

20230312 WE ARE CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOD

Christ in the Feasts of the LORD Part 3

⁶ On the fifteenth day of that month the LORD's Festival of Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast.

⁷ On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.

⁸ For seven days present a food offering to the LORD. And on the seventh day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.

⁹ The LORD said to Moses,

¹⁰ "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.

¹² On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the LORD a lamb a year old without defect,

¹³ together with its grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with olive oil - a food offering presented to the LORD, a pleasing aroma - and its drink offering of a quarter of a hin of wine.

¹⁴ You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.

Colossians 1:13

¹³ He (God the Father) has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

Ephesians 2:1-3

¹ ...we were dead in our transgressions and sins,

² in which we used to live when we followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Ephesians 2:4-9

⁴ But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

⁷ in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE FEASTS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD AND FIRSTFRUITS

Exodus 13:3, 7

³ Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast.

⁷ Eat unleavened bread during those seven days; nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders.

Leviticus 23:11

¹¹ He (the priest) 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**.

2. HOW JESU FULFILLED THE FEASTS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD AND FIRSTFRUITS

(1) No sin in Jesus

1 John 3:5

⁵ ...You know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And **in Him is no sin**.

(2) The bread of life from the Heaven

John 6:32-35

³² Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "**I am the bread of life**. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

(3) Jesus, the Unleavened Bread for us

Isaiah 53:2-3

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,

and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,

a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

(4) Jesus, the Firstfruits

1 Corinthians 15:20

²⁰ ...Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, **the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep**.

(5) Jesus, appearing before God the Father after His resurrection

Matthew 28:1 (NIV)

¹ After the Sabbath, **at dawn on the first day of the week**, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

(New King James Version)

¹ Now after the Sabbath, **as the first day of the week began to dawn**, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

John 20:17

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

3. PERSONAL APPLICATION

Romans 11:16

¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Matthew 4:19

¹⁹ "Come, follow me and I will send you out to fish for people."

We are created for the purpose of God.

Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.