



I. INTRODUCTION

Romans 14:17 (NIV) For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

- A. Easter Egg Series
 - An "Easter egg" is something hidden with the intention of it being found
- B. Why did Jesus die on the cross?

II. GOD GAVE US EASTER EGGS

- A. God gave us Easter eggs that we call, "types" and "shadows"

1 Corinthians 10:1-6 (NLT) I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. All of them ate the same spiritual food, and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did,

1 Corinthians 10:11 (TLB) All these things happened to them as examples—as object lessons to us—to warn us against doing the same things; they were written down so that we could read about them and learn from them in these last days as the world nears its end.

- B. Typology, object lessons
 - Egypt and Pharaoh
 - Egypt is a type of this world, and Pharaoh is a type of Satan, the god of this world

Deuteronomy 6:23 (TLB) He brought us out of Egypt so that he could give us this land he had promised to our ancestors.

- Promised land
 - Type of overcoming life in Christ

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NKJV) as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

- Wilderness
 - Babyhood stage of Christianity

- C. Death was coming to every house



Exodus 11:1 (NLT) Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will strike Pharaoh and the land of Egypt with one more blow. After that, Pharaoh will let you leave this country. In fact, he will be so eager to get rid of you that he will force you all to leave.

Exodus 11:4-5 (NLT) Moses had announced to Pharaoh, “This is what the Lord says: At midnight tonight I will pass through the heart of Egypt. All the firstborn sons will die in every family in Egypt, from the oldest son of Pharaoh, who sits on his throne, to the oldest son of his lowliest servant girl who grinds the flour. Even the firstborn of all the livestock will die.

III. THE PASSOVER LAMB

A. A beginning and an end

Exodus 12:1-3 (NLT) While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the Lord gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron: “From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you. Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household.

Exodus 12:6-7 (NLT) “Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal.

- The Passover Lamb, is a physical picture of a spiritual principle called substitution, that was fulfilled by Jesus in His death, burial, and resurrection

1 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV) Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

- Blood was proof something died

B. When I see the blood

Exodus 12:12-13 (NLT) On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the Lord! But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Hebrews 2:9 (NLT) What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position “a little lower than the angels”; and because he suffered death for us, he is now “crowned with glory and honor.” Yes, by God’s grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:14 (NIV) Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

C. There is not one habit that death won’t free you from