

Christ in the Feasts and Special Times

Leviticus 23



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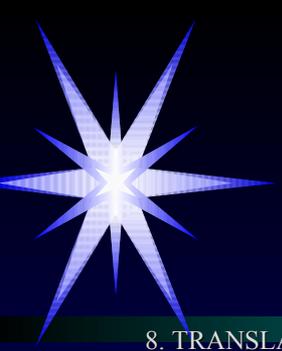
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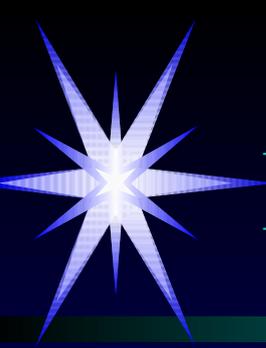
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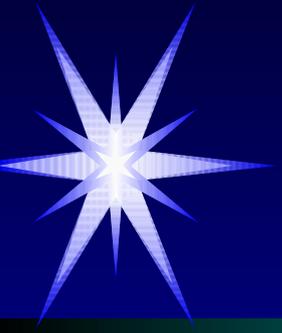
My life is empty, meaningless.
What's the use of it all?

The only thing that
gives me happiness
is remembering my
childhood Christmases.

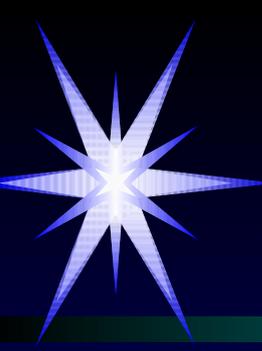


In the Bible
celebrations
give purpose
to all life.





A. General Character of Feasts and Special Days



Purposes of Feast Days

Thank God together with his people.
Remember his deliverance in the
past.

Enjoy God's benefits.

Remember the bounty of Eden.

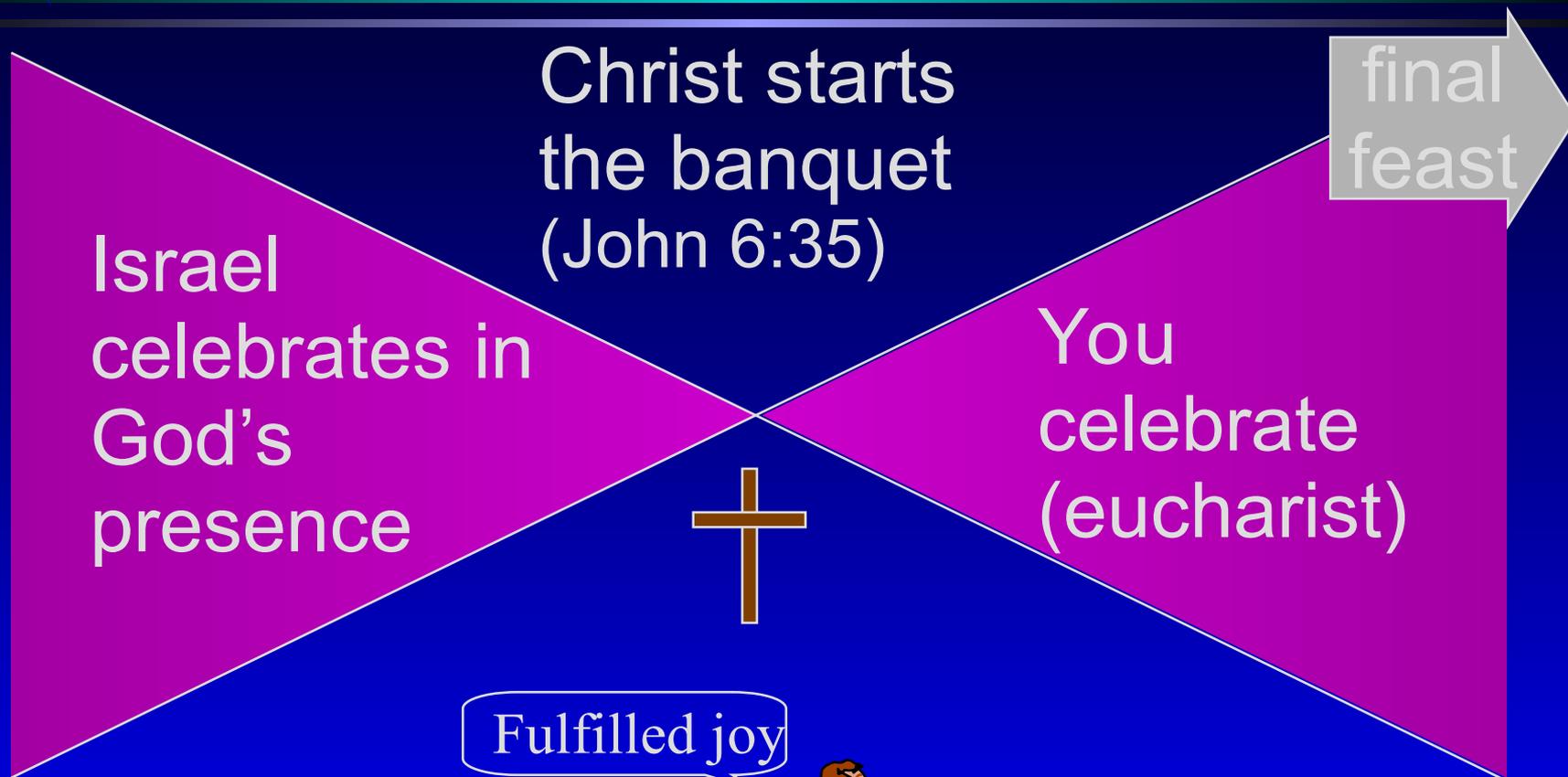
Look forward to the final feast (Isa.
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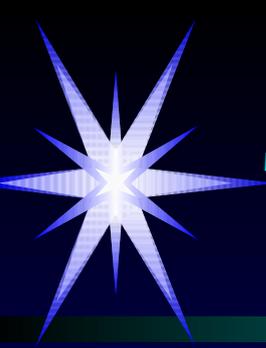


Joyful



Feast Days in Fulfillment





The Day of Consecration

Original sabbath, Gen. 2:2-3

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Aaron as priest, Lev. 8-9

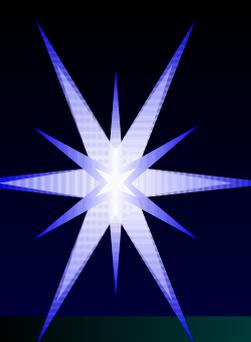
Joshua with Jericho, Josh. 6:15-17

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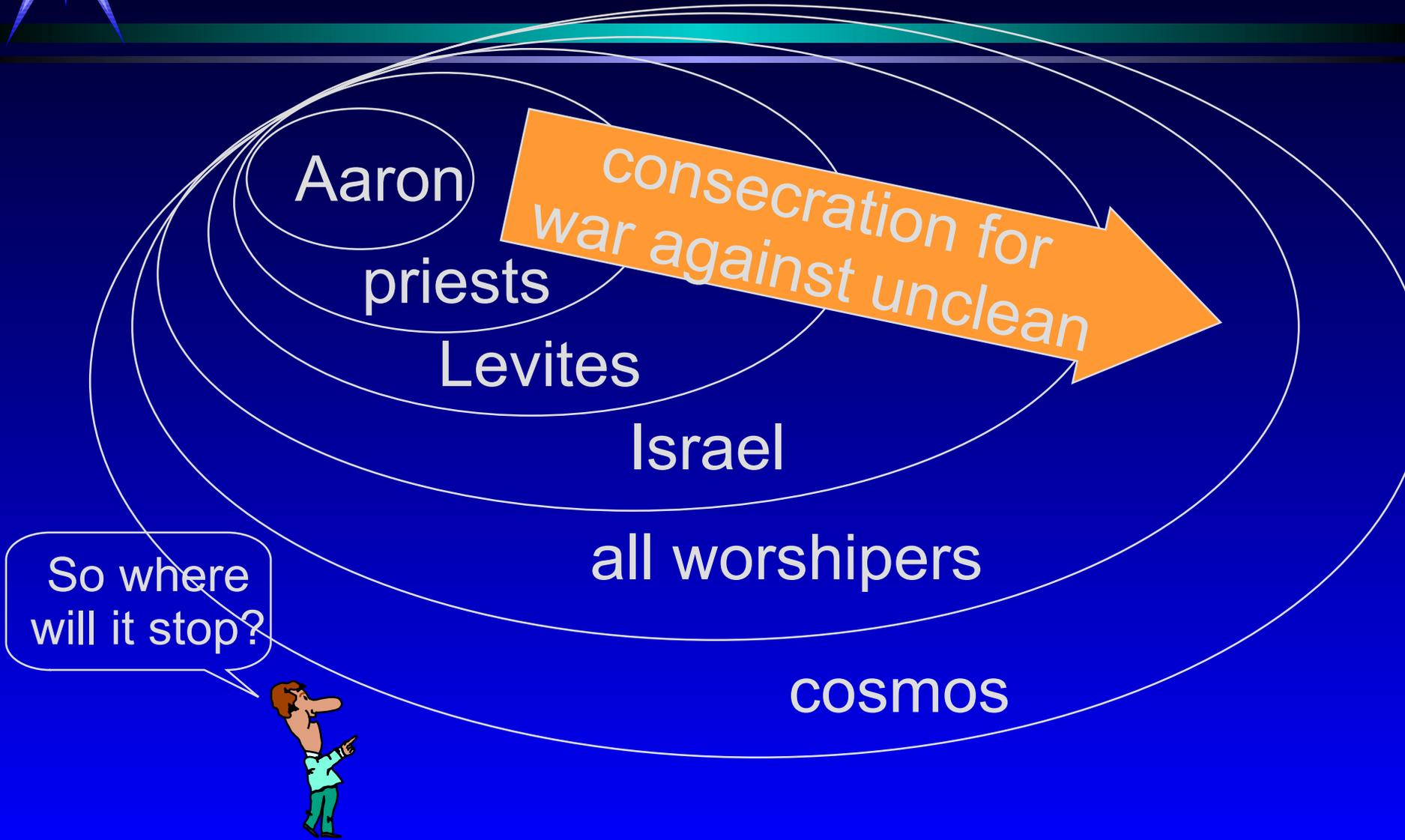
Your baptism, eucharist, ordination

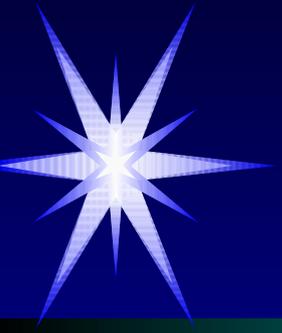
The offering of the universe, Rom. 8:21

purpose through time



Holy War





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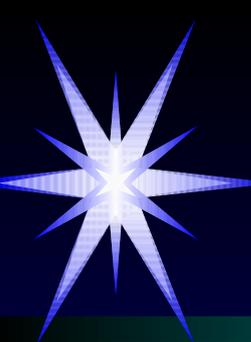
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Sabbath in Fulfillment

Heb. 4:11

Israel imitates
God's rest in
creation and
redemption

Exod. 20:11;
Deut. 5:15

Christ
enters rest



Heb. 10:12-13

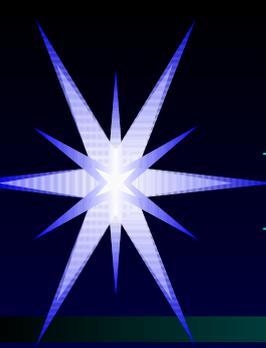
You rest in
body and
spirit

John 20:19-20

final
feast

Good

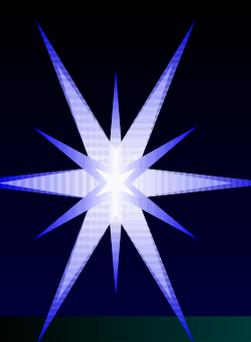




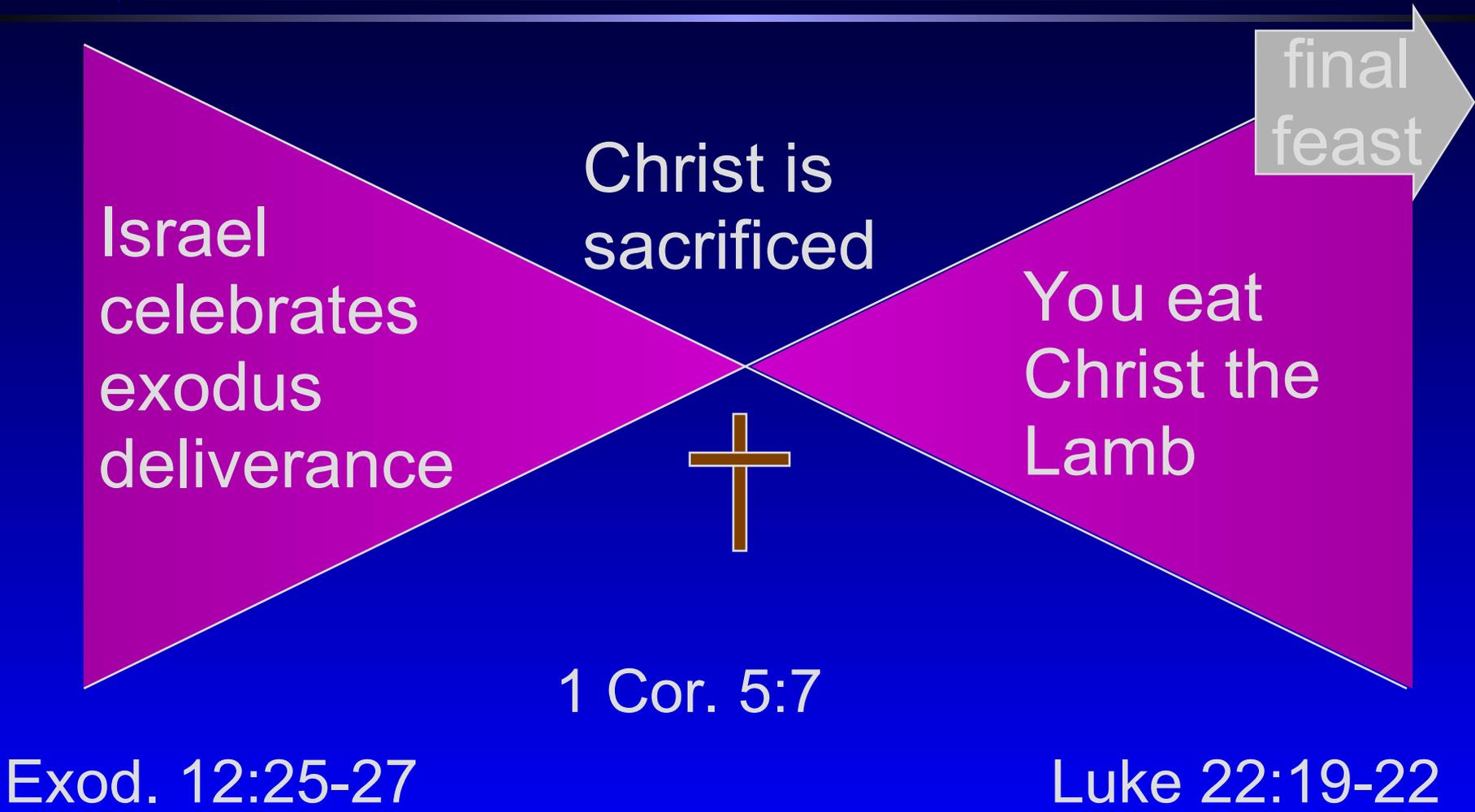
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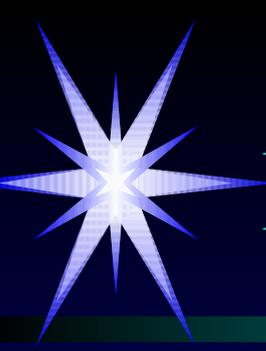
My work heads
toward final rest.





Passover in Fulfillment





Purpose for Struggle and Pain

My pain heads
toward deliverance.





Unleavened in Fulfillment

Israel
celebrates
exclusion of
evil

Exod. 12:17-20

Christ is pure
from evil

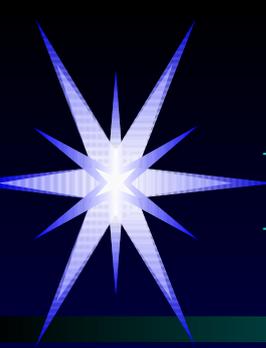
Heb. 7:26



You are bread
of sincerity
and truth

1 Cor. 5:8

final
feast



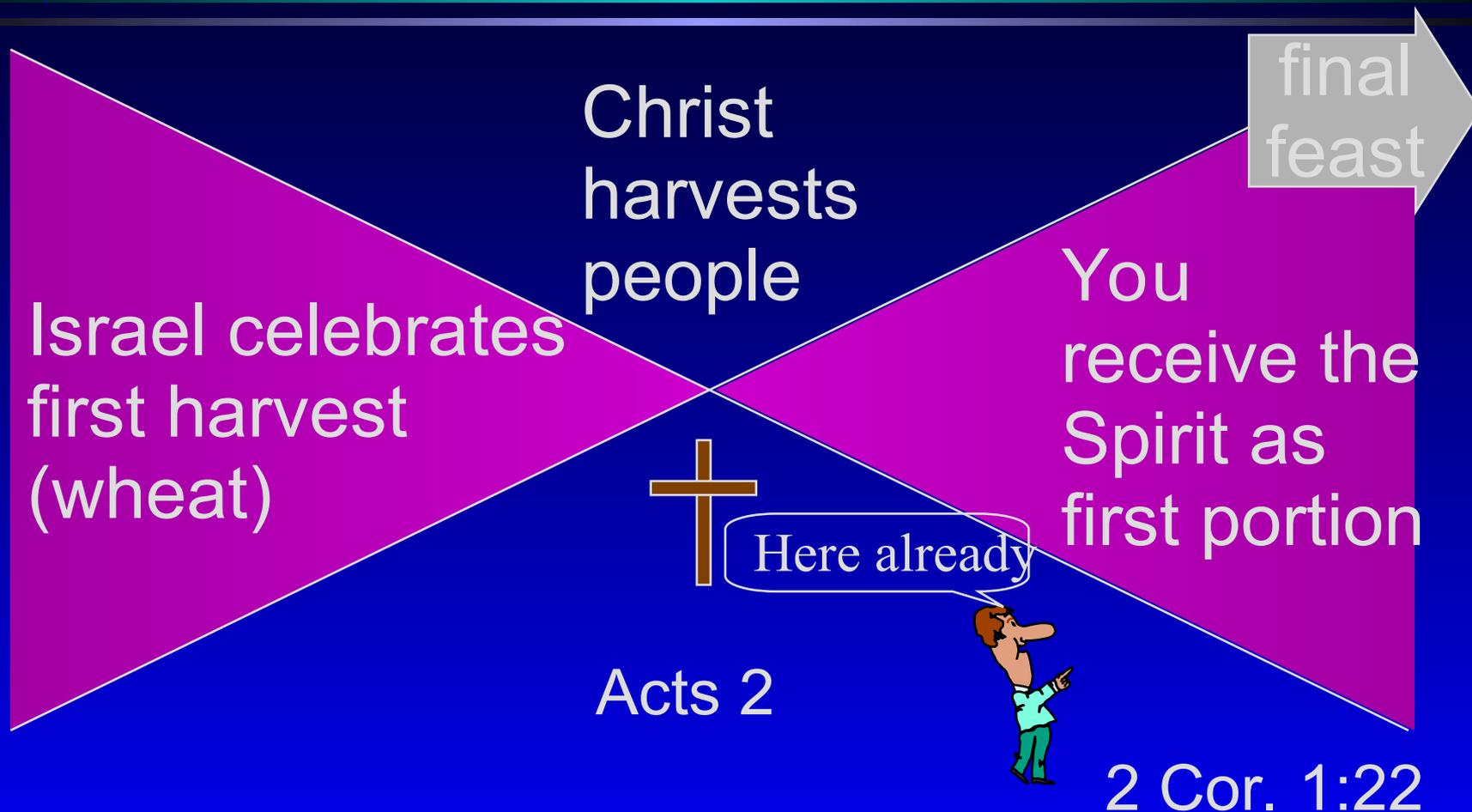
Purpose for Purity

Moral restraint
heads toward final purity.



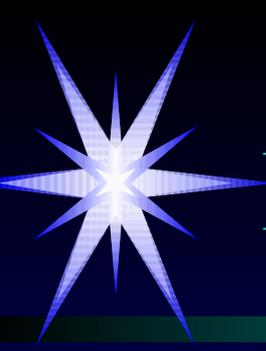


Feast of Weeks



Deut. 16:9-10

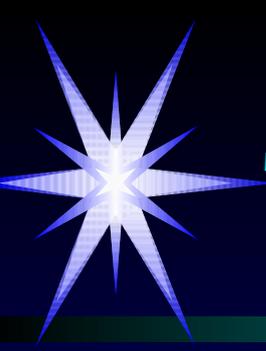
2 Cor. 1:22



Purpose for New Life

My fellowship with God
now counts forever.





Tabernacles in Fulfillment

Christ is
atonement
and home



Israel celebrates
atonement and
tent-home (grape
harvest)

You have
atonement
and home



John 2:19;
14:3-4

Lev. 23:23-43

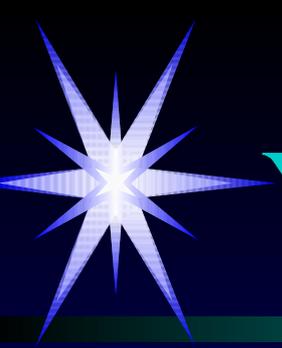
Heb. 10:19-23



God's Purpose Answers Guilt and Lostness

Christ remedies
my guilt and loneliness.





Your Sacred Assemblies

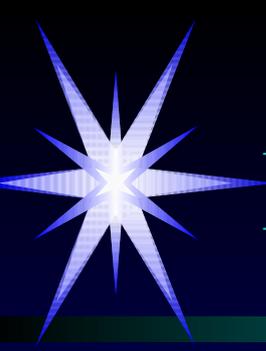
Sabbath: rest

Passover: deliverance from power of sin

Pentecost: possessing harvest

Tabernacles: deliverance from guilt into fellowship

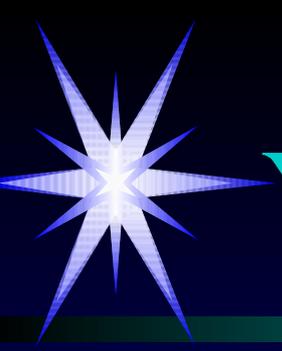
**Assemble with the people of God
in heaven (Heb. 12:22-29)**



Purpose for Worship Together

I can meet with God's people
to celebrate all God's grace!





Years of Rest (Lev. 25)

|1|2|3|4|5|6|7|

7th day is climax

|1|2|3|4|5|6|7|

7th month is climax

|1|2|3|4|5|6|7|

7th year is climax

|1|2|3|4|5|6|7|

50th year is climax

10 jubilees lead to
consummation (Dan. 9)