

Together

Shavuot is the Feast of Weeks, later
called Pentecost
(50 days after Passover)

Ancient Hebrew Tav / Tav / Tof



Yom HaBikkurim - Day of First Fruits

(Sunday after Passover Sabbath)

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. (1 Cor. 15:20-23)

On Shavout (Pentecost) the Jews
celebrated 2 things:

- 1) Giving of the Law
- 2) Harvest of Wheat

Acts 2

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?...

Acts 2

12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

38 ... “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

On Pentecost the Jews celebrated:
Giving of Law that leads to Holiness
Harvest of Wheat

On Pentecost the Disciples Experienced
Giving of Spirit that leads to Holiness
First Harvest of Souls

Acts 2

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were *together* and had everything in common.

Acts 2

⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to *anyone* who had need. ⁴⁶ *Every day* they continued to meet *together* in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate *together* with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Why were they experiencing constant growth?

Discipleship

Outreach

Together

They “devoted” themselves to...
or “continued steadfastly” or
“continually and faithfully devoted”

It’s what life looked like. These
actions defined them.

What defines your life?

Colossians 1

“¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Everything in existence finds its ultimate meaning and direction in Jesus.

2 things the disciples did that resulted in changing the world:

1) Discipleship

2) Outreach

And they did these two things *together*.