

IT IS DONE!

Feast of Tabernacles

Revelation 21:1-8

John 7:32-44

Zechariah 14:8-21



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God's Eternal Purpose

Salvation: God and Sinner being reconciled.

- Sin separates us from God. (Isaiah 59:2; Proverbs 15:29; Micah 3:4)
- (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) God working reconciliation through the Substance, Christ Jesus. See Romans 5:10-11.

God's Calendar - His Feasts - His Appointed Times

- "feasts" - God's appointed times.
- "convocations" - public assemblies; "rehearsals"
- An outline of God's plans for His people.
- Consider Ephesians 1:9-10

A Tabernacling God

- Garden of Eden
- Tabernacle in the Wilderness
- Christ's first coming - Immanuel - Matthew 1:21
- God Sends His Holy Spirit
- The Church - the Temple of God; household of God
- Millennium Kingdom
- In the Ark of Noah
- Solomon's Temple
- Heaven

Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) During Christ's Time

• EIGHT DAY FEAST OF JOY!

- Building and living in booths.
 - Reminder of living in the Wilderness when God dwelt (tabernacled) with them. (Leviticus 23:42-43)
 - Reminder of the Tabernacle and Tent of Meeting (place where God met man and spoke)! (Exo 33:7; 25:22; **29:42-43**; 30:6, 36; Num 7:89; 17:4)
- Nightly "light show". Four super-large candelabras (25m high); 16 lights.
 - Reminder of the Cloud ("pillar of fire by night") that led them through and protected them in the Wilderness to the Promised Land. (Numbers 9:15-23; Exodus 13:21-22; 14:19-20; Neh 9:12, 19; Psalm 78:14; 105:39)
 - The Cloud and God were considered one! God spoke in the Cloud to His People. (Psalm 99:7; Numbers 12:5)

- Daily parade to the Pool of Siloam and water ceremony.
 - Reminder of God's provision of water while in the Wilderness. (Exod 17:6; Num 20:11; Psa 78:15-16, 20; 105:41; Isaiah 48:21)
- Began on the FULL MOON!
- Solomon's temple dedicated on this day - see 2 Chron 7:1-10
- On the 8th day - the GREAT CEREMONY!
- The Feast was a celebration of God's GRACE! The Tabernacle, water, and Cloud were all GIFTS from God. None of these were sought by the people. These gifts came from God from within Himself!

Shadow to Substance (Colossians 2:16-17)

- ★ The Shadow: Lev 23:34-43; Exodus 34:22; Deut 16:13-16
- ☆ The Substance: **JESUS CHRIST**

CHRIST: Came and Tabernacled with Us! (John 1:14)

- CHRIST is the SUBSTANCE of the Feast of Tabernacles.
- (Matthew 1:23) – His name is **IMMANUEL** – “God with Us!”
- Significant evidence points to Christ's birth was during this Feast.
- (John 1:14) “dwelt” is kenoo {skay-no'-o} - “to fix one's tabernacle”; “to live in a tabernacle” (tent).
- **GOD came down** to us!!
- The Tabernacle with all of its furnishing point to Christ! (Exodus 25-40).
- Christ is our Sukkot – we are **IN CHRIST!** (Colossians 3:3; 1 Cor 1:30; 2 Cor 1:21; Ephesians 1:3; 2:6; Colossians 3:3)
- Christ is our “**tent of meeting**” with God. He is our **MEDIATOR** between our Holy, Holy, Holy God and sinners! (1 Tim 2:5; John 14:6; Heb 9:11; Col 2:9)

CHRIST: “I AM the Light of the World” (John 8:12)

- CHRIST is the SUBSTANCE of the Light Ceremony.
- The second “**I AM**” of seven in the Gospel of John. (6:35; 8:12 [9:5]; 10:9; 10:11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1) See Handout: “I AM”
- “**I AM** the Light of the World” implicates that the world lies in darkness. (Matt 4:16; Luke 1:79; John 1:5; 3:19; 12:46; Acts 26:18; 2 Cor 4:6; 6:14; Eph 5:8; Col 1:13; 1 Thess 5:4-5; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 1:6; 2:11)
 - LIGHT is a symbol of understanding, holiness, and righteousness.
 - The whole world lies under the sway of the Evil One. (1 John 5:19) **MEDITATE ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS!**
 - (John 3:19-21) **LIGHT EXPOSES**. Those who **DO** the truth come to the light, abide in the light as He is in the light! (1 Jn 1:6-7)
 - (John 8:12) **ONLY** those who **FOLLOW** Christ have the “light of life”. **ONLY** those who **FOLLOW** Christ have eternal life. (John 10:26-27; Luke 9:23)
 - ★ What does it mean to follow Christ? **Submit** ourselves **unreservedly** to HIM as our only Lord in doctrine **and** all of our conduct. (1 Peter 1:13-

16) It is to live our lives “on every word that proceeds from His mouth”.
(Matt 4:4; Luke 4:4)

CHRIST: “Whoever Thirst, Let Him Come to Me and Drink” (John 7:37-38)

• **On the last great day of the feast!**

• Christ is the SUBSTANCE of the Water Ceremony.

→ Christ is the ROCK. (1 Corinthians 10:4)

→ Christ came to bring “living water”. (John 4:10, 14)

• What is water?

① Water is a GIFT from God. Christ is God’s gift! (Isaiah 9:6; Rom 6:23)

② Water is INDISPENSABLE to man. There is NO salvation except in Christ.
(Acts 4:12)

③ Water is a UNIVERSAL NEED. All of fallen short and have sinned and are in NEED of a Saviour. (Romans 3:23; Mark 16:15-16; Revelation 20:15)

④ Water comes *first* from HEAVEN. Christ came down from Heaven. (John 6:33, 38)

⑤ Water is a BOON (something that satisfies; refreshes). Christ satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst. (John 4:13-14; **6:35**)

⑥ Water is something we never TIRE. Those who know Christ follow Him to the end. (John 10:4, 27-28)

⑦ Water is strangely and unevenly DISTRIBUTED by God. (Luke 12:48; **Matthew 11:25**)

• This is NOT an INVITATION. “Come” is PRESENT TENSE (something to be done continuously); IMPERATIVE MOOD (something commanded; something we must do); MIDDLE VOICE (something a person does for himself)

• This is NOT directed to EVERYONE. “Whoever thirsts!” What is THIRST?

① Thirst is a RECOGNIZED NEED.

② Thirst is something of which we are acutely conscious.

③ It is craving for something that which we do not have.

④ Many things seem to promise satisfaction but do so only for a little while.

⑤ Many thirst for the WRONG THINGS. (John 4:13; 1 John 2:15-17)

→ See 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Revelation 3:16-20

⑥ Many in the WEST do not understand what it really means to THIRST!

⑦ Blessed is the man who hungers and THIRSTS after righteousness. (Matthew 5:6)

⑦ Psalm 42:1-2.

• Are you THIRSTING for CHRIST DAILY?

• “Come” is an ACTION WORD! To continually come to Christ means turning your back on the world (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4)

★ “Come unto ME” - It is forsaking ALL and following Christ. (Luke 14:33)

• “Drink” - PRESENT TENSE; ACTIVE VOICE; IMPERATIVE MOOD.

• Christ is the FOUNTAIN of living water. (Jeremiah 2:13; **Psalm 36:7-9**)

Rivers NOT Sponges (John 7:38)

- Christ spoke of the HOLY SPIRIT that would be given to ALL of His people who come to Him DAILY to drink.
- Those who **believe** shall overflow with living waters to others!
- HOW?: We are to **continually** come to Christ and drink and drink and drink.
 - We have tasted and now we want more! (Psalm 119:103; 19:10)
- Coming and drinking are NOT single acts done once.
- We eat and drink daily. We need to “eat and drink” from Christ daily.
- **We cannot overflow until/unless we are FULL.**
- We must first receive from Christ before we can overflow to others.
- **When we are filled it takes no effort to overflow to others!**
- When we are **filled** the fruit of the Spirit **will overflow** from us to others! (Galatians 5:22-23)
- (Ephesians 5:18) We are **commanded** to **be filled** with the Spirit - remembering that the verb is in the PASSIVE voice. **We need to RAISE OUR SAILS!**

Prophetic Fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles - Zechariah 14:16-21

- God Tabernacles with His People - Revelation 21:3
 - The Church and Israel
 - Ephesians 1:9-10; 3:15; Colossians 1:16-20
- All nations will come to worship God during the Feast of Tabernacles. (Zechariah 14; Revelation 21:22-25)
- There is a “pure river of water of life, clear as crystal” and heaven will be filled with thirsty people! (Revelation 22:1, 17)
- There is no light - God’s glory illuminates heaven and the Lamb is its light. (Revelation 21:23-24; Isaiah 60:19-20)

Learning from the Feast of Tabernacles

- ① God has an end plan - He with His people. (Revelation 21:5-6; Eph 1:9-10)
- ② Is our joy inexpressible? (1 Peter 1:8; John 15:11; 1 John 1:4)
- ③ Are we filled with the Holy Spirit so that “rivers of living water” flows out of us to others. (John 7:37-38; Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-23)
- ④ Are we reflecting the light of Christ into a dark world? (Matthew 5:14-16)
- ⑤ Are we groaning for the time in Revelation 21:3? Are you longing to be with God? (Psalm 73:25-26)