

The Feasts of Unleavened Bread & Firstfruits

Why Study the Feasts?

The Feasts were a shadow of Christ, and reveal God's work of redemption

Colossians 2:16 – 17 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ

There were 3 Main Feasts (Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles)

Passover had 3 elements: (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits)

Passover - Quick Review

Blood on the Door

Exo 12:13 KJV And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Lamb of God Crucified

1Co 5:7 KJV Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even **Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:**

Crucified with Christ

1Pe 1:18 KJV Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

Gal 2:20 KJV I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Unleavened Bread

Buried Egypt in the Red Sea

- Passing through the Red Sea (during the feast of Unleavened Bread) is a Type of Baptism

(1 Cor 10:1-3) - "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were **all baptized unto Moses** in the cloud and **in the sea.**"

Jesus Buried in the Tomb

- Entered burial during unleavened bread

1Jn 3:5 KJV And ye know that he was manifested **to take away our sins**; and in him is no sin.

Buried with Christ in Baptism

Rom 6:3-6 KJV Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism** into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that **the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

- Putting away the leaven
- What would have happened if Israel did not go through the Red Sea?

Feast of First Fruits

Wave a Sheaf of Firstfruits when you get to the promised land

Lev 23:10-14 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. (11) He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so **it will be accepted on your behalf**; the priest is to **wave it on the day after the Sabbath**.

Firstfruits from the Dead

Christ rose again - the day after the Sabbath - Firstfruits of the resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the **firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep**.

Raised to walk in newness of life in baptism

- We rise from the waters of baptism to walk in newness of life

Rom 6:3-4 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: **that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life**.

Passover & The Gospel

(The Passover Itself, along with Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits) are fulfilled:

In the Gospel of Jesus Christ

1Co 15:1-4 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. (2) By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. (3) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins [PASSOVER] according to the Scriptures, (4) that he was buried, **[UNLEAVENED BREAD]** that he was raised on the third day **[FIRST FRUITS]** according to the Scriptures

And in the life of the believer when we partake of Salvation and Water Baptism

We Are Buried in Water Baptism [unleavened bread]

To Rise to Walk in Newness of Life [Firstfruits]

- Imagine Israel being set free from Egypt but stopping at the Red Sea
 - HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED?
- Israel did not go to the Promised Land for 40 years - they stopped short of all God had for them.
 - ARE WE PARTAKING OF THE RESURRECTION LIFE THAT IS OURS?

Baptism is a decisive break with the past, and a step unto allegiance and obedience. Israel was set free from slavery, Pharaoh / Egypt to be disciples and followers of Moses. The Church is set free from slavery, Satan / the World to be disciples and followers of Christ.

The Red Sea was a point where Egypt was "cut off" and "buried under the sea". Moses is the new leader. In Water Baptism we are circumcised, the body of sin is "cut off" and we are "buried with Christ", He becomes our new leader.

What Do You Believe About Yourself?

(Story of the boogey man under the bed) - tho he is not there - if you believe he is it affects how you act

Jesus has changed you - you are not just getting a new belief system, not just adding going to church as a new habit...He has given you power to live a life that is unto God - COUNT YOURSELF TO BE DEAD TO SIN

Rom 6:1-23 KJV

vs 2 How shall **we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?** 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.**

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that **our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.** 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise **reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God** through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body,** that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 **Neither yield ye your members** as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but **yield yourselves unto God,** as those that are alive from the dead, and your **members as instruments of righteousness** unto God. 14 For **sin shall not have dominion over you:** for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 **Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are** to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 **Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.** 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. 20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. 22 But **now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.** 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is how our salvation and baptism empowers us

- Eph 4:20-32 -You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to **put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to **put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. put on the new self**, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness...Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of **malice**. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- Col 3:1-10 - Since, then, **you have been raised with Christ**...you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, **malice**, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.
- Galatians 3:27 - for all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ**.
- Romans 13:14 - Rather, **clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ**, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.
- Colossians 3:9-10 - Do not lie to each other, since you have **taken off your old self** with its practices and have **put on the new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.