The Feast of Weeks: Jesus Christ - The Firstfruit of Mankind



John 20:11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, **12** And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. **13** And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. **14** And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. **16** Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. **17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father**, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. **18** Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

After Jesus had resurrected, He told Mary that He had to ascend to the Father. He had to present Himself as the wave sheaf offering of the First-fruit of the harvest.

The Sheaf of First-fruits

Leviticus 23:9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: 11 **And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. 12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD. 13 And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour:**

and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin. 14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

The wave sheaf offering of first-fruits was required to be presented the day after the weekly 7th day Sabbath after Passover. Jesus died on the day of Passover, He was put into the grave just before the Feast of Unleavened Bread started and He was risen from the grave at the end of the third day; at the end of the Sabbath, just as it was coming to a close and the 1st day was dawning. The first day of the week was the Feast of Harvest where the First-fruits offering was presented to God. On that day Jesus presented himself as the wave sheaf First-fruit offering to the Father. He was the first of the harvest to be presented to God. He was also the Passover lamb who offered His body as the bread, and poured out His blood for the atonement of our sins. He is a priest after the order of Melchizedek.

1 Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? **13** But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: **14** And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. **15** Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. **16** For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: **17** And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. **18** Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. **19** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. **20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.** 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Jesus is the Firstfruit of those that are asleep and awaiting the resurrection. He was the first to resurrect from the dead and at His return those that are dead in Christ will resurrect with Him.

James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Those that have the Word of Truth are a firstfruit of His creatures.

Romans 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. **24** For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? **25** But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Those that have the firstfruits of the Spirit are waiting for the adoption and redemption of our body; the resurrection.

Romans 11:16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. **17** And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Jesus, the Firstfruit is Holy.

Romans 16:5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

Epaenetus and the house of Stephanas was part of the firstfruits of Achaia.

Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. **2** And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: **3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. 4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he**

goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. **5** And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. **6** And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, **7** Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. **8** And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. **9** And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, **10** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **11** And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. **12** Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

When Jesus returns, He will be found on Mt Zion with the 144,000 firstfruits of God which will be redeemed from the earth and from among men. Jesus was the firstfruit of these people and they are those that follow Jesus wherever He goes. They will be without fault before the throne of God. The firstfruits keep the commandments of God and they have the faith of Jesus.

Jesus Christ is the Passover Lamb. He took the leaven of our sins to the grave with Him and made us unto a new unleavened lump at the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Jesus presented Himself as the firstfruit of mankind to God. He was the first of the harvest. In the end Jesus will deliver the Kingdom of the firstfruits of mankind, the great harvest, to God.

There is so much richness and depth to the Feasts of the Lord! Let us keep the Feasts!

PASSOVER

The Lamb was sacrificed

UNLEAVENED BREAD

our sins were buried

FIRST FRUITS

He lives!

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