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Understanding Firstfruits

1. The Plan for Firstfruits

“The LORD said to Moses, ‘Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the LORD a lamb a year old without defect, together with its grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil — an offering made to the LORD by fire, a pleasing aroma — and its drink offering of a quarter of a hin of wine. You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.’”

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- A Celebration – It is always on a Sunday.
- It is the only “holiday” on which you can work!
- This is a “wave offering.”
- This holiday is to be celebrated indefinitely.

2. The Picture of Firstfruits

- If this seed has “died” and revived so will all the seeds.
- It is a preview of the harvest.

3. The Prediction of Firstfruits

“I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds...”

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4. The Proof of Firstfruits

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5. The Pattern of Firstfruits

“For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” - 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

- One man, Adam, brought death! (through sin)
- So, one Man, Jesus, brings life. (through purity)

6. The Praise of Firstfruits

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

- We don’t have to live in fear!
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7. The Problem of Firstfruits

- This victory is only for those who choose to follow Christ!

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” - John 14:6

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