

Empty 4-22-18

Recap

1. Resurrection is a part of the gospel, our resurrection is made possible by Christ's relevance of the resurrection (continued)
Man was banished from the garden after the fall
This was for man's redemption, not his judgement/punishment
If they had eaten of the second tree man would live on in sinful flesh.

So the cross redeemed our soul from our sin, but the empty tomb redeemed our flesh for eternity. or

The cross settled the issue with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but the empty tomb restored the benefits of the tree of life.

After our own resurrection, which we will soon discuss, we will have access once again to the tree of life.

Revelation 22:1-3 CSB

¹ Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations, ³ and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him.

The Time of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 CSB

²⁰ But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. ²² For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ, the firstfruits; afterward, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

Here it is apparent that a sizeable portion of Paul's audience are Jews.

Firstfruits – (v20, v23) this was the first of the harvest that was given to the Lord. It was waved before the Holy Place representing the throne of God. Jesus told Mary on Resurrection Sunday, "Do not cling to me for I have not yet ascended to My Father."

It was the earnest or guarantee of the rest of the harvest.
Passover – the cross, unleavened bread – burial, Firstfruits, the resurrection, the weeks (Pentecost) birth of the church.

If we follow this pattern the Feast of Trumpets will be the next Jewish holiday fulfilled by an event.

The Feast of Trumpets, or Rosh Hashanah, is the celebration of the fall harvest. This second harvest.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

⁵¹ Listen, I am telling you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.

This future fulfillment is our resurrection. This is the event where “Those who belong to Him” receive their eternal bodies. (Next week; what will those bodies be like).

This is not a spiritual resurrection as the Greeks taught. This is a bodily resurrection modeled after Christ’s resurrected body.

Romans 6:5 CSB

⁵ For if we have been united with Him in the likeness of His death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of His resurrection.

Application

The next event to be fulfilled is our resurrection.

This event will take place during a dark time in our world. The Feast of Trumpets is the only Jewish festival to occur on the day of the new moon; the darkest day of the month.

So on the darkest day the Trumpet will sound.

The next feast is the Day of Atonement, “Yom Kippur”.

The days between the two festivals are called “The Days of Awe.” This is the time for all Jews to repent.

Repent is the Hebrew word “Teshurah” and means “to return”. Turn away from selfish sinful desires and return to God.

Paul warned not to wait for those days: “See, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2 CSB