

C. Jesus Christ fulfills and transforms the sacred calendar  
1 Cor 5:1-8; Acts 2; John 7-8; Romans 14:4-6



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**The Christian and the Law— Part 4:  
Christ Fulfills the Mosaic Sacred Calendar  
Deuteronomy 16:1-16**

**Big Idea: Understand how Jesus Christ fulfills and transforms the prophetic, symbolic typology of the Mosaic sacred calendar**

**I. The Israelite sacred calendar:**

A. Radically symbolic holy seasons of celebration

B. Three Great Pilgrimage Feasts

1. Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread

- First holiday of the year, first month (Abib 14-15)— Spring (March-April)
- Pilgrimage feast to Jerusalem to the Tabernacle/Temple to sacrifice and eat a lamb, together with bitter herbs and unleavened bread in each household.
- Remembering the rescue out of Egypt with the first Passover, blood on lintels, angel of death, death of firstborn. Haste, so unleavened bread.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

- Started on the Day of Passover, Abib 15-21
- Seven day feast at the Temple eating unleavened bread
- First and seventh days were days of rest, daily offerings at the Temple of animals, grain, drink
- Remembering the haste of the Exodus.

2. Feast of Weeks/Firstfruit/Harvest/Pentecost

- Second Pilgrim holiday, Day of rest

- Called Pentecost-50 days (7x7)days after Passover.
- Third month (Sivan 6)—May-June.
- Offering of grain at wheat harvest time. Various animal offerings at temple.

### 3. Feast of Tabernacles/Booths/Ingathering

- Third Pilgrim holiday
- Seventh month, Tishri 15-21—Sept-Oct year's end
- Associated with the harvest of grapes and olives
- First day and eighth days of rest, Various sacrifices
- Each Israelite required to make a booth (tabernacles, Sukkot) structure and live in it for 7 days to remember the Israelites living in tents in the exodus. (Lev 23:39-43)

### 4. Other Holy times and seasons

- Daily offerings, Weekly Sabbath offerings, monthly (new moon)—all involved various offerings of animals, flour, oil and grain, drink
- Feast of Trumpets (becomes Rosh Hashanah),
- Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)
- Sabbath years, Jubilee every 49 years

Statute forever? (Lev 23:41; Ex. 29:29; Lev 24:3; Num 15:15)

## II. Jesus Christ fulfills and terminates the prophetic, symbolic typology of the Mosaic sacred calendar

A. Jesus kept it because He was Jewish, born under the law

B. The New Testament Epistles clearly declare that Christians are no longer bound to keep the sacred calendar (Gal 1:6-7; 3:1-3; 4:8-11; Col 2:8-23)