The Passover and the Cross

Hebrews 9:22

I. Sacrifice in the Old Testament

A. The *animal sacrifice* was given by divine appointment to make the atonement for sin.

(Genesis 3:15; Romans 3:25)

- B. A *perfect sacrifice* was necessary for blood shed to have value.
- C. The *blood sacrifice* symbolized Christ dying on the cross for men. (John 1: 29; 1 Peter 1:19)

II. The Passover Instituted in the Old Testament

- A. Sinful mankind needs redemption (Exodus 12:13)
- B. A sacrifice substituted for man (Exodus 12:4, 5)

III. Christ is the Final Passover

- A. Passover Fulfilled (1 Corinthians 5:7)
- B. The actual Atonement of Calvary (Hebrews 9:12)
- C. The cure for sin in the cross (Hebrews 9:26; 10:14)

Conclusion:

Over the next several weeks we will continue to look at the impact the blood and the cross have in our spiritual lives. Today's take away:

- Everyone has sinned
- A perfect sacrifice was necessary for God to remove sin
- God recognizes Christ is the perfect sacrifice
- Once forgiven, always forgiven