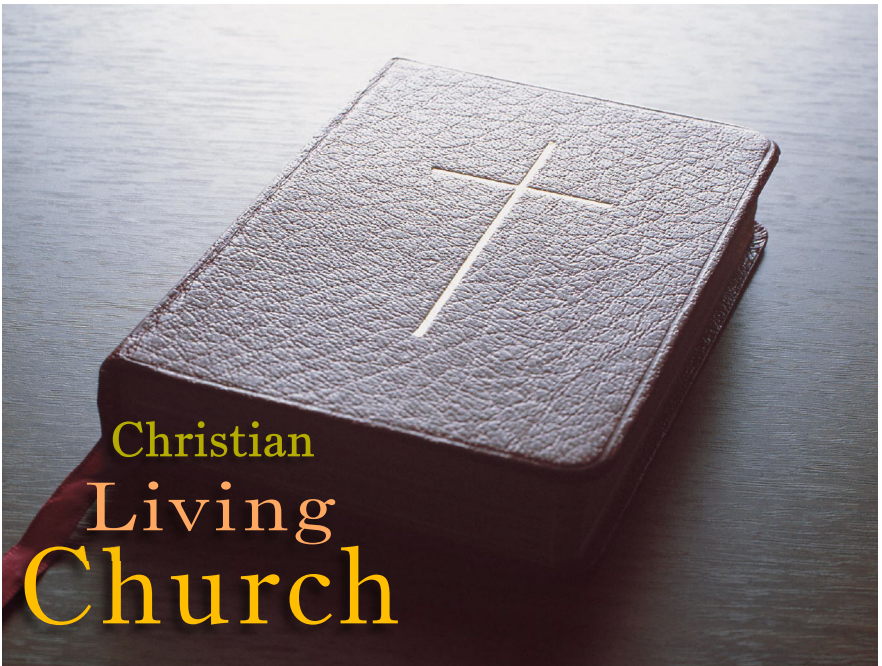


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This series of lessons has been designed for private study or classroom presentation. The purpose of this foreword is to explain certain conventions utilized throughout the program. The overall concept is to begin with the basic concepts necessary for the new convert to understand and progress toward more complex doctrine. The lessons are numbered in order to maintain the proper sequence of study.

When Scripture references are encountered in the text, various actions are recommended. When in parenthetical bold (**Genesis 1:1**) the verse is to be looked up and read right away. Frequently, the next textual statement will comment on that verse. Reading verse and text in proper order will enhance one's understanding of the verse. Direct quotes from Scripture will be "***bold italicized and contained in quotation marks***" and, unless otherwise noted, will be from the King James Bible. When the reference is in parenthetical non-bold (Genesis 1:1) it is to provide the Scriptural basis for the statement if confirmation is desired. References in blue [Genesis 1:1](#) will be listed in the lesson section entitled **FURTHER STUDY**.

FURTHER STUDY is the "homework" section. Its purpose is to encourage Bible study at home. The referenced verses have a short summation to assist the student desiring more knowledge about a subject to find what they are looking for.

The **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS** section is primarily for classroom use. Open discussion with the exchange of ideas produces growth for all involved. Most of the time the answer is contained in the referenced Scripture but sometimes the question is offered for open discussion. Even in private Bible study, analysis of the question and the search for its answer can be rewarding.

This work is offered to anyone with a desire to better understand God's Word. It is our hope and prayer that the person studying these lessons will come away with a better understanding of God's will and a closer walk with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Key Verse: Zechariah 14:16



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Discussion Question: What does this Key Verse mean to you?

GOD is not in competition with Satan! He is not trying to save the whole world now! Long ago Jesus Christ announced that His message, the good news of the Kingdom of God, would be preached in this age merely as a witness to all nations--not to convert them (Matthew 24:14). When God sets His hand to save the world, He will save it!

God's seven annual festivals picture the steps in God's Master Plan of salvation for all mankind. The first three festivals, which occur during the spring in the Northern Hemi-

sphere, picture great events leading to the first spiritual harvest of Spirit-begotten human beings into God's Family. From previous lessons we learned that the Passover is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice for our sins. The Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures our putting sin away and our constant need to obey God. Pentecost pictures the spiritual begetting and the maturing of the firstfruits of God's plan.

Then, during the fall in the Northern Hemisphere, come the last four festivals. They portray tremendous events yet to occur in God's plan. The Feast of Trumpets, the first of these four, pictures the return of Jesus Christ to raise the firstfruits to immortality and to set up God's government on earth. The Day of Atonement

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pictures the deposing, removal and binding of Satan for 1,000 years. With Satan's sinful influence gone, mankind can then be reconciled--made at one--with God.

Then 1,000 years of peace and prosperity will follow. Those who are the firstfruits of God's spiritual harvest--first born into God's Family and co-inheritors

with Jesus Christ--will join Him in ruling the earth. The Spirit-born saints will be given the opportunity of bringing the spiritual knowledge of salvation to every human then alive and to those born during the Millennium. This happy Millennium is pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles--the sixth of God's seven annual festivals picturing His plan of salvation.

As we learned in previous lessons, God used the two yearly harvest seasons in the Northern Hemisphere to picture the future spiritual harvests of mankind into His divine Family.

The spring grain harvest is small compared to the great fall harvest. The first harvest is represented by a single day--the Festival of Pentecost. It pictures the spiritual firstfruits, the relatively small number of people whom God has called into His Church before Christ's re-



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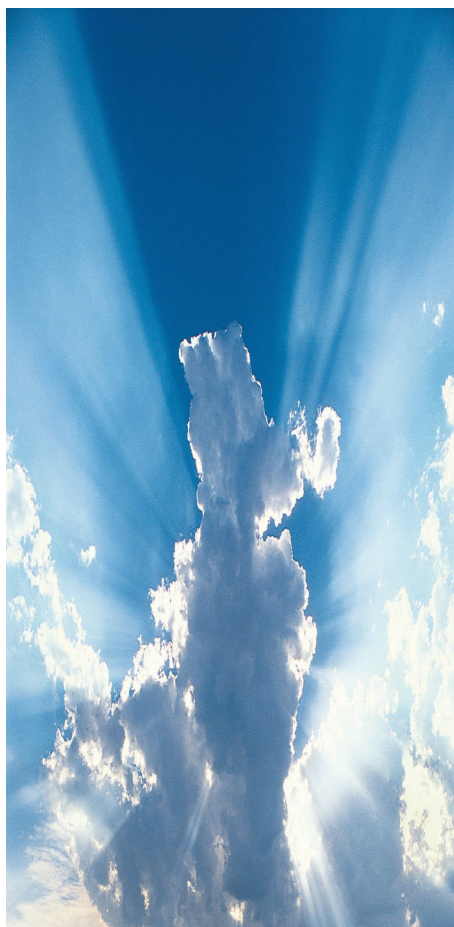


turn, when they will be born into God's Family.

But the Feast of Tabernacles lasts a full seven days. This shows that God's great second harvest of mankind will take a long period of time to be reaped. People will be born physically, called of God and, after fulfilling their life's purpose of growing in God's character, born spiritually into His Family all during the 1,000 years.

God intends the Feast of Tabernacles to separate and free His people from the world and its evil influences. This great festival gives them a special time and setting, in which they are free from the routine cares of the world, to think more about God's purpose for life and how to attain it. Living in temporary dwellings for an entire week--away from their everyday surroundings, jobs, and most negative influ-

ences--God's people picture by their observance of these seven days the universal freedom and peace that will exist when Satan is gone and the Spirit of God is available to every human being.



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Discussion Questions:

1. Did Jesus, Himself, keep the Feast of Tabernacles?

John 7:10

2. What unmistakable command did Jesus give His brothers and sisters? **Verse 8**

3. In the Millennium, will all Gentile nations keep the Feast of Tabernacles? **Zechariah 14:9, 16**

4. What will happen to those nations that at first refuse to keep the Feast of Tabernacles and thus refuse to be reeducated to God's way, in their ignorance refusing salvation? **Verses 17-19**

5. Does God intend for everyone--regardless of age, social class or economic level--to rejoice during the Feast? Does God intend for a husband to take his wife and children with him to rejoice together at the Feast?

Deuteronomy 16:13-14

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6. Does God command His people to save a tithe (10th) of their income throughout the year to be spent in traveling to and attending the Feast? **Deuteronomy 14:22-26**

7. Does God say that good food should be eaten to increase one's joy and happiness during the Feast? **Deuteronomy 14:26**

8. How will the immortal spirit rulers serve the people? **Revelation 5:10; 1 Corinthians 6:2**

9. Will the Spirit-born teachers in God's Family take a personal part in bringing about a full comprehension of God's law, and in directing people to take right action? **Isaiah 30:20-21**

10. How successful will the priest-teachers be in teaching the knowledge of God's way to the world? **Jeremiah 31:34**

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

For a more in depth study of this annual Holy Day see Lesson 6 of the Holy Day Series.

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