

Dr. Pat Pagnanelli Part 2 of Series on Feasts FEAST OF THE FIRST FRUITS



Strong's Exhaustive Concordance says that the word "Firstfruits" is an agricultural expression. To understand the festival in light of the Gospel of Christ, we must understand it's New Testament applications.

Jesus, in Matthew 13, likened the kingdom of God to a man who went forth to sow seed for harvest. World evangelism and winning souls to faith in Jesus for Salvation is likened unto a harvest in Luke 10:2.

The Resurrection is also a harvest. When Jesus our Lord resurrected from the grave (the first one to do so in glorification) he was the first of the firstfruits of the righteous dead. When we celebrate the Feast of Firstfruits, we are Celebrating Jesus, the resurrected Messiah. However, Jesus was not alone in His resurrection. Like the Priests of old, he too had a "sheaf of firstfruits" of his harvest to offer the Father as evidence of the resurrection.

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves, after His resurrection, and went into the Holy City, and appeared unto many. Matthew 27:52-53

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-57 Behold, I shew you a mystery . . . vs. 51

JOHN 15:1-8 Herein is my Father Glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples.

DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES

PSALM 92:13-14

MATTHEW 13:18-23

2 PETER 1:5-8

EPHESIANS 5:9-18

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