

RECIPE FOR UNLEAVENED BREAD

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When Jesus taught the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-28), it was on the night of Passover, during the Feast of Unleavened Bread (17). When the Passover was taught to Israel, God forbade them from keeping any leaven in their houses for the whole week (Exodus 12:19-20). Thus, the bread of the Lord's Table is unleavened bread.

Although store-bought is completely acceptable, in many congregations, a preference for homemade prevails. So, it is appropriate to learn how to prepare it.

The Law of Moses required bread offered to the Lord to be made of *"fine flour mixed with oil"* (Leviticus 2:1-10). Flour was expected to come from wheat (Exodus 29:2). Salt is an essential ingredient, for *"every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt"* (Leviticus 2:13). It must not contain honey, as it is written, *"No grain offering which you bring to Jehovah shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering"* (Leviticus 2:11). Because *"you shall eat neither fat nor blood"* (Leviticus 3:17), neither lard nor tallow will do.

In brief, the bread must contain: flour, oil, and salt; and it must not contain: yeast, honey, or lard.

Baking time and temperature, as well as ingredient amounts, are easy to find online, but the ingredients themselves have been plainly revealed in Scripture.

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be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom" (James 4:9).

Repent. Remorse is useless alone; it must be paired with a change in course. When Simon of Samaria committed a trespass, the apostle Peter told him, *"Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you"* (Acts 8:22). Jesus said the Ninevites *"repented at the preaching of Jonah"* (Matthew 12:41), concerning whom it is written, *"God saw their*

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"I HAVE FOUND THE BOOK OF THE LAW"

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"Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found the Book of the Law in the house of Jehovah'" (2 Kings 22:8).

How did the book become lost? The whole service should have centered around honoring God and His word. All I can figure is that the priests got entangled in worldly things and did not enjoy reading a book that condemns their actions. He probably reasoned that the book was old fashioned and out of step with the times. The idolatry service was more fashionable and entertaining, more appealing with the visuals and pleasurable music and dances to the beat of the drums. Besides, nobody was tuning in to that book, the boring readings, and that priest who can't read very well anyway. We need a jazzier service, they thought. So the Book of the Law was placed in the back room where other pieces of junk were stored. Out of sight and, for years, out of mind. That is how God's book became neglected and lost.

First, people lose interest in hearing it. Second, they dismiss how important it is, and then they seek a replacement that entertains them more. This is what has happened to modern churches. This is why morality is in such decline. No one, even in churches, knows and appreciates the Book. We need to clean our temples and find the Book, and get back to reading and practicing what it teaches. Have you lost your way? Has the whole church you attend lost the Book?

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works, that they turned from their evil way" (Jonah 3:10). That's what it means to repent – to turn away from evil.

Reaffirm. Jesus said, *"If he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him"* (Luke 17:3-4), and, *"If he hears you, you have gained your brother"* (Matthew 18:10). Paul, having told the brethren in Corinth to withdraw from the fornicator amongst them (1st Corinthians 5), observed they had obeyed, and the guilty had repented, so he further instructed, *"Forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him"* (2nd Corinthians 2:7-8).

Restoration of a wandering disciple depends on the restorer rebuking, the wanderer regretting and repenting, and the restorer reaffirming.

**"WHAT MUST I DO
TO BE SAVED?"**

ACTS 16:30

LEARN THE GOSPEL

John 6:45; Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

CONFESS CHRIST

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

REPENT OF SIN

Acts 3:19; 17:30

BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"THE ASSEMBLING OF
OURSELVES TOGETHER"**

HEBREWS 10:24-25

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**"IF A MAN IS OVERTAKEN IN
ANY TRESPASS...
RESTORE SUCH A ONE"**

GALATIANS 6:1

CONFESS TRESPASSES

James 5:16; 1st John 1:9

REPENT OF SIN

Acts 8:22

PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS

Acts 8:22

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS
LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN
SETTINGS OF SILVER"**

PROVERBS 25:11

"Bringing down the walls of Jericho involved more walking than shouting. A Sunday shout is great, but it can't replace a daily walk."

– Micah Christian

"WHOLE COUNSEL"

ACTS 20:27

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RESTORE

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Restoration is the process of returning a backsliding Christian to faithfulness, which is the duty of every spiritual person, as Paul wrote, *"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted"* (Galatians 6:1). Toward this end, there are efforts to take by two parties – the disciples doing the restoring and the disciple being restored.

Reprove & Rebuke. To reprove is to convict and such is one of the primary functions of God's word. *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"* (2nd Timothy 3:16). Jesus instructed, *"If your brother sins against you, rebuke him"* (Luke 17:3). To rebuke is to charge with fault. The wayward brother needs to hear he's wrong.

Regret. Having been confronted with his error, the sinning Christian must recognize his wrong or else he will not amend his behavior. In the Lord's parable of the two sons, the one who first refused the Father's instructions, *"afterward regretted it and went"* (Matthew 21:29). Remorse motivates change. *"Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation"* (2nd Corinthians 7:10). There can be no joy in the Lord while one is conducting himself contrary to the Lord's commands. *"Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter"*
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