

**GROW
IN
GRACE**
NEWSLETTER

**The LORD'S SUPPER! This
Sunday, April 21, during the
10:45am Worship Service!**

Volume 44b, No. 15, April 16, 2019 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."***

JESUS— "...This Do In Remembrance of Me!" (Luke 22:19)

The Holy Spirit moved the Apostle Paul to write in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26: "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on **the same night in which He was betrayed** took bread; and **when He had given thanks**, He broke *it* and said, ***"Take, eat this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*** In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, ***"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me!"*** For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, **you proclaim the LORD'S DEATH till He comes."**

SURPRISING REALITY— SOME or ALL of the following celebrations are SACRED TO MULTITUDES. HOWEVER, neither Jesus, nor His Apostles, nor any of the New

Testament churches practiced ANY of the following: Lent, Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Fourteen Stations of the Cross, **Service of Darkness or Service of Shadows, Holy Saturday**, Easter egg hunts, Easter Sunrise services, Passion Plays, and Easter Sunday... or RESURRECTION SUNDAY!

INSTEAD: Jesus gave CLEAR and simple INSTRUCTIONS about how He wanted us to REMEMBER HIM! AND... New Testament Christians simply obeyed Jesus and celebrated the **New Testament Passover or LORD'S SUPPER!** (Luke 22:19; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)

AGAIN: NO ONE in the New Testament set aside a special day to celebrate the RESURRECTION of Christ! Even as vital as the resurrection of Christ is— JESUS DID NOT SAY... “I want you to do something to proclaim MY RESURRECTION until I come back!” RATHER, JESUS GAVE US THE LORD'S SUPPER... to remember HIS DEATH until He comes back! [YES, it is good news that ‘WE SERVE and rejoice in a RISEN SAVIOUR!’ — BUT JESUS commands, ‘REMEMBER MY DEATH!’]

QUESTION— Are there any New Testament era lessons/applications to be gleaned from the God appointed SEVEN FEASTS OF THE LORD, WHICH were SET FORTH for people of genuine faith in the Old Testament? **YES!** They included MULTITUDES of blood sacrifices, pointing to the coming Lamb of God, JESUS! They repeatedly set forth the truth that God is holy; and that it is only by the shedding of innocent blood that sin can be forgiven and salvation secured. In this New Testament era, it is pleasing to the LORD to set forth the same salvation message, not in ‘shadows’ but in substance!

THUS: The Holy Spirit will unveil New Testament applications of the **Seven Sacred Feasts of the LORD**— reminding all of God’s redeemed children of **God’s so great salvation:** a salvation that has **a definite beginning, a definite process, and a definite climax!** When the Holy Spirit moved Paul to write, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, **you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes!**” (1 Corinthians 11:26) —

THE ENTIRE SCOPE OF FULL SALVATION is contained in that one phrase!

What is the revelation of FULL SALVATION in Christ, to the believer living today, WHICH WE CELEBRATE at the LORD’S TABLE?

(The ‘shadow’ is seen in the Seven Feasts unto the LORD in the Old Testament; the fulfillment and SUBSTANCE is seen at the LORD’S TABLE in the New Covenant!) **At the LORD’S Table we should be GLORYING in full and complete salvation!"**

EVERY TIME WE COME to the LORD’S TABLE, the call is to live in the full light of heaven's reality— *Jesus came! Jesus is here! Jesus is coming back! And until HE COMES BACK WE MUST BE FOCUSED ON HIS BUSINESS!* And as we do, we will be INVINCIBLE UNTIL HE CALLS US HOME! **Let us go forward DELIGHTING in Him, RESTING in Him, and LABORING by the power of His Spirit until the Master comes!**

What follows is an outline of the ‘shadow’ of the Old Covenant Feasts of the LORD, shining forth in Full Salvation SUBSTANCE in the New Covenant era:

I. Leviticus 23:4-5 - PASSOVER For the Old Testament Israelites, Passover was a remembrance of the night when the death angel passed over their homes sparing the first born. **For**

us, the Passover marks the beginning of salvation! The Passover lamb beautifully pictured Christ— “Behold the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world.” (John 1:29)
“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.” (1 Cor. 5:7)

[It’s no surprise that JESUS commands, ‘REMEMBER MY DEATH!’]

God’s message in the Old Testament and the New Testament is the same: Not when I see your good works or your golden rule living; **NOT WHEN** I see your religious traditions — **but, “When I see the blood, I will pass over you!” WE MUST NEVER FORGET THIS:** The Israelite deserved death as much as the Egyptian! Professing Christian— **WE deserve death and Hell as much as anyone!** Only when one is gripped by this truth will he or she flee to Christ for His blood to pay his/her sin debt! ***** **Have you ever come to Jesus with all of your sin;** and cried out in similar fashion as the tax-collector: **“O God, be merciful to me a sinner!?”**

II. Leviticus 23:6-8 - UNLEAVENED BREAD This feast pictured that those who were delivered from death, (by the shedding of and the applying of INNOCENT blood), have also turned their backs on their sin and their sin is forgiven! Therefore, let us receive this reminder from the Word of God: **God has a claim on the regenerated life! (OPEN YOUR BIBLE/READ: I Cor. 5:6-8; 2 Cor. 6:17-18; I Thess. 5:22)**

MOREOVER: When Israel went out of Egypt by the power of God, Pharaoh and his armies pursued; but God stepped in to overcome the impossible! **When a person becomes a Christian, Satan and his armies pursue. They call you back.** They will try to force you back to Egypt! Christian friend, in our own strength we cannot conquer sin or self or Satan! **IN OUR OWN STRENGTH,**

we cannot keep God's holy commandments. But Christ in us can! And so it is by Him, our High Priest, that we conquer (Ex. 13:14 & 14:14).

Therefore, **in obedient faith**, let us put away all leaven of malice and wickedness (I Cor. 5:6-7). **In trusting faith**, let us live a life of feeding on Christ, the BREAD OF LIFE, who has no leaven. **In yielding faith**, let us live a life of total dependence. **The LORD'S TABLE reminds us of all this and more!**

III. Leviticus 23:9-14— The Feast of FIRST FRUITS The Israelites could not harvest any of their early grain crop until the first bundle of grain was cut and brought to the priest. The priest would wave it before the Lord to be accepted of God. **For us, the resurrected Jesus Christ is the first fruits of them that slept.** (I Cor. 15:20-23) Jesus arose from the dead. He was accepted by God. And because He, the first fruits, was accepted—so we, the rest of the harvest, are accepted in Him—James 1:18—“...of His own will begat He us with the Word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures...” Moreover, Rom. 8:23 tells us that we have the first fruits of the Holy Spirit!

It is by the Holy Spirit that we have even now the resurrection life of Christ IN US and the blessed hope of future resurrection!

Now, the Feast of First Fruits was always held the third day from Passover: Christ was crucified on the day of Passover. He arose from the dead three days later on the Day of First Fruits. **When we experience NEW BIRTH - a saving encounter with Jesus Christ - it is a spiritual participation in the first three feasts:**

(1) PASSOVER— we are delivered BY THE BLOOD SACRIFICE OF A SUBSTITUTE, A SIN BEARER— JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR. Christ

became our Passover Lamb and WE were and ARE delivered from wrath/slavery/guilt. **But that is not all:** WE ALSO EXPERIENCE,

(2) “UNLEAVENED BREAD”— that is, we are separated. We put away sin and feed on Christ.

(3) FIRST FRUITS— that is, we are consecrated. We are accepted *in the Beloved* because of His resurrection and we are set apart for Him. We are not only saved from the world, the flesh, and the devil; but we are consecrated— **saved to a new resurrected life in Christ.**

But that’s not all!

IV. THE FEAST OF PENTECOST This feast is sometimes called the Feast of Weeks. It was seven weeks or 50 days after the presentation of the bundle of First Fruits. This was originally a sort of harvest festival of thanksgiving after the people had gathered the harvest. The ancient rabbis, right or wrong, later concluded that God gave the law to Moses on this day. So this festival came to be regarded as the season of the giving of the law.

But more significant and certain is this: 1. Jesus died on Passover. 2. Jesus was raised on First Fruits. 3. And the Holy Spirit came exactly on the day of Pentecost!

QUESTION: Are you beginning to see the relevance of God’s sacred calendar of redemption?

Moreover, the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost for express purposes: To indwell and fill and baptize believers. John 14:16-17— He shall be [AND NOW IS!] in you. (Acts 1:5; 2:4) WHY?

- 1. To empower** saints for the evangelizing of the world (Acts 1:8).
- 2. To form** the body of Christ (Jew and Gentile— I Cor. 12:13).
- 3. To enable** and empower every Christian to keep God’s holy

law (Ez. 36:26-27; Romans 8:1-4).

4. To teach us all that Jesus said; to glorify Jesus; to unveil the future (John 14-16);

5. To manifest in and through every redeemed sinner a miraculous orchard of fruit (Gal. 5:21-23);

6. To release through every Christian a glorious array of ministering gifts to build up the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12) **Oh,**

glorious full salvation! NOTICE: ALL OF THESE EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: 1.

Passover— Deliverance from judgment and Satan. **2.**

Unleavened Bread— Separation from sin. **3. First Fruits**— Consecration to Christ. **4. Pentecost**— indwelling power for a holy/bold/witnessing life in the Body of Christ.

We are living in the Pentecostal age. EVERY TRUE CHRISTIAN IS, FROM A BIBLICAL SENSE, A PENTECOSTAL CHRISTIAN! We are living in an interval of time before the next great event of God's calendar!

My, what a solid Rock foundation the Christian has: 1. Christ died for us. **2. Christ**, our unleavened bread. **3. Christ** raised. **4. Christ** indwelling and empowering. **Our past is forgiven! Our present is empowered! But even that's not all! Now, in the fall of the Jewish year came: **The:** Feast of Trumpets; **** The Day of Atonement;** and **** The Feast of Tabernacles!**

V. Leviticus 23:24— THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS In this present hour, the Christian lives with soberness and with hope. **Soberness:** Sound the trumpet! The judgment and wrath of God is coming. Soberness: Rev. 18:2-5. **Hope/confident expectation:** Rev. 19-22. **JESUS IS COMING BACK!**

VI. Leviticus 23:27— THE DAY OF ATONEMENT In the Old Testament the Day of Atonement was a sacred day of cleansing from sin. **Today, in Christ**, because of Calvary, **we are already** cleansed from (1) the penalty of sin and (2) the ruling power of sin. **But one day, when Christ comes**, we shall also be delivered from even (3) the presence of sin and possibility of sin (I John 3:1-3).

No wonder PAUL CRIES OUT— “... **God forbid that I should boast about anything or anybody except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which means that the world is a dead thing to me and I am a dead man to the world...**” (Gal. 6:14, Phillips paraphrase)

VII. Leviticus 23:43— THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Here is consummation, completion, rest, and fellowship with God. Here is ruling/rejoicing with Christ forever. Here is sitting at His feet and beholding His face (Rev. 22:1-5). Therefore: Gal. 6:14; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 3:13-14. **Yes**, in New Testament fullness, the Sacred Feasts of the LORD call us to a revival of DELIGHTING IN GOD and a revival of DELIGHTING in so GREAT SALVATION! **Here is a LIGHTHOUSE** to help keep us from spiritual shipwreck. **Here is a yearly, ROAD-MAP** so that throughout the year every Christian is reminded of [1] WHO we are in Christ; [2] WHOSE we are in Christ; [3] that we are on a specific journey with a grand mission; [4] and that we are headed home!

QUESTION: All these things being true and unveiled in a New Testament understanding of the FEASTS of the LORD— **WHY DOESN'T THE NEW TESTAMENT set forth examples of each of these in the Epistles; and CALL FOR the New Testament OBSERVANCE of each of these seven feasts?**

Answer: BECAUSE the entire message of FULL SALVATION is INCLUDED at the LORD'S TABLE— we remember THE DEATH OF JESUS till He comes! **New Testament FULL SALVATION is to be set forth at the LORD'S TABLE!**

*** When it came to celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ New Testament Christians **simply obeyed Jesus and celebrated the New Testament Passover or LORD'S SUPPER!** (Luke 22:19; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:23-26) *** **Jesus gave CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS about how He wanted us to REMEMBER HIM! *** LET US HONOR JESUS BY OBEYING HIS WORD— coming to His Table, April 21st during the 10:45am worship service!**

[NOTE: PARENTS— Are your children saved, baptized believers? Spend time HELPING THEM to be prepared for SACRED WORSHIP at the LORD'S TABLE! Are they yet outside of Christ? MAKE SURE you help them to know that THE LORD'S TABLE is ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST! SHARE the gospel with them!]

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SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:

MONDAYS: Jail Ministry— (This ministry is ON HOLD... PRAY FOR opening of doors!)

TUESDAYS: Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care Nursing Home. Meet at the front door at **5:15PM.**

WEDNESDAYS:

➔ **6:30pm— Wednesday CHURCH PRAYER SERVICE➔** Enter via **IRON STEPS, side door.**

➔ **6:30pm— Youth** Activities and Bible Study— enter, side double doors.

➔ **6:30pm— Young Family Prayer Time!** THIS IS a time of Bible study and prayer geared toward **families with children in the nursery and pre-K class.**

***** LADIES BIBLE STUDY—** Next meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, April 30, 2019 @ 11:00am; Continuing in LUKE.** ENTER at the back of the church building, [*Doors **open** at 10:30am... re-locked at 11:10am*]

***** MEN's Fellowship/Bible Study:** EVERY SATURDAY @ **8:00am: (STUDY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN!)** ENTER AT THE back of Church building... under the drive-thru awning. [**DOORS OPEN FOR FELLOWSHIP, Juice, coffee, Hardee's biscuits, & Donuts at 7:30am!**]

SUNDAY SERVICES, APRIL 21, 28

9:30am— Sunday School Classes for All Ages

10:45am— Sunday Morning Worship Service

SPECIAL NOTES:

***** April 21— SCHEDULE FOR 'RESURRECTION SUNDAY'—**

9:30am, Sunday School / 10:45am, Morning Worship & THE LORD'S SUPPER

[SOME HOME GROUPS, after services; or at 5:00pm]

****** April 27— 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Church-wide EQUIPPING DISCIPLES by developing Christ-honoring Marriages: Paul David Tripp's 'WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? (Redeeming the Realities of Marriage)**



**WORK DAY
NEW DATE
APRIL 27
9:30am**



**WORKDAY AT THE
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