



We are a congregation of the Lord's people looking for you. We desire to love our community and neighbors as our Lord has taught us to do. Please allow us to be an encouragement to you as you are an encouragement to us by visiting with us today.

If you have any questions about anything you see or hear today, please stop someone and ask questions. We are seeking to be New Testament Christians, and as such we desire to share what we have been given. We want to be ready to give you an answer for what we do and say (1 Peter 3:15)

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

Thank you for being our Guest today!

## “Why use Unleavened Bread?”

**Carl O. Cooper**

We Partake of the Lord's Supper every 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week because God told us to. This is God's design for the worship He approves. He told us when to do it, and he told us how to do it. We use the juice of the grape to represent Christ's blood. And we use unleavened bread to represent Christ's body. Now it's easy to see how the juice of the grape represents Christ's blood because grape juice looks like blood. But what about unleavened bread? How does that represent Christ's body?

To understand that, you need to understand what leavening is. Leavening is the process of decay. When organic materials die, they begin to decay and to decompose. Part of this process is the sugar in organic material being decomposed by yeast. Yeast is a microscopic plant and yeast is everywhere. It's on the ground, it's in the air. Yeast is everywhere. When yeast consume the sugar in dead organic material, it decomposes into two byproducts, Ethyl alcohol and carbon dioxide. It is the ethyl alcohol that is a drug in alcoholic wine that causes men to get drunk and makes men alcoholics. It is the carbon dioxide gas bubbles that cause bread to rise.

**\*Leavened bread is a byproduct of the process of decay.**

**\*But Christ's body did not decay.**

**\*We use unleavened bread to present the body of Christ.**

The body of Jesus Christ did not see corruption. Jesus arose from the dead and there in lies our hope for eternal life. If God can raise Jesus from the dead, He can do the same for us. Isn't that marvelous and amazing? And God designed this, thousands of years before Jesus was hung on the cross.

This morning remember that Jesus rose from the dead and His body did not see corruption. This unleavened bread represents the body of Christ.

# Eagles Do Not Fly in Flocks

Gayle Oler



“AW, EVERYBODY else is doing it.”

Do you ever say that as your reason for doing a thing? Something that others think should not be done, or that even you doubt is right yourself?

People are never great because they drift with the tide or fall in with the majority in matters of morality and religion. The great men in history, the standouts, are the men who had some well-defined convictions and stood by them regardless of the crowd.

“Everybody” was living in licentiousness, in disregard for God and in full regard for wrong in Noah’s day. Mr. and Mrs. Noah and their children were an unpopular set. They did not fall in with the crowd. And they were saved. The rest were lost. In which bunch would you have been?

“Everybody” was living in wickedness and worldliness in Pharaoh’s court, ~ everybody except Moses. But the crowd did not overthrow him. “By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; choosing rather to suffer ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked unto the recompense of reward” Hebrews 11:24-27

“Everybody” was doing as he pleased in Sodom and Gomorrah, while righteous Lot was doing as God pleased. And while Lot was saved “everybody” was lost.

And we have pretty good indication that the coming of the Son of man and the judgment will be just like it was in the days of Noah. Jesus said of that time (Matt. 24:37-39) they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and they knew not until the flood came and took them all away. So shall be the coming of the Son of man, he said.

“Everybody,” the great majority, will go on heedless of the will of God and the salvation of their souls. They will be lost. You follow what “everybody” is doing, and you will be lost.

“But fifty thousand Frenchmen can’t be wrong!” You used to hear that a lot. But no more. A whole nation of Frenchmen were found to be wrong! “Everybody” was wrong that time, too.

If you are troubled with this “everybody” complex, it perhaps will be well for you to remember the eagle. He is a great, majestic bird. He suggests strength and nobility just by his appearance.

But eagles do not fly in flocks. He will go his own course. He leaves it to sparrows and other smaller, weaker birds to drift along together. An eagle is strong enough to soar high, far away from and above the crowd.

Forget “everybody,” and think of God, his word and your plan to serve him. Be strong. A mental and moral polliwog can drift along with the human tide. You can do better. Be an eagle. Up in the pure atmosphere, in the sunlight, up toward the heights of glory, sincerity, and righteousness, live clean.

When the outlook is dark, try looking up.

## YES, GOD CAN USE YOU! Roger Campbell

For His purposes and for His glory, God has used folks from a wide variety of backgrounds. If you and I are willing to be humble servants, He can use us, too.

God used a shepherd by the name of Abel (Gen. 4:2; Heb. 11:4).

God used an ark-builder by the name of Noah (Heb. 11:7).

God used a man who moved around a lot by the name of Abraham (Heb. 11:8).

God used a man whose brothers hated him by the name of Joseph (Acts 7:9).

God used baby-hiders by the names of Amram and Jochebed (Heb. 11:23).

God used an oft-forgotten older sister by the name of Miriam (Micah 6:4).

God used an accurate javelin-thrower by the name of Phinehas (Num. 25:7).

God used a helper of Moses by the name of Joshua (Josh. 1:1).

God employed an ox-goad user by the name of Shamgar (Judges 3:31).

God used a woman by the name of Hannah who prayed for a son (1 Sam. 1).

God used a harp-player by the name of David (1 Sam. 16:21-23).

God used an unnamed "little maid" to help Naaman learn how to be cleansed of leprosy (2 Kings 5:1).

God used a widower by the name of Ezekiel (Ezek. 26:18).

God used a man by the name of Daniel who was a government official in two different empires (Daniel 2 and Daniel 6).

God used a man who was a shepherd by the name of Amos (Amos 7:14).

God used a man who ate locusts and honey by the name of John (Mark 1:6).

God used a fisherman by the name of Andrew. He used other fishermen, too (Mark 1:16-20).

God used an encourager by the name of Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37).

God used non-famous servants by the names of Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas (Acts 6:3-6).

God used a garment-maker by the name of Tabitha (Acts 9:36-39).

God used a tanner by the name of Simon to provide lodging for another man by the name of Simon (Acts 9:43).

God used a soldier by the name of Cornelius (Acts 10:1).

God used a young man by the name of Timothy who came from a mixed-marriage (Acts 16:1-3).

God used the former chief ruler of a synagogue by the name of Crispus (Acts 18:8).

God used a couple by the name of Aquila and Priscilla to provide a place for the church to assemble (1 Cor. 16:19).

God used a doctor by the name of Luke (Col. 4:14), a lawyer by the name of Zenas (Titus 3:13), and a man who had been a runaway slave by the name of Onesimus (Philemon 10,11).

Without doubt, the Lord can use You and me, too. Let us live for His glory.



# FUNNY

**How are toddlers  
and those who  
attempted to build  
a tower to Heaven  
similar?**

They all babble.

**How did Joseph  
make his coffee?**

*Hebrewed it.*

## This Week's Q&A

**Q: Why was unleavened bread excluded from the Passover meal?**

A: Because of the haste in which the Israelites left Egypt, and so that they would remember this hasty exodus all the days of their lives, as seen in Exodus 12:11, 39 and Deuteronomy 16:3

Leavened bread is bread that has an agent in it, such as yeast, which causes the dough to rise. This takes time, usually a few hours, so there was not time for this kind of preparation when the Israelites were given the opportunity by God to leave Egypt and their life of bondage there.

The Israelites ate unleavened bread each year during the Passover Feast in memory of their deliverance from Egypt. It was the Passover celebration that Christ instituted the Lord's Supper using unleavened bread that would remind Christians weekly of their deliverance from sin through the body of Christ offered on the cross.

If you need help, ask God. If you don't, thank God.

I know not by what methods rare,  
But this I know, God answers prayer.  
I know that He has given His Word,  
Which tells me prayer is always heard,  
And will be answered, soon or late.  
And so I pray and calmly wait.  
I know not if the blessing sought  
Will come in just the way I thought;  
But leave my prayers with Him alone,  
Whose will is wiser than my own,  
Assured that He will grant my quest,  
Or send some answer far more blest.

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