

God's Saving Action in history: Same acts, different modes

Real Action, Real Presence, Real Participation, Real Anticipation

From and To the Father,
Through the Son
In the Holy Spirit

Old Covenant	New Covenant	Sacrament	Eschaton
Israel The lamb	Messianic Israel & Gentiles The Lamb Jesus	The Church (Body) The Head	The Bride & The Bridegroom
Historical anticipation	History (Center of time) "Fullness of time"	Liturgy	Heavenly "marriage"
Pre-figurement (types), preparatory participation shadow & Law	Event salvific acts, "It is finished" true pattern	Re-presentation, actuating memorial image & Gospel	Fulfillment, consummation reality & heaven

Abrahamic Covenant, *Melchizedek*, **Exodus Passover** (defeat of Pharaoh, plundering of Egypt, lamb, blood, bread, plunge into Red Sea of death, victory) and all associated with sojourn in wilderness (pillars, **manna**, water from rock, etc), giving of Law, establishment of Tabernacle after **pattern (type)** in heaven, entry to Promised Land, establishment of Temple and Jerusalem and sacrificial system & Aaronic priest-hood & offerings (sin, thanksgiving, consecration, communion), and prophetic anticipation of messianic fulfillment => **Preparatory Covenant(s) with the LORD through redeeming (though limited) events, always memorialized, participated in, and hoped for via yearly Passover supper and immolation of the lamb in Temple...**

The **True Passover**, True Adam (Man) & True Lamb Immolated, defeat of Satan & freedom from slavery to sin, the ONE offering of the **Life (Body & Blood of Lamb standing (alive) who has been slain)** in the Heavenly Temple (Ascension) by True High Priest, Holy of Holies opened, Spirit of Life poured forth (Pentecost) & welling up within, True Bread from Heaven, New Law of Love, Beatitudes => **New & Eternal Covenant with the TRIUNE LORD through the completely effective, sufficient, unlimited salvific acts in time and space of the Incarnation & Paschal Mystery & Outpouring of Spirit...**

Already...but not yet:
Baptismal plunge into the Death of Christ and born again according to 2nd Adam to New Life, infused with the Holy Spirit to divinize us and give birth to the Church (the Promised Land, Temple), with priesthood of Christ for **memorial-that-makes-present** and for **communion in the Sacrifice** to become the Body (militant, suffering, triumphant) of the Head, to live life of on-going sanctification according to New Law of Love & Holy Spirit = **Same New Covenant & saving work(s) of God in a sacramental mode**, made present in **the Lord's Day** (Eighth Day) and yearly in **Christian Passover** (Triduum), anticipating...

Complete fulfillment of Promise to Abraham (land, a great people). The **marriage supper of the Lamb**: The Holy City, the New Jerusalem with the Tree of Life and river of Life...prepared as a bride adorned for her husband...the wife of the Lamb. Its **temple IS the Lord God the Almighty** and the **Lamb**...His servants will worship him, and they shall see his Face....The **Spirit** and the bride say "Come." = **Blessing, Beatitude** (cf. Revelation 19-22)

• **When Jesus says to the Church (apostles) "do THIS in memory of me," the THIS is:**

- 1) the THIS of the Passover meal with new and fulfilled meaning, which meaning anticipates
- 2) the THIS of the Self-offering to the Father in Gethsamane and
- 3) the THIS of the sacrifice on the cross...all three of which by virtue of the ascension and outpouring of the Spirit anticipate, participate in, and take us up into...
- 4) the THIS of the heavenly fulfillment when our communion in THIS is fully realized.