

Romans: Together For The Gospel

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Introduction

God introduced the biblical feasts as reminders of God's character, provision, and works. They also are forward-looking to Christ, both in his first and second comings.

Discussion Questions

- What did you learn about the biblical feasts that you did not know before?
- Select a few biblical feasts and discuss how each points forward to Christ:
 - Feast of Passover
 - Celebrates the Israelite's liberation from Egypt after a sacrifice of a perfect, spotless lamb, whose blood allowed God's wrath to Passover each household that applied the blood over their doorpost.
 - Feast of Unleavened Bread
 - Celebrated immediately after Passover. Families would gather and expel leaven (a picture of sin) from the house. They would eat unleavened bread, which was flat, pierced, and charred.
 - Feast of Firstfruits
 - Celebrated to recognize that God gives us all our provisions. This occurred three days after Passover.
 - Feast of Pentecost
 - Celebrated as a mandatory pilgrimage to Jerusalem that honored God for his provision and gifts at the end of the grain harvest.
 - Feast of Trumpets
 - Celebrated with 100 shofar trumpet blasts, which was reminiscent of coming judgment (such as the judgment of Jericho and her walls).
 - Day of Atonement
 - The day when atonement for sins was made. The High Priest would sprinkle blood on the Mercy Seat (propitiation) and place the sins of Israel on the scapegoat, which was chased out of the city.
 - Feast of Tabernacles
 - Celebrated with portable, roofless huts to remind us that God dwells with us.