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Dear Associates and Friends,

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This month there are two articles, "[A Key to Racial Harmony](#)" and "[The Symbolism of Biblical Holydays.](#)" These two Doctrinal articles have probably not been read by many of you, or it has been a decade or more since you first read them. I reformatted, edited, added important links and added information to enhance and update the articles.

Regarding "The Key to Racial Harmony," according to God, there is only one humanity that descended from Adam. I am reprinting this article now because the topic of racism (like slavery and human trafficking) is of increasing public concern in 2019, in the United States and around the world. God created the various races and He determines where peoples go, and when they move (Acts 17:16–34). Racial distinctions were designed to glorify and to please God, and to benefit us all. Every human being you meet now will be a close associate of yours in the future beyond the moment when God becomes all in all and beyond the eons, (1 Corinthians 15:28). Until then, enjoy the article and hold to this truth:

"Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order ..."

• 1 Corinthians 15:20–23

In "The Symbolism of Biblical Holydays" one story arc¹ of the work of Christ is taught by the activities of "**the feasts of YHWH,**" as they are called in Leviticus 23:2, 4, 37, 44, 2 Chronicles 2:4, and Ezra 3:5. The teaching of the fulfillment of the symbols of the feast make them useful. While God commanded Israel to observe these feasts in the past, today while there is no Temple they can choose to observe the feasts. For us who are Christians, the feasts are useful only for teaching. These can be tools that give people a time to observe, be taught, and celebrate the feasts. But the act of observing the feasts has no efficacy for salvation. All has been completed by Christ through His role in bringing the human race to the final glory God intended begun at the creation of Adam. All creation and salvation was planned before the foundation of the world.

Thank You

One goal of ASK has been to remind you of the "**reason of the hope that is in you**" both for your sake and so you might communicate it to others in your everyday lives (1 Peter 3:15). You help us perform that task and we are happy and blessed to do so. People need to learn who they are before God and what He has planned for them. Such knowledge and understanding will bring comfort to grief, hope to despair, all while understanding that our life is in God's hands, and that He and Christ are nurturing us in ways we will never begin to comprehend until we are glorified when Christ returns. Then, we will learn quickly to help our Father and our elder Brother, and personally help others be reconciled to their God and their Lord.

Thank you for helping us make this message available to all those God brings to our information, especially to the ASK website. May God bless you now for your continued support for Dr. Martin's great research and us at ASK. Enjoy the two articles for this month.

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¹ See my "[Transmitting Thoughts Through Writing.](#)"