

## JESUS CHRIST IS OUR FIRSTFRUITS.

Leviticus 23:9-11 And the LORD spoke unto Moses saying:

- 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them: When ye are come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring the sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest.
- 11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you; on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

*Firstfruits is prophetic of the resurrection of Jesus.*

Firstfruit- The first portion of something which has been set aside in dedication and offering to God. ( Ne 12:44 ; Pr 3:9 )

Firstfruit: It means: "A Promise To Come".

Jesus was "The Promised Seed"

Galatians 3:19(NIV) 19 What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come...

Jesus was "set apart" as an offering to God.

Luke 2:23, 28 – The scriptures- as it has been written in the Torah of Yahweh, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called set-apart to God (Yaweh)" – 28 then he took Him up in his arms and blessed Elohim and said,...

Jesus is the First-begotten of our Heavenly Father.

Hebrews 1:6(KJV)

6 And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

Jesus is called the Firstfruits of those who rise from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23(NKJ) 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

*We are HIS Firstfruits.*

James 1:18(NKJ) 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

John 12:24(NAS)

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

*Firstfruits is also a remembrance in one's heart that God had redeemed them out of slavery into a new kingdom.*

Romans 8:11-GNB- If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies by the presence of his Spirit in you.

Romans 6:4-GNB- By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life.

## WHAT CAN JESUS SET ME FREE FROM?

### 1. FROM THE PAIN OF YESTERDAY

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV) "The Lord says, 'Forget about what has happened before. Do not think about the past. Instead, look at the new thing I am going to do.'"

Psalms 34:18 (NCV) "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and He saves those whose spirits have been crushed."

Romans 3:23-24 (TLB) "All of us have sinned... yet God declares us 'not guilty' if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in His mercy freely takes away our sins."

### 2. FROM THE PRESSURES OF TODAY

You need strength and you need stability.

Isaiah 40:28-29 (NLT) *"God never grows faint or weary... He gives power to those who are tired and worn out."*

Philippians 4:13 (Ph) *"I'm ready for anything through the strength of Christ who lives in me."*

Matthew 11:28-29 (Mes) Jesus: *"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me for real rest... and you'll recover your life... and you'll learn to live... freely and lightly."*

### 3. FROM PESSIMISM ABOUT TOMORROW

There are two reasons why people lose hope.

1. When you're facing a situation that needs to be changed and you can't change it.
2. When you don't know the purpose that God made you for.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NCV) *"I know what I am planning for you," says the Lord, "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future."*

Psalms 125:1 (TLB) *"Those who trust in the Lord are as steady as Mount Zion, unmoved by any circumstance."*

Isaiah 54:10 (GN) *"The mountains and hills may crumble but My love for you will never end, so says the Lord who loves you."*

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE A FRESH START WITH GOD?

Revelation 3:20 (NIV) Jesus: *"I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him."*



RESURRECTION POWER  
FOR  
FREEDOM.

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(Feast of Firstfruits)

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