

A look at the first century church 5-01

SUBJECTS 1st Century Church study Series

■ Series subjects:

- ◆ 1. The importance of God's Word, and "words" (Heb 4:12).
- ◆ 2. The sources used by Jesus and the disciples
- ◆ 3. The 1st century churches had NO New Testament, only the Hebrew Scriptures.
- ◆ 4. First Century church "services", Constantine - Roman Emperor, introduced the recognition of buildings as churches. Why anything Jewish was removed from the church. Syncretism defined. Church councils still fighting Jewish influences seven hundred years later.
- ◆ 5. The Scriptural definitions of 3 words: Righteousness, Covenant, and Holiness.
- ◆ 6. Passover, Unleavened Bread, Day of Firstfruits, 3 "connected" feasts.
- ◆ 7. Shavuot or Pentecost.
- ◆ 8. Rosh HaShannah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot or Feast of Tabernacles.

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The importance of God's Word and "words"

- **Subject: The Scriptural definitions of 3 words;**
 - ◆ **Righteousness,**
 - ◆ **Covenant,**
 - ◆ **Holiness**
- **Righteousness,** is related to the **appointed times** of God.
- In "the appointed times of God", God established His requirements for righteousness, showing us who He is and revealing the knowledge of how He expects us to behave.

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- **Covenant** Establishes the foundation of **our walk with God** and it's requirements.
- *God made the covenant with us. (not the other way around)*

- **Holiness** "The opposite of Holy is not sinful or evil. (Selah), The opposite of Holy is **ordinary!**
- God showed up and declared it "special", eg, Sabbath, a piece of Ground, Mt. Moriah, The Lord's feasts.
- **Lev 23:2** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.*

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- **Scriptures showing the Jewish people are a Holy, special, people.**
- **Lev 23:2** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even* these *are* my feasts.
- **Deu 7:6** For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.
- **Deu 14:2** For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.
- **2Ch 23:6** But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they *are* holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.
- **Deu 26:19** And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

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- Six scriptures showing **WE** are made Holy.
- **We need to realize this!**
- **Rom 11:16** For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* **the branches**.
- **1Co 3:17** If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* **ye are**.
- **1Co 6:19** What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
- **1Co 7:14** For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.
- **1Pe 2:5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- **1Pe 2:9** But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; **that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

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- **Walking in Holiness requires walking in "honor":**
- **Exo 20:12** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- **Lev 19:32** Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.
- **Deu 26:19** And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.
- **Holiness opens the door to the supernatural:**
- **Pro 3:9** Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
- **Pro 11:16** A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.
- **Pro 15:33** The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.
- **Pro 22:4** By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.

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- Why then do we not "honor" the things that God Himself has deemed Holy?
- Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.
- Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- Regarding Food, 'kosher' and unclean foods:
- Romans 14:16 Do not therefore let what seems good to you be considered an evil thing [by someone else].
- Romans 14:16 also means: *"do not give occasion for others to criticize that which is justifiable for you"*

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■ CONCLUSIONS:

- God's WORDS spoke the physical realm into being.
- When God speaks WORDS, things happen.
- WORDS spoken carry power.
- **Prov. 18:21** Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].
- WORDS spoken live on.
- **Mat 24:35** Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.
- **Mar 13:31** Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

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- **CONCLUSIONS - continued**
- **WORDS spoken and man's character.**
- **James 3:2 (AMP)** ² For we all often stumble *and* fall *and* offend in many things. And **if anyone does not offend in speech** [never says the wrong things], he is a **fully developed character *and* a perfect man**, able to control his whole body *and* to curb his entire nature.
- **Honor and the HAND of God:**
- **1Ch 29:12** Both riches **and honour *come of thee***, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.

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- CONCLUSIONS - continued
- The Scriptural definitions of 3 words; Righteousness, Covenant, and Holiness
 - 1. The opposite of Holy is **NOT** un-Holy, carnal, or wicked.
 - 2. The opposite of holy is **ordinary**.
 - 3. Covenants of the O.T. are still valid TODAY.
 - 4. Covenants are related to "our walk with God".
 - 5. Righteousness relates to "the appointed times of God".
 - 5. Holiness opens the door to the Supernatural.

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- END - The importance of God's Word and "words"