

RESURRECTION LIFE  
(The Feast of Firstfruits)  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
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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.

*First-fruits – 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-Passion

20 But the truth is, Christ is risen from the dead, as the firstfruit of a great resurrection harvest of those who have died.

21 For since death came through a man, *Adam*, it is fitting that the resurrection of the dead has also come through a man, *Christ*.

22 Even as all who are in *Adam* die, so also all who are in *Christ* will be made alive.

23 But each one in his proper order: Christ, the firstfruits, then those who belong to *Christ* in his presence.

24 Then the final stage of completion comes, when he will bring to an end every other rulership, authority, and power, and he will hand over his kingdom to Father God.

25 Until then he is destined to reign *as King* until all hostility has been subdued and placed under his feet.

John 12:24-Passion

Let me make this clear: A single grain of wheat will never be more than a single grain of wheat unless it drops into the ground and dies. Because then it sprouts and produces a great harvest of wheat—all because one grain died.

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-Passion

13 Beloved brothers and sisters, we want you to be quite certain about the truth concerning those who have passed away, so that you won't be overwhelmed with grief like many others who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, we also believe that God will bring with Jesus those who died while believing in him.

15 This is the word of the Lord: we who are alive *in him* and remain *on earth* when the Lord appears will by no means have an advantage over those who have already died, *for both will rise together.*

16 For the Lord himself will appear with the declaration of victory, the shout of an archangel, and the trumpet blast of God. He will descend from the heavenly realm and *command* those who are dead in *Christ* to rise first.

17 Then we who are alive will join them, transported together in clouds to have an encounter with the Lord in the air, and we will be forever joined with the Lord.

18 So encourage one another with these truths.

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

Romans 8:23-Passion

23 And it's not just creation. We who have already experienced the firstfruits of the Spirit also inwardly groan as we passionately long to experience our full status as God's sons and daughters—including our physical bodies being transformed.

Revelation 14:4--KJV

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

Matthew 24:31-AMP

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.]