

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

- A. Jesus Christ – our Passover Lamb (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)
 - 1. From the curse of the law (Deut. 21:22-23; Gal. 3:10-13; 4:3-5)
 - 2. From our aimless (futile, empty, 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
- D. To purify for Himself a people and a holy nation
- E. The way to eat the Passover
 - 1. With some of the blood of the lamb put on the 2 door posts and the lintel (Exod. 12:7, 13)
 - 2. With bitter herbs and unleavened bread (Exod. 12:8)
 - 3. In haste to leave Egypt (Exod. 12:11)

II. The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Exod. 12:15-20; Lev. 2; 1 Cor. 5:6-8)

- 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 and because of Him
 - b. That we will no longer hunger and thirst
 - c. That we will not die, but have eternal life
 - d. That we will abide in Him and He in us
- B. Purging 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)

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

- A. Barley – the first to ripen for harvest (spring), a picture of resurrection (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. Christ becoming the Firstborn among many brethren (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)

IV. 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, 20:16:7-8, 13)

- A. The summer harvest of the wheat (John 12:24)
- B. The Pentecost – 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus Christ (7 Sabbaths after the Feast of Firstfruits)
- C. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit after the ascension of Christ
 - 1. The Saints being clothed with power from on high for the work of God
 - 2. Presenting the two wave loaves baked with leaven as the firstfruits to the Lord (Lev. 23:17; Exod. 34:22; James 1:18)
 - 3. Signifying the Jewish church and the Gentile church
 - 4. Signifying that the churches still have leaven which must be purged out (ref.: see the Feast of Unleavened Bread)
 - 5. The different offerings accompanying the offering up of the two wave loaves (Lev. 23:18-20) – Based upon all the offerings, the church, though leavened, is accepted by God

**The Last Three Feasts – Will be Accomplished at the
Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ
Exod. 23:16, 34:22**

**V. The Feast of Trumpets on the 1st of the 7th 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. The blowing of the trumpets near the second coming of the Lord
 - 1. The gathering of God's people at the end of the age (Is. 27:13; Matt. 24:31)
 - 2. Regarding the Lord's second coming (1 Thess. 4:16-17; Matt. 24:30-31)
 - 3. The speaking of the Lord and the Spirit to the churches (Rev. 1:1-3, 10; 4:1; 22:7, 10-14, 16-21)
 - 4. The time of resurrection (1 Cor. 15:52)
 - 5. The Ingathering – the final Harvest
 - a. The harvest of the man-child (Rev. 12:5-6)
 - b. The harvest of the firstfruits (Rev. 14:1-5)
 - c. The harvest of the martyrs during the time of the great tribulation (Rev. 15)
 - d. The general harvest at the end of the great tribulation (Rev. 14:14-16; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Rom. 14:10, 12; 2 Cor. 5:10-11)
 - 6. The negative harvest
 - a. The harvest of the grapes to be gathered into the winepress of God's wrath (Rev. 14:18-20; 19:15)
 - b. The parable of the dragnet (Matt. 13:47-50)
 - c. The parable of the sheep and the goats (Matt. 25:31-46)

**VI. The Day of Atonement on the 10th of the 7th 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)

**VII. The Feast of Tabernacles on the 15th to the 22nd of the
7th 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. 11:8-10, 13-16, 24-27, 1 Pet. 2:11; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 1 John 2:15-17; John 17:14-18)
 - 2. Not loving the world
 - 3. We are building the heavenly city, the church, which has Christ as the foundation whose builder and maker is God Himself
 - 4. 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