THE FEASTS OF GOD ARE FOREVER

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Our purpose is to affirm that all the Feasts (Festivals) that God gave to Israel in the Old Covenant pertain also to the New Covenant. We will look specifically at these New Covenant Scriptures: Ephesians 2:15, Colossians 2:14 and 16. We will show that these verses are used incorrectly to try and prove that the Festivals of God were nailed to the cross of Christ. This will be one of the most important Bible studies you will read, for if there are no Festivals of God to celebrate the yearly calendar has no meaning. It would then not be relevant to God. All life is to be relevant to God. Part of the role played by the sun, moon and stars is the marking of the Festivals. "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons (Festivals), and for days, and years." (Gen. 1:14)

If Christians believe that the Feasts were "nailed to the cross," then the food laws and the Holy Sabbaths had to be also. Are you about to surrender the food laws and the sabbath?

TWO FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES:

Proof of the continuity of Festivals, from Old to New Testament, is based upon the presupposition found in the following two Biblical principles. From these principles truth is established in God's Word.

Principle One - God does not change. He is changeless. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8) Also read Mal. 3:6; Ps. 33:11 and II Peter 3:4.

Principle Two - God is order. "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. . . Let all things be done decently and in order." (I Cor. 14:33, 40)

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In the law that God gave to Israel through Moses, He instructed in the scriptures that the feasts of Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles were "fore ever." "For ever" would include the New Covenant era in which we are now living.

Passover is for ever - "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial: and ye shall keep it a feast (Passover) to Yahweh throughout your generations: ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever." (Exodus 12:14)

Pentecost - "And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day that it may be a holy convocation (Pentecost) unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations." (Lev. 23:21)

Tabernacles is for ever - "And ye shall keep it a feast (Tabernacles) unto Yahweh for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month." (Lev. 23:41)

THE SABBATH IS FOR EVER:

The importance of seeing that "for ever" means eternal is by observing that the Sabbath is "for ever."

Sabbath is for ever - "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am Yahweh that doth sanctify you. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." (Ex. 31:13, 16)

With the Sabbath and Festivals being "for ever" observances, neither one nor the other can be selectively "nailed to the cross" without causing confusion. The Christian world celebrates a weekly Sabbath and celebrates a corrupted form of Tabernacles as Christmas, Easter as Passover. Pentecost is celebrated already by some Christian denominations, Anglican and Episcopalian do. To eliminate confusion a return to the Festivals of the Bible is necessary. Attempting to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3), we proceed in this study to look closely at scripture used to void the Festival celebrations. You have already seen to do so caused confusion, but this closer look is necessary to cover all the bases.

COLOSSIANS 2:16: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink, or in respect of holy day or of the new moon or of the sabbath days."

There are two opinions of what this verse says -

Opinion One - If we say that judge means in this verse that Christians should not be found celebrating sabbaths, new moons (first of the month), holy days (Festivals), there is a problem. Same problem as before is present. Inconsistency and confusion. Christians observe a weekly sabbath - some a Saturday and many more Sunday. In either case a weekly Sabbath is observed. If Christians should not celebrate Festivals, they should not observe Sabbaths either.

Opinion Two - If we say, however, that judge means that Christians should not be found failing to observe the following laws, then there is order and consistency.

1. The food laws (Lev. 11 & Deut. 14)

2. The strong drink prohibitions (Pro. 23:29-35 & I Cor. 6:10)

3. The Holy day celebrations (Festivals) (Ps. 119:44)

4. The new moon (month) observances (Numbers 10:10; Ps. 81:3, 4). According to Strong's Concordance the word moon could have been translated month. See Hebrew words 2320 and 3391.

5. The Sabbath (Ex. 32:16, 17)

Opinion two is the only Biblical choice and be consistent with the total context of the Bible. Choice one would require that the Sabbath be forgotten and be like most of the rest of the world.

Are you prepared, Christian, to give up the Sabbath and no longer observe the food laws which will lead to health problems? If your answer is "NO", then feasts cannot be selectively "nailed to the cross" and are awaiting your observance.

COLOSSIANS 2:14 and EPHESIANS 2:15:

Another argument used against the celebration of the Holy Festivals of God in New Testament times is found in Colossians 2:14 and Ephesians 2:15

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something! Let each one light a candle in this world of darkness, and with the help of Jesus Christ, the combined light of all these candles will light the way for the survival of our Covenant children and young people in the land our fathers bled and died to give us.

A Word of Admonition

No one can understand what is taking place in America apart from an understanding of the Holy Bible. The United States of America is the birthright nation of Manasseh in bible Prophecy. This country was established as a covenant land under the Laws of Jesus Christ as contained in the Holy Bible. The Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples who explored, settled, and developed this nation are the Covenant people of the Holy Bible. America is an Israelite nation! The people who settled and built America are a Covenant people descended from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Bible history and fame. The Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples of America continue to be a Covenant people. ***The Covenant of the Bible is always in force.*** When we are walking in national obedience to the Covenant Law of the Bible, we are a blessed nation. When we are walking in national disobedience to the Covenant Law of the Bible, we are a cursed nation.

The curses and judgments are now falling upon America because the covenant people of this land have broken Covenant with Jesus Christ and are walking in lawlessness and disobedience to His Covenant Law. National disobedience to the DIVINE LAWS OF THE BIBLE is bringing the curses and judgments of God upon our heads. (Read Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28). The only way America can be delivered from the curses now upon us is for the Covenant Family of Anglo-Saxon people to repent before Yahweh, turn from their wicked ways, and amid heart-felt repentance restore America to the Laws of the Bible. If we persist in walking in disobedience, the curses will continue to fall upon America. The men and women of wisdom in this evil and sinful generation will not wait for this nation to come to repentance. The remnant must move forth to repent before Jesus Christ and move individual families and households under the Law of Yahweh. Now is the day to repent and restore the lives of the remnant under the Holy Laws of the Bible. II Chronicles 7:14 is the only way out for America!!!