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## A Feast Bringing Dramatic Change

The disciples were energized – nearly overwhelmed with excitement. A sense of expectancy saturated the air. It was anticipation you could feel.

The glorified Savior’s astonishing statement a few days before about a promise had left them fixated on His words. We read

of His statement in Acts 1:4: “And, being assembled together with them, Yahshua commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, said He, you have heard of me.”

The disciples were probably thinking it



was an announcement about restoring the Kingdom. Which of them could have known what was about to happen as they came together on that Feast of Weeks nearly 2,000 years ago. As they had since their conversion, they gathered to keep this Feast as one of the seven annual appointments that Yahweh had directed them – and us – to observe.

Yahweh was far from ready to establish His Kingdom, however. Many more faithful would need to be tried and tested for their worthiness for important positions in that future Kingdom. It would take many more centuries and countless more lessons before the Kingdom would come to earth. But for the disciples, at least, school was about to begin.

In Acts 1:5 the disciples had little clue what He meant by waiting for the Father’s promise. Which of them could have foreseen the dramatic transformation the events of this Feast of Shabbuoth (Weeks, or Pentecost) would bring to his life and the

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lives of countless others in the future?

Pentecost is the one Biblical Feast that churchianity has not been able to deny or ignore. There are at least two reasons why: at the core of Pentecost or Firstfruits is the Holy Spirit, which was sent by Yahweh on this day to those desiring to follow the Truth. Yahweh's Spirit is an essential part of a True Worshiper's life and his or her salvation.

Also, today's church teaches that it was on this Feast day that the "New Testament church" was born in Acts 2. To reject this day as a dead Old Testament relic is to reject these two essential aspects of New Covenant worship. And so Pentecost is still recognized in modern worship. And that fact presents a monumental problem.

### Who Decides?

Does Yahweh allow His worshipers to decide which Feast days are important and which are not? Not on your life! If we accept one Feast, then Scripturally we must accept them all.

All of Yahweh's Holy Days are presented as a package, with the admonition that these are the Feasts of Yahweh (not just Feasts of Jews), Leviticus 23:4. To argue that these special days are "Mosaic Law" and therefore are done away is to be ignorant of the many statements in Scripture telling us that these are YAHWEH's observances, not simply observances of Moses.

John wrote, "Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the Word which you have heard from the beginning," 1John 2:7. The only Word the New Testament believers had in which to learn and teach from was the Old Testament. Verse 24 continues, "Let that therefore abide in you, which you have heard from the beginning. If that which you have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, you also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father."

Yahshua kept every one of the biblical Feast days. He confirmed that fact when He said He had kept His Father's commandments, and we are to follow Him, John 15:10. He was perfectly obedient to everything in the Old Testament, 1Peter 2:21-22.

One of the commands for the Feast of Weeks is found in Deuteronomy 16:9-11: "Seven weeks shall you number unto you: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as you begin to put the sickle to the corn. And you shall keep the feast of weeks unto Yahweh your Elohim with a tribute of a

freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give unto Yahweh your Elohim, according as Yahweh your Elohim has blessed you: And you shall rejoice before Yahweh your Elohim, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite that is within your gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which Yahweh your Elohim has chosen to place His name there."

This Feast is marked by offerings and rejoicing. It was at the time of the Feast of Firstfruits that Israel received the law at Sinai, which can be synchronized by paralleling the timing of their journey in the wilderness with the timing of the Feast. The Biblical Feasts are a pattern for the spiritual trek we make as we come out of the world and follow the ways of Yahweh. Seeking Truth is also a wilderness adventure at times as we travel a path not well-traveled today!

Understand the series of lessons presented by the Feasts up to Pentecost: We accept the shed blood of the Lamb at the Passover. We then cleanse our worship of the error of false doctrines and teachings, symbolized by the leavening that is removed at the Feast of Unleavened Bread. At the same time we take in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, 1Corinthians 5:8.

Then at the Feast of Weeks, after counting seven complete Sabbaths, we receive the true will and worship of Yahweh, represented by His laws, along with the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant that empowers us to be obedient to those laws and helps us overcome the temptations and pulls of the world.

The significance of the Feast of Firstfruits centers on bold teaching of Truth. In Acts 2, after the 120 received the power of the Holy Spirit, they began powerfully to teach the truth with unflinching courage. Peter gave such a stirring message that 3,000 people sought and received baptism in the Name of Yahshua. Peter and John spoke with uncommon boldness, Acts 4:13. Miracles started happening, and the disciples displayed abilities they never had before.

The Feast of Firstfruits shows us that Yahweh's laws exist beyond the physical sphere. Now the spiritual intent of obedience must be proclaimed. The real purpose for obedience becomes clear and a righteous attitude takes root within.

### What 'Written on Hearts' Means

Hebrews 8:10 says that Yahweh's laws would be put into our minds and written on our hearts. Some may claim that this means we obey only in a fuzzy, spiritual sense and not actually follow Feast and Sabbath mandates.

However, in Biblical terms writing something on a heart means to obey even more passionately. Ezekiel 11:19-20 says, "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their Elohim." We "take to heart" Yahweh's laws when those laws are kept from the heart.

Pentecost marks the beginning in earnest of Yahweh's purpose ultimately to bring His Kingdom to this earth, with all His faithful to rule with Him. It was likely on this day of Weeks that the covenant with His people was ratified at Sinai, when Israel said, "All that You have said we will do and be obedient," including observing the very laws He commanded them.

But the events of Sinai are not the only reason we keep this Feast of Weeks. Also known by the Greek name "Pentecost," this Feast provides the means by which the Covenant could be kept, as well as makes the way by which Yahweh's message can be taken to all the World—through Yahweh's Spirit power.

But there is more...

### Pentecost Is About the Kingdom

This is also the Feast called Firstfruits, a Feast where the saints as spiritual firstfruits join in Yahweh's plan of salvation as the cream of the crop.

As we can see, the Feast of Weeks is a



multi-faceted, meaning-packed observance, the most recent Feast to have had a second fulfillment in the New Testament.

In a nutshell, this Feast encompasses the main salvation plan:

- \* The giving of the law to bring us in line with Yahweh's will,
- \* The sending of the Spirit not only to help us obey, but also to empower His chosen with the ability to take the truth to all the world, and
- \* The bringing of the firstfruits, into the kingdom, preceded by the first of the firstfruits, Yahshua.

Some confuse this Feast with the day of the firstfruits wavesheaf during Unleavened Bread. In fact, it falls Scripturally seven weeks **from** the Feast of Unleavened Bread, not **during** it.

Keep in mind that we are talking about two different wavesheafs here: the first ripe sheaf of barley during Unleavened Bread, representing Yahshua, and the other a sheaf of wheat at Pentecost, which represents the firstfruits of saints.

In Exodus 34:18-23, where we read of the significance of Firstfruits, we discover that the entire plan of salvation and the coming Kingdom itself are revealed in Yahweh's seven annual Feast Days!

### Changing His Times and Laws

Many are being taught that these days no longer have meaning for the New Testament believer. Can that be true? Suppose you start a business that operates under specific rules and procedures. Johnny Rebel, the new office manager, takes it on himself to redefine those rules. He tells everyone in the firm that you have changed your mind and abolished your operating rules in favor of his. His grounds for this change is a company newsletter article that he misread. He believes that a merger with another company has revamped your articles of incorporation and that now he and the other employees are no longer subject to the old system.

How long are you going to keep Johnny Rebel on your payroll?

This is essentially what modern clerics have done with Yahweh's Word. They have abolished Yahweh's procedural laws. They cite some misunderstood letters written by the Apostle Paul as justification.

Isn't it significant that Yahweh made sure that His regulations are still readily available in case we want to check the official record? Despite the great chorus of voices claiming for the past 2,000 years that the

Old Testament and its laws are now invalid and void—it is self-validating that the same Old Testament and its laws are still published alongside the New Testament in every major version of the Bible that has ever been produced.

Yahweh's Feasts are jam-packed with profound, salvation truths, as well as prophetic meaning! What's more, these holy days are commands from Yahweh's own mouth. They are part of His instructive law given to all men. "These are MY Feasts, and you will follow them if you want the blessings, and the salvation," He thunders.

Yahweh's Feasts revolve around the harvest, and it is the theme of harvest in a spiritual sense that gives these days substance. Let's look the Feast of Weeks and what it reveals about salvation.

### Powerful Parallels

In the plan of salvation, Yahshua represents the first of firstfruits. He became the spiritual wave sheaf offered to Yahweh during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Remember that He cautioned Mary Magdalene in John 20:17 not to touch Him, because He had not yet ascended to His Father. As the firstfruits wavesheaf He had not yet been "offered" or presented before Yahweh.

Those who don't keep his Feasts have no clue why He ascended to heaven after the resurrection then came back and then ascended again just before Pentecost. The reason for the first was so that He could present Himself to Yahweh to fulfill the firstfruits wave sheaf offering, just as was commanded for the firstfruits barley offering

to be waved before Yahweh in Leviticus 23:11— on the morrow after the Sabbath within the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

The Apostle Shaul [Paul] writes of this in 1Corinthians 15:22-23: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits [wavesheaf]; afterward they that are Messiah's at His Coming." Yahshua is clearly connected with the firstfruits of barley presented to Yahweh.

Fifty days later the firstfruits of the human harvest is presented, represented by the first of the wheat harvest. Finally comes the general harvest in the autumn, at the Feast of Tabernacles—also called the Feast of Ingathering.

Harvest is a pivotal theme in all of Yahweh's Feasts. Is it any wonder that the Feast cycle begins with the wavesheaf made of green ears of barley in the spring and ends with the general ingathering of all crops in the fall? The barley had to be at a certain stage of maturity for the wavesheaf, similarly Yahshua had to finish His work in order to be the firstfruits of the brethren. Just as firstfruits are relatively young grains, so Yahshua was not sacrificed as an old man, but in His early 30's, the most productive age of life.

He could have kept going with His ministry, but He did enough to prepare us to take up His cause for truth, and to help us He sent His Spirit.

In chapter 1 of Acts, Luke picks up where His Book of Luke left off — discussing the life of Yahshua the Messiah and his last act on earth, called the transfiguration.

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Because of His actions following His resurrection they could not deny that He was the risen Messiah. Pentecost would come 10 days after his ascension to heaven.

Had the disciples left Jerusalem or had they not come to attend the Feast of Firstfruits, or Shabuoth, they would not have been present to receive Yahweh's Spirit. The same lesson to assemble at His Feasts is for us.

All indications are that Yahshua will return at a Feast, a "time appointed" or Moed, meaning Feast, as Daniel 8:19 and 11:27 reveal.

When the woman (assembly) is carried on eagle's wings into the wilderness, this is for her protection; but when does it happen?

The first time such a protective move happened, ancient Israel was taken into the wilderness to keep a Feast to Yahweh, as Moses told Pharaoh. Yahweh protected Israel from Pharaoh's pursuing army. Exodus 19:4-5 says, "You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine." Compare

with Revelation 12:6: "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of Elohim, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days."

Again, spiritual Israel is:

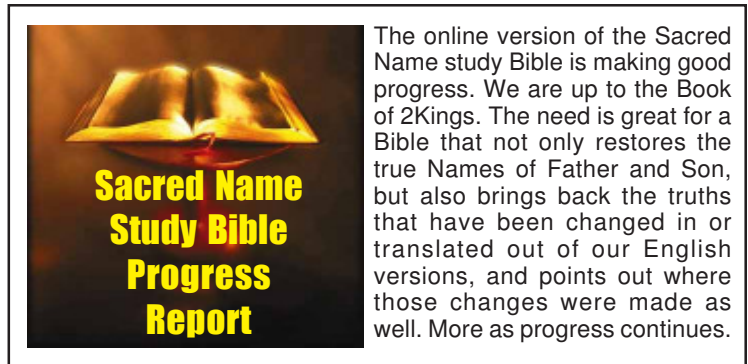
1) Taken to the wilderness (just as ancient Israel was, to keep a Feast)

2) Brought to a place prepared of Yahweh (we are to keep a Feast where Yahweh places His Name; just as Israel did.)

3) Fed for a period of time (just as we feed on Yahweh's word at His Feasts and as Israel fed on the manna)

Suppose you are gathered with the brethren at a Feast, either Unleavened Bread or Pentecost or Trumpets and the fall Feasts—the three main times cited as possibilities when Yahshua could return.

There you find protection while others who are not obedient are left out in the world to suffer from His wrath on the wicked of Egypt.



The online version of the Sacred Name study Bible is making good progress. We are up to the Book of 2Kings. The need is great for a Bible that not only restores the true Names of Father and Son, but also brings back the truths that have been changed in or translated out of our English versions, and points out where those changes were made as well. More as progress continues.

The Bible is such a complex collection of books that the majority of what it has is a parallel to something else or to another place or time. Yahweh works in parallels, dualities, types and antitypes – especially with prophecy where there is often both an ancient and a modern fulfillment.



We see through a glass darkly. We see only the tip, while the rest of the iceberg lies submerged and out of sight. One day we will see through clear glass the entire plan.

*If you would like to learn more about this key Feast of Yahweh, request the Pentecost message presented this year on DVD and CD. And while you are at it, ask to be placed on the biweekly DVD or CD list.*

## Feast of Tabernacles Information Enclosed

### Feast of Tabernacles 2009 Schedule of Events

It is time to begin planning for a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles with Yahweh's Restoration Ministry from October 5 to 12. Information is enclosed with this newsletter as well as a reservation form to fill out and return. The same information is online at yrm.org. This promises to be a very special observance at a completely new camp in northern Indiana. A schedule of activities is shown at right. Our prayer is that you and your family will join us for an experience you won't soon forget!

	Sunday October 4	High Day October 5	Tuesday October 6	Wednesday October 7	Thursday October 8	Friday October 9	Sabbath October 10	Sunday October 11	High Day October 12
8:00 a.m.		Open	Maria's House of Pancakes	Bible Study "Creation Vs. Evolution" (8:00 – 9:00)	Service/ Children's Class	YRM Breakfast Buffet	Open	Open	Bible Study "Four- Horseman of Revelation" (8:00 – 9:00)
10:00 a.m.		Service	Service/ Children's Class (10:30 a.m.)	Service/ Children's Class	Field Trip to Bison Ranch and Amish Country	Service/ Children's Class (10:30 a.m.)	Baptismal Service	Service/ Children's Class	Service
1:30 p.m.		Fellowship Meal (12:30 p.m.)  Service/ Children's Class (2:00 p.m.)	Zip Line and Jumping Pillow (1:30 – 5:30)	Basketball Tournament or Canoe and Wetland Hike		Giant Slide or Canoe and Wetland Hike	Open Bible Study (3:00 – 4:30)  	High Day Preparation	Communal Meal (12:30 p.m.)  Closing Service (4:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m.	Opening Service	Group Photo (5:30 p.m.)  Registration (Sunset)	Backwoods BBQ	Game Room (8:00-12:00)	Wiener Roast (7:00 p.m.)	Scriptural Challenge IX	Game Room (8:00-12:00)	Night of Special Music	May Yahweh Bless You!



# Edible Wild Things

by **Debbie Reed**

*Knowing which plants around your home are edible may prove valuable if food should ever become scarce.*

**A**re you pining away for your vegetable garden this Sabbatical year? This is the first time in almost thirty years that I have not planted a spring garden. Yet, while letting the ground rest, I am also enjoying the break. There's now time to turn attention to other things neglected in springtimes past – wild things. Yahweh has provided us with an abundance of good things to eat and not all of it is found in grocery stores. Edible plants,



nuts, and berries are all around us if we just take the time to learn and look.

Those who love their grass lawns detest dandelions. Instead of spraying pesticides to be rid of these

resilient yellow pests, eat them! The young tender leaves are rich in iron and vitamins A and C. While the very first unfolding leaves may be added sparingly to salads, boiling them five minutes and seasoning them with butter and salt cuts down on the bitterness. The yellow dandelion crowns may be battered and deep fried for an unusual treat.

Another intrusive, yet edible, weed found in many yards is lambsquarter. A member of the spinach family, the youngest leaves and the tops of more mature plants can be thrown in salads, or steamed or boiled and served with seasonings.

The common daylily, found in gardens as well as in the woods and along roadsides, adds interest and nutrition to the menu. The opened blossoms may be breaded and fried whole or the outer petals picked and thrown raw on salads. The young daylily buds can be steamed or added to stir-fries while the tubers can be washed, sliced and added to salads.

If you are blessed to live in or near a rural area, the

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woods, fields, and ponds offer a smorgasbord of edibles. Cattails abound in open areas near ponds, roadside ditches, and other marshy areas. Every part of the cattail is edible. The rhizomes that run parallel to the roots under the water are peeled and cooked like potatoes. The early spring cattail stems can be pulled up and the bottom tender part boiled in a dish similar to asparagus. Before the top of the cattail opens to bloom, it can be husked and cooked like little cobs of corn.

The May apple's ripened berry under its broad leaves can be cooked down into jam. So, too, can the wild strawberries of mid-spring and blackberries, raspberries, gooseberries, and grapes of mid-to-late summer. The young leaves of wild grapes can be used in salads or stuffed with a meat/rice/herb mixture. A grape leaf or two tucked into a jar of dills before processing makes the pickles crisp.

Trees are another source of natural nutrition. Here in Missouri we have forests full of native oak, walnut, hickory, and persimmon trees. While acorns from the oaks are not very tasty and require much soaking and boiling, our pioneer ancestors ground them into flour for making bread, muffins, or pancakes. I think black walnuts have a wonderful flavor, but they have a slightly bitter tang that some don't like. Roasting them solves that problem



and pleases even the pickiest palate. There are many types of hickory trees and the biggest, easiest to shell, and best tasting nuts are found on the shag-bark hickory. For years I've used hickory nuts as a superior substitute for pecans in many recipes. And, wood from the hickory tree is highly prized all over the world for smoking and grilling meats. After the first frost in autumn, the fruits of the persimmon tree can be harvested to use in making breads, cookies, and a delectable Native American pudding.

All of the forage foods I have mentioned are but a taste of the edibles found in nature. There are numerous books available on wild foods. In these uncertain times, they might just come in handy.





## *Five Finger Prayer*

*Submitted by* **Loretta Overman**

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need Elohim's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger – the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to Elohim and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.' Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the four other groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

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## *Clean Foods*

Spring is a time to throw off the heavy clothing of winter. It is also the time to transition from the heavy stick-to-your-ribs menus for lighter fare using fresh ingredients.

The following recipes with clean ingredients should delight the palate and nourish the soul!

### **SPINACH QUICHE**

*Submitted by* **Naomi Holm**

- 1 unbaked 9 inch (deep dish) pie crust
- 1 (10 oz.) package of frozen spinach, thawed and drained **or** equivalent amount of fresh spinach, wilted and drained
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup milk (or cream)
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced finely
- Some chopped parsley, fresh or dried
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Salt
- Pepper
- Parmesan cheese, grated

Evenly distribute spinach in the bottom of the pie crust. Next, sprinkle the Swiss cheese over the spinach. In a separate mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, garlic, parsley, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Pour this mixture over the spinach and cheese in the pie crust. Top with a generous sprinkling of Parmesan cheese and bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes.

### **MARINATED ASPARAGUS**

*Submitted by* **Debbie Reed**

- 2 lbs. asparagus, ends trimmed
- ½ bunch green onions with tops, chopped
- 1 small green bell pepper, seeded and slivered
- 1 small jar chopped pimientos, drained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 8 oz. bottle of Italian salad dressing

Place asparagus spears in cold water to cover. Bring to a full boil and boil for 1 to 2 minutes or until crisp tender. Drain off the hot water and run cold over the asparagus to cool down quickly – drain well. In a dish, layer asparagus spears, chopped green onions, green pepper slivers, chopped pimientos, salt and pepper. Pour Italian dressing over all, cover, and refrigerate overnight.

### **STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB PIE**

*Submitted by* **Sandy Evans**

- Crust for a double-crust pie
- 1 ¼ plus 2 teaspoons sugar (divided)
- ½ cup flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 ½ cups sliced rhubarb (about 1 ½ pounds)
- 3 cups hulled and halved strawberries
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 Tablespoons unsalted butter, cut in several pieces  
1 Tablespoon milk

Roll out half of the pie dough and place in the bottom of a 9-inch pie plate. Stir 1 ¼ cups sugar, flour, salt, and cinnamon in a large bowl. Add the rhubarb, strawberries, lemon juice and vanilla and toss until the fruit is well coated with the sugar mixture.

Set aside for 10 minutes until the fruit softens slightly. Spoon the rhubarb mixture into the pie shell and distribute the butter over the fruit. Cover with the top crust, and trim, crimp, and seal. Cut several vents into the top crust. Brush the top crust with 1 Tablespoon milk and sprinkle with the remaining 2 teaspoons sugar. Bake in a preheated 425-degree oven (rack should be in the bottom third of the oven) for 30 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees and bake an additional 25-30 minutes or until the crust is a rich golden brown, and the juices bubble through the vents. Cool on a wire rack for at least 1 hour. Serve warm or at room temperature with ice cream, if desired.

### GRANDMA MIL'S CHICKEN & DRESSING CASSEROLE

2 cups Pepperidge Farms' Herb Dressing  
1 stick real butter  
1 can of canned milk or 2 cups sharp cheddar shredded cheese  
2 cans cream of chicken soup  
1 cup chicken broth  
5 cooked chicken breast, cut in bite size pieces  
Extra shredded cheese to top

In large bowl, mix all ingredients together. Spread into a 9 x 13" baking pan. Bake for 50 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove dish and sprinkle desired cheese on top. Return to oven 10 additional minutes.

### 5 MINUTE CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE!

Submitted by **Linda Lowe**

4 tablespoons flour  
4 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons cocoa  
1 egg  
3 tablespoons milk  
3 tablespoons oil  
3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)  
A small splash of vanilla extract and your favorite tippie  
1 large coffee mug



Add dry ingredients to your largest mug and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil and mix well. Add the

chocolate chips (if using), vanilla extract and a drop or two of your favorite tippie, then mix again. Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts (high). The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed! Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if desired.

EAT! (this can serve 2 if you want to feel slightly more virtuous).

*And why is this the most dangerous cake recipe in the world? Because now you are only 5 minutes away from chocolate cake at any time of the day or night!*



**Q** "I have a question about one of the materials you sent out. It might be a mistake when writing it. It says that Yahshua was born to Hebrew parents. Some may take this as he's not Yahweh's son. If someone were to question me on this I would have to say this was a typing error. I plan to make copies of this material and pass it out. Can you verify this is an error?"  
— **CW, AZ**

**A** While it is true that Yahshua was the Son of Yahweh, it is also true that He was put into an earthly family of Hebrew parents. The passage you referred to is simply to show Yahshua's Hebraic upbringing, not to negate his relationship with Almighty Yahweh. We read in John 6:42: "And they said, Is not this Yahshua, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?" See also Luke 2:41 (note "His parents" there).

**Q** "Isn't the law fulfilled, according to Matthew 5:17?" — **AA, CT**

**A** Yahshua said He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it, Matthew 5:17. A vast gulf exists between His fulfilling the law and His supposed terminating the law as many think He did. His own statement said that His fulfilling the law does not mean abolishing it. He simply did all that the law said to do, and He successfully avoided what it said not to do. If I fulfill my assigned duties, for instance, I do or complete all that is required. That's the part abolishers of law don't ever focus on — Yahshua completely kept all the law. Why would He do that if He intended to abolish it? Our Savior was a perfect law keeper and we are to walk in His footsteps. We read in 1Peter 2:21-22, "For even hereunto were you called: because the Messiah also suffered for us, leaving us an EXAMPLE, that you should follow his steps: Who DID NO SIN, neither was guile found in his mouth." Paul said the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in the OBEДИENT ones, those who KEEP it, Romans 8:4. Paul said we are to "put on" righteousness, Ephesians 4:24, and then he lists several laws to obey, vv. 25, 28 and 29.

Q “Doesn’t Scripture say that Moses brought condemnation, while Yahshua brought grace? (Jn 1:17; 2 Cor 3:9)”  
—AA, CT

A The passage in John reads, “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Yahshua the Messiah.” Your question implies that John is contrasting Moses and Yahshua, as well as law and grace – as if each is diametrically opposed to the other. It also implies that the law is bad and grace is the cure. The reference in 2 Corinthians 3:9 reads, “For if the ministration of condemnation be splendid, much more does the ministration of righteousness exceed in splendor.” An implied contrast does

not exist in this passage, either. Paul clarifies in the next verse, “For even that which was made splendid had no splendor in this respect, by reason of the splendor that excelleth,” verse 10.

Juxtaposing the corresponding elements in both passages we discover the actual intent of Paul’s statement.

Note the Companion Bible’s revealing comment on John 1: “In the days of Moses there was grace (Ex. 34:6-7), and the law itself was an exhibition of truth; but when Yahshua came, He was Himself the Truth, i.e. the very personification of truth (14:6) and His life and death were the supreme manifestation of grace.”

Contrary to popular belief, grace

was indeed operating in the Old Testament, as we find in such passages as Genesis 6:8, Exodus 33:13-19, Psalm 84:11, and Isaiah 30:18.

Grace does not exist without law. There is no such thing as no law and grace together concurrently. Grace is benevolent favor granted to those who deserve everlasting punishment for breaking law.

Paul wrote,

“For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Yahweh: Not of works, lest any man should boast,” Ephesians 2:8-9. Because we all sin, salvation cannot be accomplished by our own efforts. But we are set apart or sanctified by our obedience.



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