

Why we do not celebrate the feast of Harvest – [Asaolu O. S.](#)

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Introduction: Ancient Jewish holiday(s) Corresponding “Christian holiday(s)” by denominations

Passover - Maundy Thursday

Feast of Unleavened Bread - Good Friday

First Fruits (all early spring holidays) – Easter

Shavuot or Pentecost - **Thanksgiving**

(spring harvest 50 days following (celebrated at different times in many countries, 2nd Thur in Nov in USA)

Easter Sunday or First Fruits)

Rosh Hashanah - Christmas

(*Feast of Trumpets and Jewish New Year*)

Yom Kippur (*Day of Atonement*) - Christmas Eve

Sukkot (*Feast of Tabernacles*) - New Year’s Day (all fall holidays)

The Feast of Pentecost or Shavuot has many names in the Bible: The Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Harvest, and the Latter Firstfruits. Celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, Shavuot is traditionally a joyous time of giving thanks and presenting offerings for the new grain of the summer wheat harvest in Israel -Exodus 23:16; 34:22, Lev 23:5-6-8, 15-16-21, Deut 16:10,16.

In the New Testament it is called the Feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:1; 20:16; 1 Cor 16:8)

Those celebrate Harvest today claim to do so because:

- It reminds them of God and His provisions
- It commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church
- Celebrating it is not expressly forbidden in the NT
- Jesus says the LORD is “the Lord of the harvest.” –Mt 9:38

Above reasons are mere suppositions,

- Under the NT, we are to remember God and His sustenance daily not by annual festival –Phil 4:11-13, 19, Heb 13:5-6
- There is no command to in NC to continue Harvest or re-designate it as the birthday of the church, the Spirit is clear in Acts 15 about jettisoning the law save for few provisions retained
- OT feasts and celebrations are implicitly abolished –Gal 3:1-4; 5:1-4, Col 2:16-17, Heb 7:11-14; 8:1-13
- Today, the Lord seeks a harvest of souls into God’s kingdom as the cited passage alludes unto, not physical harvest of food brought into a physical temple –Mt 9:36-38.

To modify the Mosaic way of marking the Harvest is altering God’s word and is condemned in Prov 30:5-6, Rev 22:18-19. Anyone who wish to celebrate Harvest **MUST** offer **grain, drink and animal sacrifices** as commanded in Lev 23:17-22. Cursed is anyone who seeks to obey part of Mosaic Law but who does NOT continue in ALL the precepts of the law –Gal 3:10-11. To resuscitate one feast is to adopt all Jewish feasts of the OT. However, only the Lord’s Supper is commanded for Christians as the new and sole feast in this dispensation.

Conclusion: We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifice –Rm 12:1-2 knowing that the world will be harvested on the last day by the Lord himself.