# Message to The Churches of God 5

Premise of Understanding God's Holy Days

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## About The Messages

Critical to start from the beginning

- They are presented in a particular order
- Each builds upon the previous messages
- Study them
- Review them

#### Understanding The Purpose of God's Feasts

- Given by God for a reason:
  - They represent a Framework, Grand Design, Blueprint of His plan of salvation.
  - Prophecy is given structure through the understanding of God's Feasts.
  - God's Feast system is our "schoolmaster" to lead us to Christ. Galatians 3:24
  - They show the chronological sequence of God's plan in a logical order.

Just as we observe God's Feast in their "appointed times", their fulfillments are sequential, chronological. <a href="Ephesians 1:10">Ephesians 1:10</a>

### Three Traditional Perspectives of God's Feasts

- Ceremonial Feast System given as a "shadow", Colossians 2:16-17 NIV, Hebrews 10:1-18
- Israel "fulfilled" God's Feasts as an example ("type"), <u>1 Corinthians</u> <u>10:1-4</u>
- The "Historical/Prophetic" time-line.
  - Jesus fulfilled the reality of His first three Feasts circa 31 AD (History).
  - Jesus will fulfill the remaining Feasts in the future (Prophetic).

Later, we will see that there are other "fulfillments" provided to us as additional examples.

#### They Are Perfect & Detailed

- God's analogies in His Feasts do not "break down". He "is not the author of confusion". 1 Corinthians 14:33, Deuteronomy 4:2, Deuteronomy 12:32, Exodus 25:9-10, Exodus 25:40
- The imagery (<u>Hebrews 8:5</u>) God provides is much more effective at the accurate communication of Substantive Living Meaning (Logos) than mere words (hremata). <u>2 Timothy 2:14</u>, <u>Ephesians 3:14-19</u>
- Arguing over mere words only leads to infinite debate, argument, and division.
- SEEING what God is SHOWING us through His Feasts and the power of the Holy Spirit becomes evident, visible, revealed. <u>1 Corinthians 2:10</u>, <u>Hebrews</u> <u>11:1</u>
- It unifies our understanding of God's purpose and us as His people. Romans 15:4, Ephesians 4:13

#### God's Feasts Have Numerous Fulfillments

As we move forward, we will see that God's Feasts have NUMEROUS fulfillments that we can learn from and APPLY in our own lives.

These fulfillments occur at different levels, times and time-spans – The larger framework.

The fulfillments are connected in particular ways.

## To Be Friends of Christ

I do not call you servants any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you [My] friends, because I have revealed to you everything that I have heard from My Father. John 15:15 AMP

## To Be Like Christ

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2 NKJV

#### Recap - The Fundamental Premise

Jesus Christ is revealing what He is doing and His very Nature through His Feasts:

- What, How, Why, When, and Where.
- More than just a framework, they are perfect and very detailed.
- They rely upon imagery, not words.
- God's Feasts are revealed in many ways, cycles, times and levels.
- As the friends of Jesus Christ, He reveals Himself through His Feasts.
- Seeing the revealed Christ makes us like Him.

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