

Wavesheaf day is not a holyday but is explained in Leviticus 23. I have many sermons and blogs which go into far more detail about Wavesheaf Day, always in between the two regular weekly sabbath days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Most church groups I know omit or barely mention Wavesheaf day. In 2024, it is on April 28. It always falls on the first day of the week, or "Sunday". This blog is to simply give you a very broad view of this day. It's not a holy day. There is no appointed church time, there's no church services, no church assembly. It's not a "moed" – or a divine appointment with God.

So what is it? In its most simple form, it's the day when Messiah rose from the tomb and on the first day of the week, as He told Mary Magdalene, "I must go to my Father and your Father; to my God and your God" (John 20:17). So He did. *But WHY did Yeshua/Jesus have to go to his Father on this day?*

The very firstfruits of the barley harvest was ready to be presented to God for approval, so the barley harvest could proceed. But first the harvest had to be shown to God so he could approve it. The firstfruits barley pictured Jesus. Once he went to heaven after his resurrection, and was accepted and approved by God the Father, He was ALSO being accepted on behalf of the rest of the harvest. ON behalf of the rest of us! We are also called firstfruits (James 1:18), but Christ is the first of the first fruits of barley.

We are firstfruits in the sense of the first harvests of the land of Israel. The rest of the harvest continues all year long – but the early harvest of barley and even the spring/Summer wheat was considered first fruits. God will harvest the rest of his crops later, BUT each in his own order, starting with Christ the first fruits (**1 Cor. 15:23, 20-25**). Right now God is entirely focused on those He is calling now. NOT everyone is being called now to have that special intimate relationship with God the Father right now. And we can't just decide all that ourselves.

Jesus said no one can come to the Father except through Him (John 14:6). And no one could come to Christ even, unless the Father first calls him/her first (John 6:44).

Jesus as the first of the firstfruits had to be presented to God, *be accepted on behalf of the REST of the harvest* [those being called now], and then the harvest continues.

Leviticus 23:9-11 And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring **a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. 11 He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.**"

All the details are in the sermon and in the notes in the link below here. It wasn't stalks of grain that the high Priest was "waving" – but a bowl of fine flour from the early barley. Read it all in the notes below.

<https://www.lightontherock.org/index.php/sermons/message/wavesheaf-is-acceptance-day?highlight=WyJ3YXZlc2h1YWYiXQ==>

You'll notice it's also on the "day after the sabbath" – so it's always on a Sunday.

SO how do I observe Wavesheaf Day?

At 9 a.m., when that ceremony was taking place 2,000 years ago, Christ rose to heaven to be accepted and to return the same day. So at 9 a.m. on the Sunday between the two weekly sabbaths, my wife and I have a short but very thankful prayer of thanksgiving to our heavenly father and to Yeshua/Jesus. Why?

Because – due to their profound love for you and for me, I – yes, even I with my past faults and sins, can be found to be ACCEPTED. HOW? By that special first sheaf – who was Christ. HE is now our life as Paul teaches over and over – especially in Col 3:3-4, Gal. 2:20.

I can now know that in spite of my human weaknesses, shortcomings and stumbles into sin, **God has accepted me** IN Christ. You can be assured joyfully of this too! *Quit the depression caused by constantly wondering if you're able to be accepted or not.* God has accepted you. You've been qualified, because of the perfect life of Jesus, GIFTED to us by faith. Start experiencing the JOY of salvation, knowing you're being saved and have been saved – by God's favor and grace (Eph 2:8-9). Here are the scriptures:

Ephesians 2:5-9

"even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is The GIFT OF GOD, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."

The Messiah Jesus, the Anointed One, is now my life and yours by faith.

Colossians 3:3-4

"For YOU died, and *your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

We are human flesh and we still fail spiritually ourselves. But IN Christ, who is our life, we now have been ACCEPTED. Read verse 6 below over and over until you believe and know that means even you.

Ephesians 1:4-6

"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the **glory of His grace, by which HE made US ACCEPTED in the Beloved."**

God has also qualified us for the kingdom of His dear son:

Colossians 1:12-14

"giving thanks to **the Father who has qualified us** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and **conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

We're accepted – in the Beloved!

If you struggle with this concept of being accepted by God it's because you keep trying to focus on what *you're* doing, instead of on what Jesus did already and has done for you ... AND continues to do IN you. It's HIS work in you. He lives in you again, as He lived the first time: perfectly in the spirit. But we keep looking to our flesh and see failure. God is looking at our spirit, where Christ is. HIS spirit merges with our spirit to make ONE NEW SPIRIT (1 Cor. 16:17).

So get this -- because God Most High accepted Christ as the firstfruits, we are also now *accepted* through Christ. Read these verses below in your own Bible. God's view of *your* righteousness is NOT going to be because of how righteous YOU are, but because of how righteous Jesus is, and because of the faith we have in HIM. You came under his blood, so He paid the highest possible price for YOU. That price? His very own life as the perfect Son of God. He bought you, and you are now a part of HIS body.

Romans 3:21-26 *The Righteousness of God* is revealed through faith in Jesus on all and to all who believe – to demonstrate HIS righteousness.

Romans 5:15-19 – shows us **the GIFT of God's righteousness**. We can't earn a gift. Therefore there can be no condemnation on us, because we are in Christ and he certainly can't be condemned (Rom 8:1-4).

2 Cor. 5:21 – we become the righteousness of God in Christ.

Phil. 3:9 – we want to "be found in Him, NOT having our OWN righteousness from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God **by faith**."

You will never feel settled but always wondering if you're going to "make it" into the kingdom or not, until you learn this topic strongly. When you really learn it deeply, you will experience the deep, deep JOY of knowing you are saved, the JOY of salvation in Christ, for us, in us, and on our behalf.

Wavesheaf Day is all about us being accepted *because* God had already accepted Jesus on our behalf (Lev 23:10-11).

Hallelujah. Praise Yah!