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Objective:

- Your family will review how God’s Holy Days show God’s Plan for all of mankind and how His Spirit will eventually encompass the entire universe.

Joel 2:28, 32 “...I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.”

We are blessed to understand that God’s Holy Days reveal God’s plan of salvation for all mankind. God’s plan is that one day all people will be able to become a part of His Family in the Kingdom of God forever.

However—before we become changed into God’s children as spirit beings:

What is the one main thing that ALL PEOPLE must have to be a part of God’s eternal family?

His Holy Spirit.

Joel 2:28,32 “...I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh... And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

Romans 8:16 “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

Romans 8:23 (NLT) “And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory...”

Titus 3:5-7 (NIV) “...He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”

What is the Holy Spirit?

Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”

What kind of power? Power to do what?

1 Corinthians 2:10 (NIV) “...The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ...no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.”

That which describes Christ—describes what the Holy Spirit is and does:

Isaiah 11:2-3 (KJV) *“And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the **fear of the LORD**; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD...”*

So how is the Holy Spirit manifested in us? How does Christ live in us?

Galatians 5:22-23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...”*

Since love is a fruit of the Spirit—it also includes all aspects of God’s love including the 10 Commandments—and the qualities of love included in **1 Corinthians 13**.

So the Holy Spirit is God’s mind, character and essence. That is why—to be a part of his plan—we need God’s Spirit since it is actually a part of him that He gives to us. Without things being done God’s way, with His mind, we will not be able to be a part of His plan for us.

Let’s look at that importance of the fruit of the Spirit in God’s plan.

PASSOVER/UNLEAVENED BREAD

Jesus is called the first of the firstfruits.

1 Corinthians 5:7 *“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.”*

During the days of Unleavened Bread—Jesus was the first human to be resurrected to a glorified, spirit body. Others are to follow.

1 Corinthians 15:23-24 *“But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father...”*

Romans 8:29 (NLT) *“For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”*

The Bible often speaks of our spiritual growth in terms of the fruit on a tree. The spiritual fruit that Jesus Christ demonstrated and lived are summed up in **Galatians**.

Galatians 5:22-23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...”*

Jesus Christ came to earth and lived as a human to show us how to follow Him and to live God’s way.

PENTECOST

We read in **Acts 2** that God gave His Holy Spirit to His firstfruits (people He has called) on Pentecost to enable them to live God's way.

Acts 2:1, 4 *"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..."*

Peter explained that this was a partial fulfilment of God's plan to bring His spiritual fruit to mankind.

Acts 2:16-17 *"But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh...'"*

When we live with the fruit of God's Spirit in us—we are then his children and have potential to live forever in His Kingdom. Read **Romans 8** to see how the process of receiving the Holy Spirit leads to eternal life as children of God. Note these verses:

Romans 8:16-17 (NET) *The Spirit himself bears witness to our spirit that we are God's children. And if children, then heirs (namely, heirs of God and also fellow heirs with Christ)...*

Romans 8:23 (NET) *"Not only this, but we ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we eagerly await our adoption, the redemption of our bodies."*

Romans 8:28, 30 (NCV) *"...They are the people he called, because that was his plan. God planned for them to be like his Son; and those he planned to be like his Son, he also called; and those he called, he also made right with him; and those he made right, he also glorified."*

Discuss as a family:

- ✓ **What do people need to do in order to receive God's Holy Spirit?** (Acts 2:37-41)
- ✓ **Why do you think the fruits of God's Spirit are necessary for God's plan to be fulfilled?**
- ✓ **Discuss how each fruit of the Spirit can help your family to be more like Christ.**

TRUMPETS

Jesus Christ will return to this earth and establish world peace!!

Notice why Jesus must return to earth:

Matthew 24:22 (NLT) *"In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones."*

Matthew 24:31 (GNT) *"The great trumpet will sound, and he will send out his angels to the four corners of the earth, and they will gather his chosen people from one end of the world to the other."*

Satan's way of life will end up destroying mankind if God does not intervene.

Peace can only come if people use God's Spirit. Mankind has proven that Satan's way and man's way is not that of peace. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit—it comes only from God.

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV) *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*

Zechariah 14:9, 11 (GNT) *"Then the LORD will be king over all the earth; everyone will worship him as God and know him by the same name. The people will live there in safety, no longer threatened by destruction."*

Discuss as a family:

- ✓ **Review the fruit of the Spirit and discuss how the OPPOSITE of each of these are responsible for the lack of peace and God's way in the world today.**

ATONEMENT

Satan will be imprisoned for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:2).

The opposite of God's mind and way— is what comes from Satan.

- **Galatians 5:16-17, 19-21** *"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."*

These things listed here cannot and will not be in God's kingdom. The fruit of the spirit is the only way that we will be in God's kingdom.

- **Romans 8:6-7 (GNT)** *"To be controlled by human nature results in death; to be controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace. And so people become enemies of God when they are controlled by their human nature; for they do not obey God's law, and in fact they cannot obey it."*

Satan and his ways must be removed—and replaced with God's spirit—so we can be "at one" with God's heart and mind and way of life.

MILLENNIUM

This is a 1,000 year period of time when Jesus Christ will rule on this earth (Revelation 11:15).

What will be necessary for people to begin to live God's way and reject Satan's way?

Ezekiel 36:24-27 (NIV) *“For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”*

Ezekiel 37:26-28 (NLT) *“And I will make a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant. I will give them their land and increase their numbers, and I will put my Temple among them forever. I will make my home among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. And when my Temple is among them forever, the nations will know that I am the LORD, who makes Israel holy.”*

We cannot be holy on our own. It is God’s Spirit living in us that makes us holy.

Romans 8:9-10 (GNT) *“But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to—if, in fact, God’s Spirit lives in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ lives in you, the Spirit is life for you because you have been put right with God...”*

When mankind promises to live God’s way—God will give them his spirit—so they will be able to do so.

EIGHTH DAY OF THE FEAST

Everyone who has ever lived and then died, will come back to life in a future resurrection and, for the first time, they will know Who and What Jesus Christ really is! They will be given a chance to be resurrected back to life, come to repentance and be given salvation.

Jesus introduced this time when all people would have an opportunity to make a covenant with God and receive His Spirit—so they too will be able to live God’s way.

John 7:37-39 *“On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...”*

Ezekiel 37:12-14 *“Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it,” says the LORD.”*

As with all others, these people will need to internalize God's way of life, His mind and His heart. Once again—their way of life will reflect the fruit of the Spirit that God will put in them upon their repentance.

GOD'S KINGDOM

After all these things are fulfilled—all will be glorified Spirit bodies and minds.

1 Corinthians 15:24 (GNT) *"Then the end will come; Christ will overcome all spiritual rulers, authorities, and powers, and will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father."*

1 Corinthians 15:54 (NLT) *"Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled; 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'"*

Romans 8:11 (GNT) *"If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give [eternal] life to your mortal bodies by the presence of his Spirit in you."*

While we do not have a clear picture of what eternal life will look like under God in His Kingdom—we DO know how His Spirit-born children will act.

Water symbolizes God's Spirit. Fruit comes as a result of watering. Notice again the holy things that come from God's Spirit—and how the opposite of the things of the Holy Spirit will not be in God's Kingdom.

Revelation 21:1-2 *"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."*

Revelation 21:6-8 *"And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.'"*

Revelation 22:1-2 *"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. **2** In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."*

While there may be a visible manifestation of these things in the New Jerusalem—the primary meaning here is the fact that God's Spirit will flow throughout His Kingdom—and that His way of life will be evident in all who possess the Kingdom.

Revelation 22:14-15 *“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.”*

From beginning to end—and on into eternity—God’s Holy Spirit is the key ingredient in the fulfilment of His Plan to bring us into the Eternal Kingdom of God.

Have a wonderful Holy Day Season.