

GOD With US

Feast of Tabernacles

Luke 2:1-21

Zechariah 14; Revelation 21:1-8



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Feasts of YAHWEH (Leviticus 23)

- LORD = Yahweh - His name is . . .
 - He Is **ETERNAL**. - I always AM.
 - He Is **UNCHANGING**.
 - He Is **SOVEREIGN** over ALL.
 - He Is **LORD**: Owner, Ruler, Master.
 - He owns everything and everyone. (Psalm 24:1; 50:12; 89:11; 1 Chron 29:11; Job 41:11; Psalm 8)
 - He rules over everything. (Psalm 22:28; 103:19; Daniel 4:32)
 - He is the **MASTER** and all of His creation is His servants. (Hebrews 9:14; 1 Thess 1:9; Romans 6:22; 7:25; Gal 1:10; 1 Peter 2:16)
 - He Is Covenant-Keeping - What He says He means! (Isaiah 14:24-27; 46:10-11; Numbers 23:19)
- God sharing His joy, His Son, with His people. God is the Host, “**the call**” are the guests.
- All of His feasts are shadows of Christ. (Col 2:16-17)
- His feasts are memorials - reminders of God’s great works.
- His feasts are prophetic - reminders of God’s great promises yet to come.
- (John 7:37-8:12) Christ and the Feast of Tabernacles! The water ceremony and the light ceremony. Christ is the fulfillment of both.
- (Zechariah 14) God’s feast of tabernacles will be celebrated in His Millennium Kingdom. We will celebrate it! Will we know what we are celebrating?
- The Feast of Tabernacles was/should be/will be a time of **REAL JOY!**

God in the Wilderness (Exodus 29:43-46)

- (Exodus 29:43-46) “I will dwell (*abide with*) among the children of Israel and will be their God. . . And they will know that I am the LORD their God . . .”
- (Exodus 40:34-38) “Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”
- (Exodus 13:21) “And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light . . .”
- (Numbers 9:15-23) At the command of the LORD . . .

• (Isaiah 48:17-18) **Thus says the LORD . . .**

- ★ Your Redeemer: Have you been bought with a price? (1 Cor 6:20)
- ☆ The Holy One: He says, “Be holy in all your conduct because I am Holy.” (1 Peter 1:13-16; Hebrews 12:14)
- ★ Your God (Hebrews 8:10 in contrast to Ephesians 2:12)
- ☆ Your Teacher (John 6:45; Ephesians 4:21; **Titus 2:12**)
- ★ The One who leads you in the way you should go. (Psalm 32:8; Jeremiah 6:16; Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 9:23; John 10:27-29)
- ✗ OH!!!! **IF** you had only listened to ME - instead of men. **IF** you had OBEYED My commandments. (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 2:3-6; 5:1-3)
- ✓ **THEN . . .** your PEACE would have been like a river and your righteousness like the waves of the sea!!
- ★ Are we listening? Are we heeding? Or are we like the Jews defining our own righteousness? (Romans 10:3)

God With Us - Immanuel (Luke 2:1-21)

- (Isaiah 7:14) The prophecy, promise of God. Immanuel - God with us!
- (Matthew 1:21-22) The fulfillment of prophecy.
- (Luke 2:1-21) A baby is born to a virgin and He is “the Lord” Himself.
- God’s message to the world . . .
 - ☆ A message of **GOOD NEWS**.
 - For a message to be GOOD the situation must be BAD.
 - Good news is relative!
 - ★ A message of **GREAT JOY**.
 - Where is the GREAT JOY in the “Church” today?
 - Christ came so that our joy might be FULL. (John 15:11; 16:24’ 17:13)
 - A message of JOY is relative. (Luke 7:47)
 - ☆ A message of **PEACE**.
 - A message that brings peace/reconciliation between sinners/ enemies and a holy, holy, holy God. (Romans 5:1, 10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 - “Be reconciled!”) **MEDITATE!**
 - The Gospel is a message of PEACE! (Romans 10:15; Eph 6:15)
 - A message that must not be ignored or taken lightly. To ignore God’s message of PEACE brings His WRATH.
 - Christ and Christ alone is our PEACE - between us sinners and the Most High Holy God. (Eph 2:14-15; Col 1:20; 1 Tim 2:5)
 - ★ A message of a **SAVIOUR**.
 - God sent His Son to save His people from their **SINS**.
 - Christ called people to REPENTANCE **and** BELIEVE.
 - **Did Christ save you from your sins?**

► Christ's salvation **includes** . . .

- ☆ Being saved from the **PENALTY** of sin. (Hebrews 9:12; Matthew 20:28; Gal 3:13; Matt 26:28; Romans 3:24-26; 1 John 4:10)
- ☆ Being saved from the from the **PLEASURE** of sin. (Hebrews 11:25; Psalm 119:104, 113, 128, 163)
- ☆ Being saved from the **POWER** of sin. (Romans 6:14; 8:2; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 John 3:4-10; John 8:36)
- ☆ Being saved from the **PRESENCE** of sin. (Revelation 21:4; 22:3; Hebrews 11:13-16; 1 Corinthians 15:42-48)

☆ A message of **THE LORD**.

- The baby in the manger is the LORD.
- Lord: Owner, Master, Ruler.
- He did not come for people to make Him Lord - HE WAS AND IS LORD OF ALL. (Acts 2:36; 10:36; Romans 10:9-10)

★ A message to be **TOLD/SHARED!**

- (Luke 2:17) The shepherds made in "widely known!"

- Christ came as IMMANUEL on God's terms!
- (Isaiah 53:5) The chastisement of OUR PEACE was upon HIM (Christ) and by His stripes and bruises we are set we are reconciled to God!
- (John 1:1, 14) "The Word was God . . . and the Word became flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us."
- (Philippians 2:5-8) He came as a bondservant (Matt 20:28). He came to DIE.
- (John 10:15-18) He laid down His life for His sheep. He gave Himself for us. Remember who His sheep are - John 10:27-29.
- (Hebrews 9:12) He "obtained eternal redemption" for all those He died for by presenting His own blood in the Holy of Holies in heaven.
- (1 Peter 3:18) He came to "bring us to God".
- (John 14:6) He is our "GATE" (the Way) and our "Tent of Meeting".
- (Heb 7:25; Rom 8:34) He rose and continually makes intercession for us.

God in Us (John 14:16-20, 25-26; 16:12-22)

- (John 14:18) Christ's promise not to leave us alone. He says, "I will come to you!" The Holy Spirit is the spirit of Christ. (Rom 8:9; Philip 1:19; 1 Peter 1:11)
- (Matthew 28:20) Christ's promise to be with us always.
- The Holy Spirit and believers . . .
 - ① We have a Divine PERSON with us one earth! God with us! God in us! (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 3:16; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:19-22)
 - ★ (John 14:16) "another" - one like.
 - ★ "Helper"; "Comforter" - "*parakletos*" - One who called along side to help, assists, comfort, defend, etc. Same word in 1 John 2:1
 - ② We have a DIVINE PERSON who loves us. (Romans 5:5; 15:30)

- ③ We have a DIVINE PERSON who causes us to obey the Father's commandments. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)
- ④ We have a DIVINE PERSON who leads us. (Romans 8:14)
- ⑤ We have a DIVINE PERSON who assures us of our sonship. (Romans 8:16; Galatians 4:6)
- ⑥ We have a DIVINE PERSON who helps our infirmities by making intercession for us. (Romans 8:26)
- ⑦ We have a DIVINE PERSON who has sealed us unto the day of redemption. (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30)
- ⑧ We have a DIVINE PERSON who is our guarantee. (2 Cor 1:21-22; 5:5)
- ⑨ We have a DIVINE PERSON who abides with us forever!!! (John 14:16)
- ⑩ We have a DIVINE PERSON who dwells in us. (Rom 8:9-11; 2 Tim 1:14)

God's Promise to Tabernacle with Us (Revelation 21:1-8)

- The feast of Tabernacles is prophetic for Israel **and** the Church.
- (Revelation 21:1-8) God will **tabernacle** with HIS people.
 - "dwell" is *shenoo* - the same word in John 1:14!
 - God promises to **dwell** with His people!
 - God promises that HE HIMSELF will be with His people!
 - God promises that HE HIMSELF will be our God forever!
- God is preparing a place for us! (Hebrews 11:13-16)
 - A place of no more tears, death, sorrow, crying, pain. Everything will be made NEW! (Revelation 21:4-5)
- Christ is preparing a mansion for us! (John 14:1-3)
- (1 Corinthians 2:9) This is so great that no eye or ear can tell what God has prepared for those who **love (obey)** Him.
- (Revelation 21:7) This is the reward of OVERCOMERS!
- (Revelation 21:8) Those who are excluded: the cowardly, unbelieving, murderers (those who do not love their brothers and sisters with sacrificial love - 1 John 3:10, 15), **sexually immoral**, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars. Their reward is the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.

I Bring You a Message of GREAT JOY!

God Tabernacled with His People!
God Will Tabernacle with His People!
God Is Tabernacled with His People!
We Are Not Alone!

IS YOUR JOY FULL?