

## **Does Christ Receive Less Glory if Animal Death Did Not Begin at the Fall of Adam and End at the Second Coming?<sup>1</sup>**

**There will be Animal Death After the Second Coming and So This is a Non-issue:**

### **The Wedding Feast for God's Son**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come. Again he sent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; **my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered** and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.'" (Matt 22:1-4)

### **Passover During the Millennium**

And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat **this Passover** with you before I suffer; for I say to you, **I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.**" And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I say to you, **I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God come**s.... You are those who have stood by Me in My trials; and just as **My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.** (Luke 22:15-18, 28-30)

### **The Passover Meal is Meat Centered.**

"Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take **a lamb** for themselves, according to their fathers' households, **a lamb** for each household.... You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is **to kill** it at twilight.... **They shall eat the flesh** that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. (Exod 12:3, 6, 8)

### **God's Lavish Banquet on the New Earth**

The LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; a banquet of aged wine, **choice pieces with marrow**, And refined, aged wine. And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, even the veil which is stretched over all nations. He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces....(Isa 25:6-8; cf. Rev 21:1-4)

**Death is ended for people, not animals.**

### **Every Good Gift was Purchased by Christ on the Cross So He Gets All the Glory.**

"...for redeemed sinners, every good thing -indeed every bad thing that God turns for good - was obtained for us by the cross of Christ. Apart from the death of Christ, sinners get nothing but judgment. Apart from the cross of Christ, there is only condemnation. Therefore, everything that you enjoy in Christ - everything you boast in, everything you exult in - is owing to the death of Christ. And all your exultation in other things is to be an exultation in the cross where all your blessings were purchased for you at the cost of Christ's life."<sup>2</sup>

**It is more glorious to surpass pre-fall conditions than merely to undo the fall of Adam.**

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from John Beckman.

<sup>2</sup> John Piper, "Christ Crucified, Our Boast," sermon preached 2/13/2000. For the complete sermon, go to <http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/sermons/christ-crucified-our-boast>.