

Why Unleavened Bread?

Many people believe that Jesus Christ finished God's plan for redemption when He was crucified, but this was the first event that made all the rest of the plan possible.

Within the Holy Days that God gave to Ancient Israel the Passover with the killing of a lamb representing the future Lamb of God, Jesus Christ [John 1:29, 36] was followed directly by the Days of Unleavened Bread.

The final rapid exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, by night, leaving them with unleavened bread, [Exodus 12:29-39].

Exodus 13:3-10 [New King James] *“And Moses said to the people: ‘Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. On this day you are going out, in the month Abib. And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters. And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, ‘This is done because of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.’ It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD’s law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.’”*

This is the origin of these Days of Unleavened Bread but the full meaning is not shown until the New Testament.

Luke 12:1 [New King James] *“In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, ‘Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.’”*

Jesus Christ likened the hypocrisy of the Pharisees to leaven.

Matthew 6:1-4 [New King James] *“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”*

Hypocrisy is an attitude of mind, shown in many different ways, all with the aim of letting other people know just how “*spiritual*” they are [Matthew 6:5, 16-18].

Matthew 7:1-5 [New King James] *“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”*

To judge other people is a hypocritical desire for we are attempting to elevate ourselves above them, the very opposite to what God’s Word, the Christian Bible, tells us [Philippians 2:1-3].

James 3:17-18 [New King James] *“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”*

A person who is full of these characteristics is without hypocrisy, for the way we live day by day will show up any hypocrisy.

Matthew 16:1-3 [New King James] *“Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said to them, ‘When it is evening you say, “It will be fair weather, for the sky is red”; and in the morning, “It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.” Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.’”*

To ignore the obvious conditions that will end in humanity coming near to destroying itself, except for supernatural intervention by Jesus Christ, [Matthew 24:21-22, 36-39] is to act in a hypocritical way.

Luke 12:2-3 [New King James] *“For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.”*

Note this is in the context of hypocrisy, and is a very helpful way to not only be aware that God sees and hears all, [Psalms 139:1-16] but to seek to eradicate hypocrisy from our day-to-day life.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 [New King James] *“Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”*

“Sincerity” is the very opposite to hypocrisy and is part of the outcome of developing the “fruits” of an active Holy Spirit in our minds as we follow Him day by day, [Galatians 5:22-25].

Paul was following the instructions of Jesus Christ to deal with the problem in the Christian Church.

1 Corinthians 5:1-5 [New King James] *“It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles, that a man has his father’s wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”*

Jesus Christ is going to prepare a group of people ready to work with at His Second Coming.

These people are going to be unleavened, not full of hypocrisy.

Either this leaven goes out of us or Jesus Christ will put us out of His group of true disciples, back into Satan’s world, [1 John 5:19; 2 Corinthians 4:4].

The choice is yours!