

Waiting For You

He is Here

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – December 24, 2017

Read John 1:29 and then pray the following prayer.

“Abba, in Your covenant of love, You have sent Jesus, the Lamb of God, to set us free from the consequences of idolatry, which is sin, death, and evil. Through the Lamb, we are forgiven and incorporated into Your family and sealed by Your Spirit. May the redemptive work of the Lamb forever be our heartbeat. Thank you. Amen.”

Pastor Derwin said, “Jesus is the new Passover Lamb who conquered sin, death, and evil.”

- Read Exodus 19:5-6 and 1 Peter 2:9.
- The Exodus story is the story of humanity. Just as Israel was God’s chosen people to display His glory on earth, His Church is now God’s chosen people to display God’s glory on earth today.
- Just as Israel was in slavery to Pharaoh and needed an Exodus to fulfill their destiny of being a worshipping and missionary people, humanity is in slavery to a greater Pharaoh called sin, death, and evil so we can fulfill our destiny.
- Just as the blood of the unblemished male sheep or goats was placed on the Israelites’ doors so the Angel of death would pass over them, Jesus is the male, unblemished Lamb whose blood on the cross defeats the dark powers and atones for our sin. Through Christ we are forgiven and empowered to be the people of God for the mission and glory of God.
- Just as the Nation of Israel traveled to the Promise Land, we as the Church are journeying to the Promise Land, which is the new Heavens and new Earth (Revelation 21:1-4). On this journey of sanctification, the Lamb of God empowers us to be the people of God.
- Discuss the implications of Jesus being the new Passover Lamb.

Pastor Derwin used the acronym L.A.M.B.

- **Loved by God.**
 - Read John 3:14-18.
 - What are the implications of this text regarding our discipleship?
- **Accepted by God in the Messiah.**
 - Read Romans 15:7.
 - What are the implications of this text towards building community at TC?
- **Mission**
 - Read Mark 12:29-31.
 - What are the implications of this text for you personally in fulfilling the Vision of TC?
- **Becoming**
 - Read Galatians 4:19.
 - What insights do you gain from this Scripture concerning God’s goal for you and your brothers and sisters in Christ?

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Series starts January 7, 2018.

Additional references:

- **Book Recommendation:** *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Pete Scazzero
- **Free Bible Commentary:**
http://www.freebiblecommentary.org/new_testament_studies/written_commentaries.htm