

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.

Psalms 126:6-cjb-He who goes out weeping as he carries his sack of seed will come home with cries of joy as he carries his sheaves of grain.

First-fruits- The first portion of something which has been set aside in dedication and offering to God.

Nehemiah 12:44 On that day men were also appointed over the chambers for the supplies, the contributions, the first fruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions required by the Law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who served.

Jesus was our promise to come. He 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 is written in the Torah of Yahweh
23 "Every male who opens the womb shall be called set-apart to God (Yahweh)

28 then he took Him up in his arms and blessed Elohim...

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 First-fruits of those who rise from the dead.

1 Cor 15:20-23(NKJ) 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first-fruits 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 first-fruits**, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

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.

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 does He set me free from?

1. **WHAT CAN JESUS SET ME FREE FROM? FROM THE PAIN OF YESTERDAY**

There are two kinds of things that people have a hard time getting over – resentment and regret.

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."

2. **WHAT CAN JESUS SET ME FREE FROM? FROM THE PRESSURES OF TODAY**

When you're under pressure you need two things. 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 4:12-13 -Passion

I know what it means to lack, and I know what it means to experience overwhelming abundance. For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. ***And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty.***

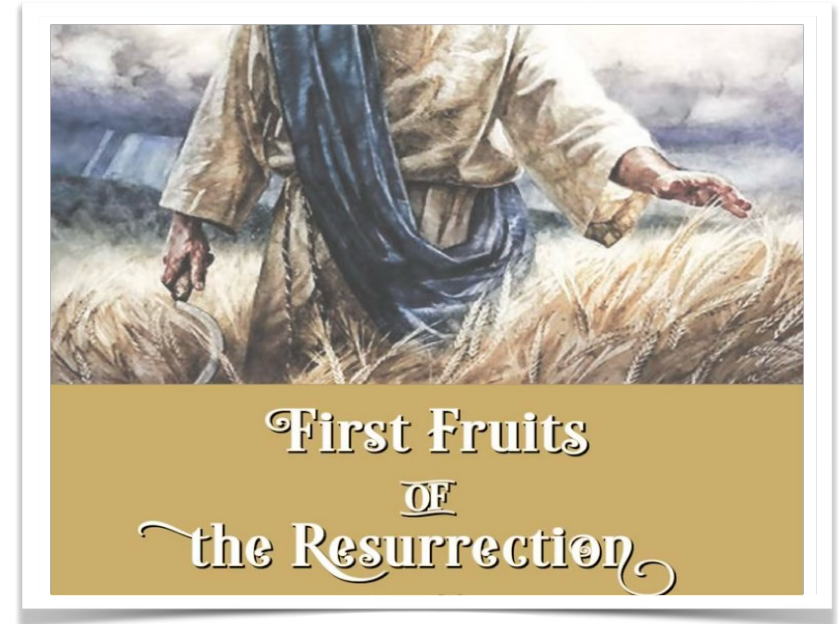
3. WHAT CAN JESUS SET ME FREE FROM? FROM BEING DOUBTFUL ABOUT TOMORROW

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. There's another reason we lose hope and become pessimistic or doubtful, and that's 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."*

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 TO LIVE.
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