

Q & A: HOLY FEAST DAYS

QUESTION:

From Amy Danielle

I have also prayed frequently about how to celebrate God's Holy Days/Feasts. I am reading the Bible, but there are some differences between Old Testament and New Testament that are unclear.

ANSWER:

Only the Israelites were called to keep the feast days under the Old Covenant. Many false teachers today try to lead people to go back into bondage under the law. Mostly I see that, with the ones in the Hebrew Roots Movement, teaching to live by the Torah. That false teaching is leading many to hell.

Leviticus 23:1-2 - And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even* these *are* My feasts.

First of all notice that Moses declared the Lord's feasts to the Israelites. They were not given to the gentiles or the nations ever.

If you go on and read that chapter you will see what God expected them to do in the keeping of His Holy Feast Days and what time of the year each one was.

There was His Sabbaths, Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles.

And think for a moment, 3 of those feasts, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost and Tabernacles, were to be kept in Jerusalem. Exodus 23 tells us that all males were to appear before God in Jerusalem at the Temple three times a year to keep those feasts. Do you have men in your family that are able to travel to Jerusalem 3 times a year to represent your family before Him? Most people cannot afford to travel to Jerusalem like that. And even if they could, is there a temple or priests

to offer the sacrifices? No. Jesus Christ is our High Priest and our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Matt.5:17 – Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

One definition of fulfill is to complete, like completing an order. Once it is completed it has been finished. You don't keep trying to fill it once it is completed. Jesus Christ completed the law and now we have a New Covenant Who is Jesus Christ and we love, serve and obey Him by faith.

Galations 5:14 – For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Romans 13:10 – Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

Col.2:13-17 – And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat (food), or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ.

The early church went through a time of transition. The Jews who believe in Jesus had to now learn a whole new way of worship. They had to let go of the law and live by faith in Christ. They had to learn to let go of all of the rule keeping that they had been so used to. But there were some who were not havin' it and they were trying to make new Christians keep the law. So they were judging them in respect of the holydays and new moons and Sabbaths, trying to pressure and guilt them into keeping those days.

Romans 14:5-6 – One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth *it* unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard *it*. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth

God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

This shows that it was ok not to keep those days any longer but not to argue with the ones who still felt they should keep them. To me it was a time or period of grace for them to learn what Jesus had done for them and for all of humanity and realize they were set free from the bondage of the law and even from the Feast Days.



Read **Luke 22:14-20** this passage describes communion or the Lord's supper. This is the only thing Jesus asked us to do that is similar to the Old Testament feasts. You do this as often as you like, as often as you want to honor and remember Him for Who He is and what He has done for you.

We don't celebrate Easter for that is the name of a false goddess. And the things associated with it come out of paganism and are an abomination to God. Christians can celebrate Jesus' resurrection, Resurrection Sunday or also it is called First Fruits as Jesus was the first fruits unto God. And you can take communion on that day and any other day as well.

Thank you Amy Danielle so much for that great question. So many are getting off track trying to keep those Feast Days. Praise God Jesus set us free from all of that.