

## 1. FIRSTFRUITS SETS APART THE WHOLE HARVEST.

### Leviticus 23:9-10-AMP

- 9 And the Lord said to Moses,  
10 Tell the Israelites, ***When you have come into the land*** I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of ***the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest.***

**Firstfruits** – means... “a promise to come” (Jesus The Christ & The Holy Spirit) ...it speaks of resurrection.

### Leviticus 23:11-12-AMP

- 11 And ***he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, that you may be accepted;*** on the next day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it [*before the Lord*].  
12 You shall offer on the day when you wave the sheaf a male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the Lord.

## 2. JESUS THE MESSIAH HAS SET US APART AS THE HARVEST OF BELIEVERS IN HIM.

### 1Corinthians 15:20-25-AMP

- 20 But the fact is that Christ (the Messiah) has been raised from the dead, and ***He became the firstfruits*** of those who have fallen asleep [*in death*].  
21 For since [*it was*] through a man that death [*came into the world, it is*] also through a Man that the resurrection of the dead [*has come*].  
22 For just as [*because of their union of nature*] in Adam all people die, so also [*by virtue of their union of nature*] shall all in Christ be made alive.  
23 But each in his own rank and turn: ***Christ (the Messiah) [is] the firstfruits***, then those who are Christ's [*own will be resurrected*] at His coming.  
24 After that comes the end (the completion), when He delivers over the kingdom to God the Father after rendering inoperative and abolishing every [*other*] rule and every authority and power.  
25 For [*Christ*] must be King and reign until He has put all [*His*] enemies under His feet. [*Ps. 110:1.*]

### John 12:23-24-AMP

- 23 And Jesus answered them, The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified and exalted.  
24 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Unless a ***grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies***, it remains [*just one grain; it never becomes more but lives*] by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces many others and yields a rich harvest.

**The feast of first fruits was the *third day* after Passover.**

### John 20:17-18-AMP

- Jesus said to her, Do not cling to Me [*do not hold Me*], for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brethren and tell them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.  
18 Away came Mary Magdalene, bringing the disciples news (word) that she had seen the Lord and that He had said these things to her.

### 1Thessalonians 4:13-18-AMP

- 13 Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [*in death*], that you may not grieve [*for them*] as the rest do who have no hope [*beyond the grave*].  
14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep [*in death*].  
15 For this we declare to you by the Lord's [*own*] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [*into His presence*] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [*in Him in death*].  
16 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first.  
17 Then we, the living ones who remain [*on the earth*], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [*the resurrected dead*] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!  
18 Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words.

### 3. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS BEEN SET APART AS A PROMISE OF WHAT'S TO COME.

#### Romans 8:23-AMP

- 8 And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have and enjoy the ***firstfruits of the [Holy] Spirit [a foretaste of the blissful things to come]*** groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies *[from sensuality and the grave, which will reveal]* our adoption (our manifestation as God's sons).

#### Revelation 14:4-KJV

"These have been purchased from among men as ***first fruits to God and to the Lamb***"

#### Matthew 24:29-31-AMP

- 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shed its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. *[Isa. 13:10; 34:4; Joel 2:10, 11; Zeph. 1:15.]*
- 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn and beat their breasts and lament in anguish, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory *[in brilliancy and splendor]*. *[Dan. 7:13; Rev. 1:7.]*
- 31 And ***He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect (His chosen ones) from the four winds, [even] from one end of the universe to the other. [Isa. 27:13; Zech. 9:14.]***



## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS OUR FIRSTFRUITS.

**(The Feast of the First Fruits)**  
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