

DOES YOUR WALK HOLD WATER?
OR DOES YOUR TESTIMONY PASS THE TEST?

EXODUS 13

- Intro: 1. Does your chewing gum lose its flavor on the bedpost over night?
2. As much as Christians lose their testimony on the sidelines of Christ's local church.
3. Exodus 13 leads us into a discussion on WHY RITUAL? WHY ORDINANCE? WHY WORSHIP? WHY FAITHFULNESS & OBEDIENCE?

Prop: **You must Act so that Others Ask!**

I. By Purging Sin from the Camp (13:1-10).

- v.1, Sanctify=to make and keep clean
v.3, Leaven—sourdough which is kept over from one baking to another in order to raise new dough. But, leaven was forbidden during the Passover deliverance so that they could more efficiently make bread on their journey to safety. Leaven was a hindrance and in the NT, a type of sin in the Lord's camp (Mt.16:6,12; 1stCor.5)
v.9, Sign=signal; flag; beacon
v.9, Hand=open hand of power/means/guidance
v.9, Memorial bet. Eyes (frontlet, vs.16)=fr.Egyptian practice of binding sayings in cloth and tying around forehead; later carried literally by the Jews, but meant figuratively accord. to Dt.11:18/Pr.3:3 to be a part of our "heart and soul" (Mt.23:5)
- Sin in God's assembly hinders action in God's ministry. (Leaven in the lump hinders the movement of God's people)
- The Lord's salvation is a personal experience of conversion (v.9) God's directions are to serve as a witness to the next gen. The outward sign is our action that reflects inward change (Prov.20:9; Rom.6:16-23)
- You can't judge a book by its cover; but the cover should always provoke questions about the content of the book.
- Dear friends, will you respond today to the Spirit of God calling you turn from your sin and allow the power of Christ's forgiveness and love to relieve you of what hinders eternal life, or hinders (for the believer and this church) effective service for Christ?

II. By Faithfully Keeping God's Ordinances (13:11-16).

- clean/unclean beasts-detail(Lev.11), known by Noah(Ge.8:20) v.15, hardly=dense/tough; God had given every opportunity, even allowed strangers and foreigners to stay with Hebrews Redeem=to buy back (exchange for a price)
- When we carry out Christ's ordinances for the church, we demonstrate Christ's sacrifice for our soul.
- Baptism, Matt.28:19; Acts 2:41;8:12-13;16:14-15,32-33; 1stPet.3:21, as a public testimony that witnesses to others The Lord's Supper, Luke 22:19-20; 1stCor.11:20-34, as a remembrance of Christ and reminder for Christian testimony Titus 2:11-13, we live as teachers, 1stCor.6:20
- Teaching by example is not an option for child-rearing.
- Friend, will you act upon the New Testament directive to be baptized, to join the local church and keep the Lord's Supper and turn in rededication and commitment today to proclaiming in action the high value which Christ has put on your life?

III. By Trusting God's Guidance (13:17-22).

- v.18, harnessed=armed
v.21, "Lord went before" = see 14:19, "angel of God...went" =the pre-incarnate Christ, Jehovah (Heb.1:4, more exc.name)
- Personal integrity is preserved by providential oversight.
- compare v.17 w/ Lk.8:13;1stCor.10:13→God leads us safely v.19, God knew how to get Joseph's bones out of Egypt as well as how to keep the Hebrews out of Egypt.
- Ever gotten stumped in putting something together? Then, if you are male, you go dig out the instructions and stick to them step-by-step—ahhh, if that screw is in, the other piece fits and the nut fits into place....all done.
- Folks, God wants to put your life together using all the gifts and talents, emotions and personality that He has built into you from the beginning—will you commit today to letting God finish the job as your master designer and guide?

Conc: Dear friend, Has your life been flavored by the personal saving deliverance from sin by faith in Jesus Christ? Repent today!
Believer, do you need to renew your devotion to Christ and move forward in life to Act so that Others Ask? Come today!
Friend, your guidance in life is leading to destruction & heart-break...will you trust the Lord Jesus to guide you now?

Invit. Hymn: _____ (# _____)

Welcoming Your CHILDREN into God's Family



Exodus 13 Whose GotAnswers for ME?

What's the Preacher SAYING? Leaven is like ___ _ n

Who is asking questions in 13:8,14? ___ _ n

How did the Lord bring Israel out of Egypt according to verse three? by strength of ___ _ n _

When did the Lord lead Israel by a pillar of fire?
at n _ _ _ _ _

Connect the dots on the map to show the route God used to lead Israel out of Egypt by using Exo.13:20

