

The Gospel Holidays

Leviticus 23:26-43

1.) The Structure of the Feasts

- A.) One Sabbath Principle- The Foundation
- B.) Two Reminders of Redemption- The Brackets
- C.) Three Holy Pilgrimages- The Backbone
- D.) Two Seasons- The Balance
- E.) One Message" The Lord Saves

2.) The Goals of the Feasts

- A.) The Goal of the Sabbath: Rest
- B.) The Goal of the Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, and Feast of Tabernacles: Remembrance

"Referring to the Feast of Unleavened bread he said, "Together with the Passover, it began each year as a tremendous declaration and celebration of the Lord's deliverance, in this way reminding Israelites to follow him with strong confidence in his salvation, great reverence for his power, and great thankfulness for his redeeming grace." —Jay Sklar

- C.) The Goal of the Feast of Firstfruits and Feast of Weeks- Provision
- D.) The Goal of the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement- Atonement

3.) The Gospel Proclaimed in the Feasts

Hebrews 3:15-19, "15 while it is said: 'Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.' 16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

Hebrews 4:9-10, "For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His."

Hebrews 10:12, "12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,"

A.) Christ is Our Sabbath Rest

Hebrews 10:14, "For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."

"We cease from our labors, not by resting physically one day in seven, but by resting spiritually every day and forever in Christ by faith alone. We experience God's true Sabbath rest, not by taking off from work one day in seven, but by placing our faith in the saving work of Jesus. To experience God's Sabbath rest, therefore, is to cease from those works of righteousness by which we were seeking to be justified. The NT fulfillment of the OT Sabbath is not one day in seven of physical rest, but an eternity of spiritual rest through faith in the work of Christ." —Sam Storms

Ephesians 2:6, "raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"

B.) Christ is Our Passover Sacrifice

1 Corinthians 5:7, "For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."

1 Corinthians 15:20, "*But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.*"

C.) Christ is our Firstfruits

1 Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

D.) Christ Sent the Firstfruits of the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:23, "*Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body*"

E.) Christ Blew the Trumpet We Continue the Call

2 Corinthians 6:2, "*...Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*"

Romans 8:19-21, "*19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*"

F.) Christ Will Cleanse the Whole Creation

John 7:37-38, "*If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*"

Zechariah 14:4, "And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south."

Zechariah 14:8, "And in that day it shall be That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur."

Zechariah 14:16, "And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles."

G.) Christ and His People Will Celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles