

## **THE FEAST OF WEEKS**

In our study of the Passover and Unleavened Bread holidays, we learned that Jesus was crucified on a date, Nisan 14, Passover (1 Cor.5:7), was buried during the holiday of Unleavened Bread (Nisan 15, 16, 17) (Matt.12:40) and was raised from the dead on the holiday of Firstfruits. (Nisan 18) the first day of week, Sunday (1 Cor.15:23).

We also learned that 50 days from the day of Firstfruits was the holiday, Feast of Weeks or Pentecost. (Deut.16:9-12).

We also learned that once the resurrection of Jesus had occurred, the emphasis shifted from the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Firstfruits and Pentecost in the Plan of God. "But each in their own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming." (1 Cor.15:23)

**This lesson will study five reasons for the shift from  
Unleavened Bread to the Firstfruits and the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost.**

**1. After Firstfruits, the Feast of Weeks was next in shadow Christology to be fulfilled in the plan of God. (Lev.23:15-22; Deut.16:9-12; Num.28:26-31).**

Firstfruits was considered as the first day of the Feast of Weeks: "You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath (weekly), from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the Lord." (Lev.23:15-16)

**2. Jesus Christ fulfilled all the sacrifice offerings of shadow Christology involved in the 7 Jewish national holidays when He died upon the cross (Heb.9-10; 1 Cor.5:7).**

"And behold, the **veil of the temple** was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks split, and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many." (Matt.27:51-53)

"How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God (John 1:29; 1 Pet.1:19), cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance." (Heb.9:14-15)

"Then He said, 'Behold, I have come to do Thy will.' He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Heb.10:9-10)

**Therefore the resurrection of Jesus Christ became the doctrinal issue of fulfillment of shadow Christology of the Feast of Week or Pentecost.**

- What doctrinal issue is dependent upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ in order to fulfill Pentecost?
- What doctrinal issue of Pentecost is directly connected to Firstfruits?

### 3. The advent of the ministry of the Holy Spirit is the answer to these two questions:

“He who believes in Me, as the Scriptures said, ‘From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. But He spoke of the Spirit whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.’ (John 7:38-39; John 14-16) [Parakletos ministry of Holy Spirit]

John Baptist declared it in Matt.3:11: “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit** and fire.”

“And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, ‘which,’ He said, ‘you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**” (Acts 1:4-5)

“And when the **day of Pentecost** had come (Acts 2:1)” - “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.” (Acts 2:33 / 2:29-36)

### 4. The baptism by Jesus Christ is different from the baptism by the Holy Spirit.

The Greek word for baptism (baptizo) means to be identified with what you are submerged in (dye).

**Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit** occurred after He was exalted to the right hand of God in heaven. It involves the eight works of the Holy Spirit in salvation.

Regeneration (Titus 3:5)	Spiritual life (Rom.8:9-11)	Adoption (Rom.8:14-17)
Spiritual gift (1 Cor.12:11)	Baptism (Gal.3:27)	Sanctification (2 Thess.2:13-14)
Seal & Earnest (2 Cor.1:22)	Indwelling (1 Cor.6:19-20)	

**The Holy Spirit baptizes** each church age believer into Christ and the church.

“For **all** of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” (Gal.3:27/ union with Christ)

“For by one Spirit we were **all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” (1 Cor.12:13) [Spiritually gifted member of the body of Christ]

### 5. The connection between the Firstfruits (resurrection of Jesus Christ) and Pentecost (advent of Holy Spirit) is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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| • Passover         | Jesus’ Crucifixion        |
| • Unleavened Bread | His three day burial      |
| • Firstfruits      | His Resurrection          |
| • Pentecost        | Advent of The Holy Spirit |

The gospel is described in 1 Cor.15:3-4 as the death for our sins, burial, and raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. When a person believes the gospel, it is the power of God unto salvation to that person (Rom.1:16).

At that moment, that person receives 50 that he can never lose in time or eternity. Eight of those things are the results of the parakletos ministry of the Holy Spirit (Matt.3:11).