

Christian Proclamation of the Feast of Pentecost

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Introduction & Overview

These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their seasons. (Lev 23:4)

The Feast of Pentecost, or First Fruits, commemorates Yeshua (Jesus) as the first-fruits to God.

The first Pentecost fell on the day that God had spoken the Torah (the Ten Commandments) on Mt. Sinai after the Jews had celebrated the first Passover in Egypt. Pentecost occurs on the 50th day after the Passover Sabbath. (cf., Lev 23:15-16; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Cor 15:20, 23):

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit ...”. (cf., Acts 1:8; 2:1-5, 14-24; Joel 2:23, 28-32; Lk 24:49) Yeshua (Jesus), His Disciples, and Apostles kept these very feasts. (Mark 14:12-26; Acts 13:14, 17:2, 18:4, 20-21, 20:16, 21:17-24, 1 Cor 5:7-8; Heb 4:8-11)

YAH (“I AM,” Ex 3:14) performed mighty deeds on His feast days like:

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- Speaking the Ten Commandments to the Israelites on Mount Sinai.
- Pouring out His Holy Spirit and writing God’s law in the hearts and minds of humanity during the Pentecostal revival. (cf., Ex 19:17-25; Deut 10:4; Neh 9:13; Acts 2:1-5, 14-24; Joel 2:23, 28-32)

The Purpose of the Feast of Pentecost

Jesus is the Lamb of God and the ‘first fruit.’ (John 1:29, 36) His followers are counted likewise, as shown by the following Scriptures:

- “Christ [has] risen from the dead and become the first fruits of” (1 Cor 15:20, 23; cf., Lev 23:9-22; Acts 2:1; 20:16)
- “Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.” (James 1:18)
- “These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.” (Rev 14:4) This verse refers to the followers of Yeshua (Jesus) — Christians.

How to Observe the Feast of Pentecost

As with the weekly Sabbath day, the feast is a holy day and you may not go to work nor work others, etc. You should attend a holy convocation (meeting with other believers) if possible on the holy day and do good works. (Lev 23:21) Praising Yeshua (Jesus) for the gift of salvation is the focus during Pentecost. Reading the following Scriptures will help you praise Yeshua for the gift of eternal life:

- “By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.” (Heb 13:15; cf., Jer 33:11)
- “I will sacrifice unto You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.” (Jonah 2:9)
- “Let my prayer be set forth before You as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.” (Ps 141:2; cf., Ps 116:17; Ps 54:6; Ps 4:5; Ps 27:6)
- “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.” (Ps 51:17)
- “Sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare His works with rejoicing.” (Ps 107:22)
- “But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” (Heb 13:16)
- “You also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” (1 Pet 2:5)

Spiritual Activities for the Feast Day and All Year

Acceptable activities for holy days include:

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- Attending a holy convocation (“assembling of ourselves together”).
- Doing good works (“provoke unto love and to good works,” e.g., remember the poor and the stranger) like helping others. (cf., Heb 10:19-29; Lev 23:21-22; see also: James 1:27)

With the presence of God’s Holy Spirit, we can practice ‘true religion:’

- “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” (Rom 12:1)
- “Pure religion ... is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” (James 1:27; cf., Acts 9:36-39)

- “Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Heb 13:1-3)