

# **Christ – the Substance and Reality of All the Feasts Prepared by God for Us to Enjoy and to Meet Our Needs**

## **The First Four Feasts – Accomplished by the Lord in His First Coming from His Incarnation to His Ascension**

### **I. Zion/Jerusalem – the city of our appointed feasts**

(Is. 33:20; Heb. 12:22-23 <festal gathering>, 28; Ps. 132:13-14;  
Lev. 23:4-44; Exod. 23:14-17; 34:18, 22-23)

### **II. The Feast of the Passover (Exod. 12:1-14)**

A. Jesus Christ – our Passover Lamb (Jn. 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7)

1. Foreknown before the foundation of the world  
(1 Pet. 1:19-20; 2 Tim. 1:9)
2. Slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8)
3. Manifested at the New Testament age (Gal. 4:4;  
Tit. 1:2-3; 2 Tim. 1:10; Rom. 16:25-26)

B. Redeeming us by His precious blood (1 Pet. 1:18-19;  
Rev. 5:6, 9, 12)

1. From the curse of the law (Deut. 21:22-23;  
Gal. 3:10-13; 4:3-5)
2. From our aimless (futile, vain) manner of life handed  
down from our fathers (1 Pet. 1:18)
3. From all wickedness, lawlessness (Tit. 2:14)

C. To deliver us out of this present evil age (Gal. 1:4)

1. Rescuing us from the power of darkness
2. Transferring us into the Kingdom of Christ
3. To purify for Himself a people and a holy nation
4. To make us kings and priests to our God and Father  
(Rev. 1:5b-6; 5:10)

- D. The way to eat the Passover (Exod. 12:5-11)
  - 1. The Lamb must be w/o blemish, a male of the first year
  - 2. With some of the blood of the lamb put on the 2 door posts and the lintel (Exod. 12:7, 13)
  - 3. Do not eat it raw, but roasted in fire – its head, legs and entrails
  - 4. With bitter herbs and unleavened bread (Exod. 12:8)
  - 5. In haste to leave Egypt (Exod. 12:11)

### **III. The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Exod. 12:15-20;**

#### **Lev. 2; 1 Cor. 5:6-8) – Concurrent with the Passover**

- A. Jesus Christ – the true bread which came down from heaven (John 6:27, 32-35, 48-51, 53-58, 61-63, 68)
  - 1. The incarnated Word (John 1:1, 4, 14; Rev. 19:13)
    - a. The fine and perfect humanity (human nature) of Jesus
      - i. Without leaven
      - ii. Without honey
      - iii. Full of grace and truth (John 1:14-16)
      - iv. Full of Spirit and the resurrection life (John 6:61-63)
      - v. Well pleasing to the Father
    - b. In Whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Col. 2:9-10)
    - c. In Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:3)
    - d. The image and expression of the invisible God (John 1:18; Col. 1:15)
  - 2. As food for us to eat (Rev. 2:7, 17; 3:20; 21:6; 22:1-2, 14, 17)
    - a. That we may live by Him and because of Him
    - b. That we will no longer hunger and thirst
- B. Purgings out all the leaven from us (1 Cor. 5:6-8)

1. The parable of the woman hiding leaven in the three measures of fine flour (Matt. 13:33)
  2. The leaven of the Pharisees, the Sadducees and the Herodians – the doctrines (Matt. 16:6, 12; Mark 8:15)
  3. The leaven of hypocrisy (Luke 12:1)
  4. The leaven of malice and wickedness (1 Cor. 5:8)
  5. The leaven of dead religious practices (Gal. 5:1-9; Col. 2:18-23)
  6. A little leaven leavens the whole lump (1 Cor. 5:6; Gal. 5:9)
- C. Eating the bitter herbs (Exod. 12:8; Num. 9:11; Ezek. 3:1-3, 14; Rev. 10:9-10)

#### **IV. The Feast of Firstfruits (Lev. 23:10-14; 1 Cor. 15:20-23)**

- A. Barley – the first to ripen for harvest (spring), a type of the resurrection of Jesus (Lev. 23:10-11)
- B. Jesus Christ – the firstfruits in resurrection
1. Risen on the third day (1 Cor. 15:3-8)
  2. The significance of resurrection (1 Cor. 15:13-19)
  3. The Firstborn from among the dead (Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5, 18; Rom. 8:29)
  4. Designated as Son of God in power (Rom. 1:4; Ps. 2:7; Acts 13:29-33; Heb. 1:6; 5:5)
    - a. In His humanity (of the seed of David according to the flesh)
    - b. According to the Spirit of holiness
    - c. By the resurrection from the dead
  5. Offered up as firstfruits to the Father immediately after being resurrected (John 20:16-17)
- C. The believers were regenerated through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Pet. 1:3; Eph. 2:5-6; John 1:12-13; 3:5-6)
1. Becoming the many brethren of the Firstborn Son of God (Rom. 8:29; John 20:17; Heb. 2:11-13)

2. His God is now our God, His Father our Father  
(1 John 3:1-2)

D. Knowing the power of His resurrection (Phil. 3:10;  
Eph. 1:19-20)

1. The exceeding greatness of God's power toward us who believe
  - a. The power that raised Jesus from the dead
  - b. That seated Christ at His right hand in the heavenly realm
  - c. That put all things under the feet of Christ
  - d. That makes Christ head over all things to the church
2. The believers are united with Christ in the likeness of His resurrection (Rom. 6:4-5, 9; Eph. 2:4-6)
  - a. Made alive and raised together with Christ, and seated together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus
  - b. Walking in the newness of life and serving in the newness of the spirit
  - c. The Spirit who raised up Jesus from the dead now dwells in us (Rom. 8:11)
  - d. Death no longer has dominion over us
3. Attaining to the best resurrection (Phil. 3:11;  
Matt. 25:1-13; Rev. 12:1-2, 5-6)

**V. The Feast of Weeks (Lev. 23:15-22; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 8; 2:1-4a, 14, 41-47; Acts 10:30-34, 44-48; John 14:16-17, 26; 16:7-8, 13)**

- A. The summer harvest of the wheat (John 12:24)
- B. The Pentecost – 50<sup>th</sup> day after the resurrection of Jesus Christ (7 Sabbaths after the Feast of Firstfruits)
- C. The ascension of Jesus Christ to the throne (Heb. 1:3, 8; Rev. 1:5b)
  1. Sitting at the right hand of the Majesty on high

2. On the throne with the scepter of justice
3. The Ruler over the kings of the earth
- D. Made by God to be the great heavenly High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 7:1-3; Ps. 110)
- E. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit
  1. To clothe the saints with power from on high for the work of God
  2. To build His church – typified by the two wave loaves baked with leaven as firstfruits to the Lord (Lev. 23:17; Exod. 34:22; James 1:18, 21; ref. the Feast of Unleavened Bread)

**The Last Three Feasts Are Related to the  
Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ  
Exod. 23:16, 34:22**

**VI. The Feast of Trumpets on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month  
(Lev. 23:23-25; Num. 10:10; Ps. 81:3)**

- A. The purpose of blowing the silver trumpets (Num. 10:1-10)
  1. The calling together of the assembly
  2. The journeying of the camps
  3. For alarming the people
  4. For going to war against the enemy
  5. In the day of gladness, the set feasts and the new moons
- B. Announcing the second coming of the Lord Jesus
  1. The speaking of the Lord and the Spirit to the churches (Rev. 1:1-3, 10; 4:1; 22:7, 10-14, 16-21)
  2. The time of the resurrection of God's people (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16-17)
  3. The judgment during the great day of God's wrath (Rev. 8:1-10:7)
  4. The gathering of all His elect (the Jews) from all over the world (Is. 27:13; Matt. 24:30-31)

- C. The Ingathering – the final harvest
  - 1. The harvest of the man-child before the great tribulation <the overcomers in the past ages> (Rev. 12:5-6)
  - 2. The harvest of the first fruits before the great tribulation <the matured, perfected Christians that are alive> (Rev. 14:1-5)
  - 3. The harvest of the martyrs during the time of the great tribulation (Rev. 15)
  - 4. The general harvest of the remaining Christians at the end of 3½ years of tribulation (Rev. 14:14-16; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Rom. 14:10, 12; 2 Cor. 5:10-11)
- D. The negative harvest
  - 1. The harvest of the grapes to be gathered into the winepress of God’s wrath (Rev. 14:18-20; 16:12-16; 19:15) – the Armageddon
  - 2. The judgment of the nations at the Lord’s second coming
    - a. The parable of the dragnet (Matt. 13:47-50)
    - b. The parable of the sheep and the goats (Matt. 25:31-46)

## **VII. The Day of Atonement on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month (Lev. 23:26-32)**

- A. The requirement: to afflict our souls (Lev. 23:27; Matt. 16:24)
- B. Being fully reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:18-21)
- C. Being saved to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25)
- D. Reaching the full maturity of our spiritual life (Eph. 4:11-16)
- E. The example of the apostles
  - 1. John (Rev. 1:9)
  - 2. Peter (2 Pet. 1:10-14)
  - 3. Paul (2 Tim. 4:6-8)

**VIII. The Feast of Tabernacles on the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month (Lev. 23:33-43)**

- A. The last feast of the year – lasted 7 days plus 1 – from Sabbath to Sabbath
- B. Dwelling in booths “Sukkot” – a temporary dwelling or shelter
  1. Reminding the people that after God led them out of Egypt, they dwelt in booths in the wilderness for 40 years (Lev. 23:43; Heb. 11:9-10, 13-16, 24-27, 1 Pet. 2:11; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 1 John 2:15-17; John 17:14-18)
  2. Like Abraham in Canaan dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob – they were pilgrims
  3. Like Moses leaving Egypt – not loving the world
  4. We are building Zion, the heavenly city, His church, with Christ as the foundation whose builder and maker is God Himself
  5. Looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Pet. 3:2, 10-18)
- C. The coming of the Millennial Kingdom on earth (Zech. 14:9-11; 16-21)
  1. Christ will be the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the King of the whole earth
  2. His throne will be in Jerusalem (Ezek. 43:6-7)

### **The Jewish Months of the Feasts**

Month	Day	Feast
Nissan	14	The Passover
	15-22	The Feast of Unleavened Bread
	16	The Feast of Firstfruits
Sivan	6	The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)
Tishri	1	The Feast of Trumpets
	10	The Feast of Atonement
	15-22	The Feast of Tabernacles