

Thanksgiving: A Lifestyle, Not Just a Day

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The Seven Feasts of the Lord in Leviticus 23

	Not just cultural holidays, but t	the person and work of the Messiah <i>Colossians 2:1</i> 7				
٠	fulfills all seven either in His first coming, ongoing ministry or in His future return					
Why	/ remembering and celebrat	:ing was/is so im	portant			
	Human		Deuteronomy 8:11-14; Judges 2:19			
	Story-shaping		Exodus 12:26-27			
	Keeping the	alive	Hebrews 10:1			
So, what specifically are we remembering? To the Christ-follower, every day should be a day of To thank God for						
	The good He	, which red	quires remembering			
		Luke 19:10; Roma	ns 5:8-10; Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 2:1-5			
	The good He	, which require	es			
		1 Thessal	onians 5:18; Ephesians 5:20; Hebrews 12:1-11			
	Give thanks in all circumsta	Memory Vers ances; for this is the 1 Thessalonians 5:1	will of God in Christ Jesus for you.			

My next step today is to...

- o Memorize 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- o Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- o Go public as a follower of Jesus and get baptized
- o Pray and ask God how He wants my family to give generously and sacrificially to the Christmas Offering
 - Bring my BEST gift on Sunday, December 7th
- o Start praying about who to invite to Christmas Eve services!







Summary of Old Testament Feasts

Feast	Old Testament	Scripture	Jesus,	Thanksgiving Prayer
Foreshadow In Christ I am	Purpose/Meaning	References	Fulfilment	God, thank you
Passover – Jesus the Perfect Substitute	Remembering deliverance through the blood of the lamb	Leviticus 23:5; Exodus 12; John 1:29, 19:14; 1 Corinthians 5:7	"Behold the Lamb of God." Jesus Crucified on Passover	that the blood of Jesus protects us from eternal death and cancels the penalty of sin every single day.
Unleavened Bread – Jesus the Sinless Savior	Remove leaven → symbol of sin	Leviticus 23:6; 1 Corinthians 5:8; 1 Peter 2:22	Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life	for the ongoing removal of sin in our lives; and the new life possible in Christ.
Firstfruits – Jesus the Resurrected King	Offer the firstfruits as a promise of the harvest	Leviticus 23:10-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23	Jesus rose as the "firstfruits" of the resurrection on the exact day of Firstfruits	that because Jesus rose, we have a guaranteed future resurrection and new bodies.
Pentecost (Weeks) – Jesus the Empowering Spirit-Giver	Celebrate the wheat harvest; commemorate the giving of the Law	Leviticus 23:15-16; Acts 2	Holy Spirit given on Pentecost	for the indwelling Spirit and the New Covenant written on our hearts instead of stone.
Trumpets – Jesus the Returning King	A trumpet blast calling God's people to prepare	Leviticus 23:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Matthew 24:31; 1 Corinthians 15:52; Revelation 11:15	FUTURE: Jesus return comes with the trumpet sound	that we can live in constant gratitude and readiness— "perhaps today!"— because our King is coming.
Day of Atonement - Jesus the Complete Atonement	High Priest offers sacrifice for national sin; sins removed	Leviticus 16, 23:27; Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:26; Hebrews 9-10	Jesus IS the once-for-all sacrifice. FUTURE: Israel's national repentance and recognition of Jesus as Messiah	that our Great High Priest has already entered the true heavenly Holy Place with His own blood— once for all.
Tabernacles – Jesus the indwelling presence	Live in tents to remember God dwelling with Israel	Leviticus 23:42-43; Zechariah 14:16-19; John 1:14, 7:37-39, 8:12; Revelation 21:3	Jesus tabernacled among us ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT: God dwelling with His people forever	that one day we will dwell with You face- to-face—no more temporary "booths," only eternal joy.