for the children of

Israel's deliverance had to be without blemish {Exo.12:5}. They couldn't use a scarred lamb, or one that was weak or sickly that they knew they couldn't market somewhere. They couldn't give God their 'castoffs.' However, it was not just in the killing of the lamb, but in the shedding of its blood. They were to take that blood and cover the doorpost on the three sides with it. When destruction came, God would "pass

over" the homes with the blood coverings. The blood would provide their protection, their escape from death, their victory.

But this is only the first step. They had to go beyond the blood. They had to take the lamb, roast and eat it. Why? Because they had a journey to take and a battle to win. The blood would not be sufficient to take them through their problem, their trial, their circumstance, their everyday need. It would take more than that.

God was saying, "*Get Ready to Come Out! I will give strength to march. Get Ready to Cut Away your Shoreline! I will give you strength to swim, and that strength will be the lamb that you eat. You won't have time to stop along the road to prepare for every circumstance. Fill up, eat all night long. Get Ready! Put that staff in your hand. Put some shoes on your feet, because when you have eaten the lamb, you will need to march. I am going to lead you out of the land of Egypt through the power of the lamb that is in you!*"

Remember Paul's cry?: "*For we are members of his body, of the flesh, and of the bones" Eph.5:30. ...and I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me..." Gal.2:20.* As we partake in the Communion table; as we drink of His blood and eat of His flesh, we are being made perfect, conformed in His image, strengthen

and equipped for the journey of life.

"...the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come " 1Corth.11: 23b-26.

Here in the upper room, as He was preparing to lay down His life; to give Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world; to shed His blood, Jesus celebrated a covenant meal with His disciples which marked the ending of the Old Covenant and the establishment of a New and Better Covenant.

This was the hour God had ordained from the foundation of the world! This was the day when He would enter into a blood-covenant relationship with man, which was sealed with the blood of His only begotten Son! This was the day when the one Perfect Sacrifice would be offered on the altar of Almighty God.

When all was made ready, Jesus and His disciples came to the upper room and sat down. He told them, "*I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.*" Lk.22:15. This Pass-

over Feast was the Passover of all Passovers. It was not only going to be their last meal together, it was going to bring fulfillment of the Passover. The following day He was going to become the sacrificial offering—the 'Lamb of God' without spot or blemish, to deliver His people out of their bondage of sin.

Can you image the emotion that welled up inside of Jesus as He ate the flesh of the sacrificial lamb, signifying His own sacrificial death; and drank the fruit of the vine, representing His own blood? In essence, Jesus was saying, 'I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you. This is the day I longed to see. This is the day for which I was born! This was the hour for which He had waited, when the purpose for His coming to earth would be fulfilled.

Now, His hour, the time appointed by His father, had come. He was going to forever seal the New Covenant with His own blood. After singing one final song with His disciples, Jesus went out to the Mount of Olives, prayed, and His sweat was as it were **great drops of blood** (Lk.22:44), where He gave Himself over to the Roman soldiers. The Son of God, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Rev.13:8), was led as a lamb to the slaughter (Is.53:7). They mocked Him. They plucked His beard from His face. **The blood poured forth!** They beat His back until it

"In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."
Hebrews 9:22

Prayer

Father, I thank You that You looked beyond our faults and saw our need; our need for a Savior. Thank you for sending Your Son Jesus—Your only begotten Son, who brought Truth . Some accepted and some did not. Your love for us goes beyond our understanding and our interpretation of how You could love such sinners. I'm sorry when we don't trust you like we should.

I'm sorry when we fail to follow You in faith; how we tend to do our own thing. However, You still draw near to us so we can get it right, so we can grow in maturity. That's what a good Father does!

There's so much for us to learn. So, Father, don't forsake us! Don't take Your Holy Spirit from us! Don't take Your Promises, Your Protection, Your Power, Your Purity, Your Peace from us. We need You in our lives.

Those who have not accepted You; You're still giving time for them to come. You're still offering what You did on the cross for many. I can't help but get excited for them. I'm praying for their change. I celebrate now their coming into their kingdom place with You; their eternal newness, as You celebrated when Your Son was Resurrected from the dead and we brought

back to You by Jesus. How Glorious !!!

"...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord..."

Your Blood still has Power to Save, to Resurrect, to Heal, to Protect, and Set Free. Praise God!! Thank You Jesus for Your Blood shed that **still** covers us!
Amen!



Con't—Jesus, God's Passover Lamb

no longer resembled human flesh. **The blood poured forth!** They pushed a crown of thorns into His brow. **The blood poured forth!** They hung Him on the cross in shame and disgrace. They jeered and laughed and mocked. Darkness covered the face of the earth. For three long hours, He hung there in untold agony. No one took His life from Him. He hung there on the cross **willingly**. Finally with a loud voice He committed His Spirit to the Father and died. A Roman soldier pierced His side. **The blood poured forth!**

Through One sacrifice, He removed the veil separating God and man. Through One sacrifice, all the sin of mankind was forever erased. The work has been done, nothing else! **The blood poured forth** that day from Jesus' body, completely

abolishing the Old Covenant and put into effect the New Covenant, with all its provisions of forgiveness, deliverance, freedom, healing, and all the covenant promises.

Today, Christ with His hands outstretched, is saying to us: "Take, eat; this is My Body which was broken for you. Take, drink of my blood which was shed for you." He has prepared a Covenant meal and invites us to come and eat it with Him. Partaking of this Covenant is not just an outward ceremony like the Passover ceremonies the Jews observed. It is a **blood-covenant relationship** where we are daily appropriating the promises made possible through the sacrificial offering of the broken, bleeding body of Christ.

This is what Jesus meant when He told the Jews: "...I assure you, most solemnly, I tell you, you cannot have any life in you, unless you

eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, (unless you appropriate His life and the saving merit of His blood). He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has (possesses now) eternal life, and I will raise him up (from the dead) on the last day. For My flesh is true and genuine food; and My blood is true and genuine drink. He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood dwells continually in Me, and I (in like manner dwell continually) in him. Just as the living Father sent Me, and I live by (through, because of) the Father, even so whoever continues to feed on me, (whoever takes Me for his food and is nourished by Me), shall (in his turn) live through and because of Me. This is the Bread which came down from heaven. It is not like the manna which our forefathers ate, and yet died: He who takes this Bread

The Blood Poured Forth !

*"For this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."
(Matthew 26:28).*



Con't—Jesus, God's Passover Lamb

for his food shall live forever." Jh.6:23-58 TAB.

Jesus offered Himself as a blood sacrifice so that we would enter into a blood-covenant relationship with Him. His blood; His life flows through us! It is through a continual partaking of His flesh and His blood—His life, that we have life, life in abundance.

The Passover meal commemorated God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt. *"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" Exa.12:13.* As a result Pharaoh had released God's people from their slavery. To help Israel remember, God instituted a celebration: *"So this day shall be to you a memorial: you will keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations." Exa.12:14.*

When Jesus associated the Passover with His Body and the cup with His Blood, He identified Himself as the **True Passover Sacrifice** that would bring forgiveness of sins. Those who partake in this sacrifice, share in the new Covenant, indicating the unity of the body of Christ. They are part of the true people of God. By keeping the Lord's Supper, we show our dependence upon Christ and our spiritual participation in His death. In

remembrance: by taking communion in faith, we experience and are reminded of the salvation (His Love, His Death, Burial, and His Resurrection).

The New Covenant:
(Heb.8:8, 12)

- Put My law in their minds.
- Write it on their hearts.
- All shall know Me.
- I will Forgive.

The difference between the two covenants is not in the behavior expected under each, but in the differing relationship with God. Both require obedience, but the Old being external cannot be kept, the New being internal can be a reality.

You may have accepted His sacrifice as being sufficient for the forgiveness of sins, but not truly accepted **Him!** He did it **all** for you. If you have accepted **all** He has done, why is His table so empty. Why is it so hard to eat of Him, and drink of Him? I'll tell you why. Because facts and feeling are always tugging against faith (trusting, believing).

You want to come to the table, but you don't think you're good enough; it's not the right time; you feel ashamed because you haven't been in a long time or even ever. Well excuses and reasoning, just don't cut it! Be delivered from dead works and dead thoughts. You see God **sent** His only begot-

ten Son, because He loves you He doesn't look at your sin, He looks at what Christ did on the cross when He took **all** your sins which were laid on **Him**. He looks at the blood shed from His only begotten Son, for your forgiveness. He looks at the New Covenant, at the new life relationship made.

You see, if you are willing to say forgive me Lord, which is apart of denying yourself, you come into agreement with what was already done for you. The celebration of the Lord's Supper reminds you that God has fulfilled His promise. Your relationship has been re-established.

The enemy is always trying to show you where you've messed up, but your High Priest, Jesus, is always interceding on your behalf. The Holy Spirit is always revealing, right from wrong. The table is waiting for your presence. The coming to communion means Fellowship—He in you, and you in Him! He's the one doing the work of Sanctification (growing you in holiness). Grow up, it's not about doing it your way, but about what He's already done, His way.

God Bless!

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COVENANT

A solemn agreement that is binding on all parties.

NEW COVENANT — the new agreement God has made with mankind, based on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The New Covenant
Is A Blood Covenant.
And The True
Church Is The Bride
Of Christ.

POWER IN THE WORD

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **Hebrews 4:12**

My MISSION: Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

My VISION: Articles to be **FOR 2010** written in a Book to inspire others.

LEARNING FAITH SCRIPTURES:

1ST WEEK	2ND WEEK	3RD WEEK	4TH WEEK
JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, IF THOU CANST BELIEVE, ALL THINGS {ARE} POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH.	FOR WHATSOEVER IS BORN OF GOD OVERCOMETH THE WORLD: AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH.	FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD:	SO THEN FAITH COMETH BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD
MARK 9:23	1 JOHN 5:4	EPHESIANS 2:8	ROMANS 10:17
		<i>Meditate on these for 30 days. Get them into your heart.</i>	Correction made

IT CAN HAPPEN

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? **Matthew 7:11b**

My MISSION: Use the God-given gifts for His glory!

My VISION: Teach others to reach for those God-given gifts in them!

"There is not room for Death, Nor atom that his might could render void: Thou - Thou art Being and Breath, And what Thou art may never be destroyed."
Emily Bronte

Dates To Remember

April 2010

April 1	April Fool's Day
April 2	Good Friday
April 4	Easter



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Bible Word Search: Armor Of God

Find all the words in the puzzle. The leftover letters reveal the mystery word.

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 E R E C O M F O R T P O W E R
 M B G S U P P L I C A T I O N
 L R N H U Y H T O M I T T E O
 E E O S R E Y A R P I O H C I
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 P E R S E V E R A N C E U T R
 E P P S S S Q U E N C H T A O
 L O I N S R E T S A M E H W L

- Battle,
- Breastplate,
- Comfort,
- Darkness,
- Ephesians,
- Fiery,
- Gospel,
- Grace,
- Helmet,
- Jesus,
- Light,
- Loins,
- Lord,
- Masters,
- Obedient,
- Perseverance,
- Power,
- Prayer,
- Preparation,
- Principalities,
- Quench,
- Rulers,
- Salvation,
- Security,
- Spiritual,
- Strong,
- Supplication,
- Timothy,
- Truth,
- Utterance,
- Watching,
- Wickedness,
- Withstand

ANSWER: _____