Holidays and Holy Days – Fall 2019

Week 2: NT Fulfillment of the Feasts

- **Spiritual Life Cycles**
  - Daily ~ Morning and Evening
  - Weekly ~ Work and Rest
  - Yearly ~ Feasts
  - 7 / 50 years ~ Sabbatical / Jubilee

- **Seven Appointed Feasts of the Lord (Leviticus 23)**
  - Sabbath (Shabbat) – 7th Day of the Week
  - Passover (Pesach) & Unleavened Bread (Hag Hamatzot) – Early Spring
  - Feast of Firstfruits (Yom HaBikkurim) - Early Spring
  - Feast of Weeks / Pentecost (Shavnot) – Late Spring
  - Feast of Trumpets / New Year (Rosh HaShanah) – Early Fall
  - Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) - Early Fall
  - Feast of Tabernacles / Booths (Sukkot) - Early Fall

- **OT Notes on Keeping Feast and Festivals**
  - Keep and Not Keep - 2 Chronicles 35:1, 16-19, 36:17-25
  - God Remove due to sin - Hosea 2:9-13 (Ezekiel 20:18-24; Amos 8)
  - Renewed Practice - Ezra 3:1-6 (Nehemiah 10:30-33...)

- **In General, How does Christ Fulfill the OT Feasts and Holy Days?**
  - Feasts and Holy Days are a Shadow of Reality, of Christ (Heb. 10:1-4)
  - Specific Fulfillment of Details
  - Fulfillment of Signs, Types and Patterns
• In General, What does “Fulfillment” mean to practice?
  o Options:
    ▪ Practice unchanged (“to all generations”)
    ▪ Practice still required, but changed to focus on Christ
    ▪ Practice not required, but still valuable
    ▪ Practice discontinued, but may inform new practices
    ▪ Practice ended, not to be done again
  o Traditional Categories of OT commands
    ▪ **Moral Law** ~ for all time, still in force for all
    ▪ **Ceremonial Law** ~ for Israel’s worship, either discontinued or changed
    ▪ **Civil Law** ~ for the physical nation of Israel – still good for a nation, but not in force since there is no physical nation today
  o Problems with Traditional Categories
    ▪ **Not “Biblical” categories** – i.e. division not directly Scriptural
    ▪ **Which is which** – for example, where does Sabbath fit?
    ▪ **Can end up saying some OT discontinued** - Jesus says none pass
  o How to Determine How to Practice
    ▪ What did Christ do?
    ▪ What did Christ instruct?
    ▪ What did the Church in Scripture do?
    ▪ What does the NT instruct?
    ▪ How are the images / patterns of the OT practice fulfilled and what does that imply about NT church practice?
    ▪ Which of the above is commanded, clearly derived or personal conviction (i.e. how dogmatic should we be about it?)
  o Larger NT Principles
    ▪ **Colossians 2:16-23** (esp. 2:16-17)
    ▪ **Romans 14:5-23** (we will look at this more in depth next week)
• Specific Examples
  o Today: 7 Feasts
  o Next Week: Sabbath
  o In 2 Weeks: Sabbath Year and Year of Jubilee

• Grouping of 7 Main Feasts:
  o Spring: Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits …
  o Late Spring: Weeks / Pentecost (50 days after Firstfruits)
  o Fall: Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacle

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The Spring Feasts (fulfilled @ Jesus’ first coming) | The Autumn (Fall) Feasts (fulfilled @ Jesus’ second coming)
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Passover | Passover
Unleavened Bread | Unleavened Bread
Crucifixion Of Jesus | Burial Of Jesus
Nisan 14 | Nisan 15-22
Exodus 12 | Nisan 17
Matt 26:17-27 | Sivan 7
1 Cor 5:7-8 | Acts 1 & 2
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Trummpets | Atonement
Rapture & Resurrection Of Believers | Second Coming Of Jesus
Tishri 1 | Tishri 10
1 Cor 15:51-52 | Matt 24:29-30
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Tabernacles | Tabernacles
Messianic Kingdom Age | Messianic Kingdom Age
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'The Days of Awe'  
Time of Jacob’s trouble

• The Spring Feasts ... OT Background
  o Passover (Exodus 12; Leviticus 23; Number 9; Deuteronomy 16; 2 Chronicles 30, 25)
    Exodus 12 (summary):
    o Last plague unique – on Egypt & Israel!
    o Both guilty of Idolatry, both deserve death of youngest son
    o God provide way of escape for Israel – but only with blood
    o Observed every year as remembrance of slavery, salvation and deliverance – remember God’s love, wrath & mercy
  o Unleavened Bread (Exodus 12, 13, 34; Leviticus 23; Deuteronomy 16)
  o First Fruits (Exodus 23; Leviticus 23)
  o Pentecost / Weeks (Exodus 34; Leviticus 23; Numbers 28; Deuteronomy 16; 2 Chronicles 30)
• The Spring Feasts ... Fulfilled in Christ

  o Passover
    ▪ John 1:29 – Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
    ▪ Christ practiced Passover with Disciples ... but also modified
    ▪ Christ washes disciple’s feet
    ▪ Betrayer revealed at Passover dinner ... as well as Peter’s denial
    ▪ Christ institutes Lord’s Supper ~ time of remembrance of Christ’s upcoming death
    ▪ Is night of Christ’s prayer in Gethsemane, arrest and religious trial

  o Unleavened Bread
    ▪ As a piece is covered, so Christ will be buried
    ▪ Takes unleavened bread as symbol of body broken

  o First Fruits
    ▪ Christ is called the first fruit of those risen from the dead
    ▪ Ends the supper with the cup of the new covenant
    ▪ Comes to give new life, but cannot put new wine in old wineskin

  o Pentecost
    ▪ 50 days later ... First of the Wheat Harvest
    ▪ Spirit comes on all believers ... 3,000 saved and church begins

  o Gap – Summer Heat
    ▪ Church Age
• The Spring Feasts … For the Church
  o Passover
    ▪ I Corinthians 5:6-8 – Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us! Let us keep the feast
    ▪ I Corinthians 11:17-34 - Lord’s Supper – Bread, Cup – in remembrance of body broken and blood spilt – proclaim Christ’s death (and deliverance) until he comes!
  o Unleavened Bread
    ▪ Call to separation from the world
    ▪ I Corinthians 5:8 – celebrate feast not with leaven of malice and evil but with unleavened bread of sincerity and truth
  o First Fruits
    ▪ Live out new life, not trying to put new wine in old wineskin
    ▪ Give of our best, give ourselves to first to Christ
  o Pentecost
    ▪ Go out in power of Spirit to share Christ, see kingdom grow
    ▪ Fields are white to harvest … pray for, and go as, laborers for the harvest
  o Gap – Summer Heat
    ▪ Working Toward and Waiting for Fall Harvest

• The Fall Feasts … OT Background
  o Trumpets (Leviticus 23; Number 10, 29)
  o Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16, 23; Number 29)
    Leviticus 16 (summary):
    o Sacrificial System so sinful can come to God – need blood
    o Day of Atonement one fast of year, high holy day
      ▪ High Priest assure holiness – keep self from unclean
      ▪ Enter Holy of Holies, before mercy seat of God
      ▪ Sacrifice bull for the sins of the high priest
      ▪ Also 2 goats – 1st sacrificed for sins of the people
      ▪ 2nd is the scapegoat – READ Leviticus 16:20-22
      ▪ Take sins, outside camp, outside God’s people
        ▪ Remains of offerings burned outside camp
- **Tabernacles / Booths** (Leviticus 23; Number 29; Deuteronomy 16; Nehemiah 8; Zechariah 14)

- **The Spring Feasts ... Fulfilled in Christ**
  - **Trumpets**
    - Trumpets in Joshua, Judges, Kings...
    - Matthew 6:2; 1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:6 – last trumpet at return of Christ
    - Revelation 8, 10 – seven trumpets judgment
  - **Day of Atonement**
    - **Propitiation and Expiation:**
      - *Expiate:* to cover sin
      - *Propitiate:* to turn away God’s wrath, to appease or satisfy
    - **Atonement and Penal Substitution:**
      - *Atonement:* reparation for offence or injury, reconciliation
      - *Penal Substitution:* one takes the place of another, bearing the penalty due them - Christ’s death bore God’s wrath instead of us
    - **Christ’s Substitutionary Death** (Mathew 27; Hebrews 7-10; Romans 5)
      - **Matthew 27:45-54**
        - Darkness over lad as Jesus died
        - Jesus Forsaken by God on the Cross (in our place)
        - Jesus yielded up his spirit
        - Curtain of the temple torn
        - Saints resurrected
        - Centurion proclaim “surely this is the son of God”
      - **Hebrews 7:22-28**
        - Christ died once, for all – ending regular sacrifice
        - Christ holy, sinless – no need to sacrifice for self
      - **Hebrews 10:1-4 ; 11-14**
        - Law a shadow – can’t make perfect, even with offering
        - Sacrifices actually yearly reminder of sin!
        - Blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin
        - Christ offered self, own blood, once for all – does take away sin and perfect
      - **Romans 5:9-11**
        - Justified – by Blood - Saved from the Wrath of God
        - Reconciled to God – by death of Son ; Saved by his life
        - See additional thoughts on Christ’s Atonement at the end of document
  - **Tabernacles / Booths**
    - John 7 – At first Jesus did not go to Jerusalem for the feast of booths, but then goes to temple and teaches there
    - John 1:14 – the Word tabernacle with us
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  o Day of Atonement
    ▪ Hebrew 10 – Confidently enter the holy place ... through blood of Christ
    ▪ Revelation 4 – Lamb on throne who was slain!
    ▪ Revelation – final judgement, final redemption ... along with last chance during end times for some to turn ... and remnant of Israel who will return

  o Tabernacles / Booths
    ▪ I Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19-20 – Your body is temple of Holy Sprit
    ▪ Ephesians 2:19-22 – church as dwelling of Holy Spirit
    ▪ Revelation 7 (and next several chapters) – Temple of God in Heaven
    ▪ Revelation. 21:22 – In new heaves and new earth there is No Temple in new Jerusalem – the Temple is the Lord almighty and the lamb!

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**The Christian Meaning Of The Jewish Feasts**

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**Additional Thoughts on Atonement:**

**He Was Cursed for Us:**

Chorus to “You Are My King”:

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me  
Because you died and rose again  

Amazing love, how can it be?  
That you, my king, would die for me  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
Its my joy to honor you

**He Was Crushed:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12 ; Psalm 22  (also Leviticus 17:11, Revelation 5:9-10)

**He Was Cursed:** Deut. 28 ; Numbers 6:24-26 (inverted) ; Eph. 2:11-12

- Great Jewish Benediction:  Numbers 6:24-26 (22-27)
  
  *The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,*
  
  *The LORD bless you and keep you;*
  
  *the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*
  
  *the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.  

  “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

- Supreme Malediction (R.C. Sproul) (Num 6:24-26 inverted)
  
  *May The Lord Curse You and Abandon You*  
  *May the Lord keep you in darkness*  
  *And give you only judgment without grace*  
  *May the Lord turn his back upon you*  
  *And remove his peace from you forever*

  *That is what Christ had to take on if he was to redeem us!*

**He Was Hung on a Cross:** Galatians 3:13-14 (quoted from Duet. 21:23), Mark 15:33-39 (Matt. 27:45-54)

**We are Crucified with Him:** Gal. 2:20 ; Rom. 6, 8 ; Heb. 13:5-6
Looking at the cross by John Newton
In evil long I took delight,
Unawed by shame or fear,
Till a new object struck my sight,
And stopped my wild career.

I saw One hanging on a tree,
In agony and blood,
Who fixed His languid eyes on me,
As near His cross I stood.

Sure, never to my latest breath,
Can I forget that look;
It seemed to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke.

My conscience felt and owned the guilt,
And plunged me in despair,
I saw my sins His blood had spilt,
And helped to nail Him there.

A second look He gave, which said,
"I freely all forgive;
This blood is for thy ransom paid;
I die that thou mayst live."

Thus, while His death my sin displays
In all its blackest hue,
Such is the mystery of grace,
It seals my pardon too.

O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile
(Our Lord Is Crucified)
Words by Frederick W. Faber
Music by Eric Ashley

O Come and Mourn with me awhile
O come near to the Savior's side
O come together, let us mourn
Jesus our lord is crucified

Seven times he spoke
Seven words of love
And all three hours, his silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men
Jesus our Lord is crucified

O Love of God O sin of man
In this dread act your strength is tried
And victory remains in love
Jesus our lord is crucified

Wonderful love of Christ by Isaac Watts

Come, let me love, or is my mind Hardened to
stone, or froze to ice ?
I see the blessed fair one bend, And stoop t' embrace me from the skies!

Oh! 'tis a thought would melt a rock And make a
heart of iron move,
That those sweet lips, that heavenly look,
Should seek and wish a mortal love!

I was a traitor doom'd to fire, Bound to sustain
eternal pains;
He flew on wings of strong desire, Assum'd my
guilt and took my chains.

Infinite grace! almighty charms!Stand in amaze,
ye rolling skies!
Jesus, the God, extends his arms, Hangs on a
cross of love, and dies.

Did pity ever stoop so low, Dress'd in divinity
and blood ?
Was ever rebel courted so, In groans of an
expiring God 1

Again he lives, and spreads his hands, Hands
that were nail'd to torturing smart:
" By these dear wounds," says he; and stands,
And prays to clasp me to his heart.

Sure I must love; or are my ears Still deaf, nor
will my passions move?
Lord! melt this stubborn heart to tears; This
heart shall yield to death, or love.
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