

The Message • Pastor Ron Smith

The New Moon Sabbaths

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The Truth

The Sabbath

Leviticus 23:3 There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, a day of sacred **assembly**. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the LORD.



The Truth

Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles

God ordained that three times a year, Israel was to gather at Jerusalem to celebrate the New Moon Sabbaths.

- **Passover** is the first month
- **Pentecost** is 50 days later; and
- **Tabernacles** is in the seventh month



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Shadows Fulfilled in Christ

Colossians 2:16-17 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come, the reality, however, is found in Christ.

- **Passover** fulfilled by Christ our Passover Lamb.
- **Pentecost** fulfilled by placing the Law of God inside us.
- **Tabernacles** being fulfilled throughout the church age.



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The Moral Law versus the Ceremonial Law

The Weekly Sabbath is part of the moral law

The New Moon Sabbaths were part of the ceremonial law



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The Three Feasts of Passover

- Passover
- Firstfruits
- Unleavened Bread



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The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)

Leviticus 23:16 Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD.

ON the day the apostles became the “new grain” of the Christian church offered to God as a wave offering.



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Wave Offering

Two loaves with yeast as a wave offering
of the new grain.



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The Ratification of the New Covenant

Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Pentecost was the ratification of the New Covenant and is the fulfillment of the Old Testament law.



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The New Covenant Foretold 600 Years Beforehand

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—³² **not according to** the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts;** and I will be their God and they shall be My people.



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Notice how the Holy Spirit Is Connected to the Law of God.

John 14:15 If you love Me, keep **My commandments**. 16And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another helper, that He may abide with you forever—17the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.



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Greater Works than Christ Did

John 14:12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works** than these he will do, because I go to My Father.



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Our Advantage

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. **It is to your advantage** that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and **you see Me no more;** ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He **will guide** you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.



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The Gifts of the Spirit

Three Utterance Gifts: Prophecy, tongues, interpretation.

Three Power Gifts: faith, healing, miracles.

Three mind Gifts: word of knowledge, word of wisdom, and discerning of spirits.



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