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A Messianic Jewish Synagogue

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Messianic Perspectives

Shalom and welcome to Messianic Perspectives – a program aired on radio stations WRKJ 88.5 and WMTP 91.1 in Maine, with the purpose of exploring the scriptures from a Jewish point of view. Paul, whose Hebrew name is Sha'ul writes in Romans 9:4 – 5:

Rom 9:4 the people of Isra'el! They were made God's children, the Sh'khinah has been with them, the covenants are theirs, likewise the giving of the Torah, the Temple service and the promises;

Rom 9:5 the Patriarchs are theirs; and from them, as far as his physical descent is concerned, came the Messiah, who is over all. Praised be Adonai for ever! Amen.

It is from this perspective that we will explore the relationship between the Tenach – the Jewish Bible and the Brith Hadosah – the New Covenant writings.

Today's topic – Messianic Judaism – What is it?

Today, we are going to begin answering the question, “What is Messianic Judaism?”

For centuries, the idea of a Jewish person accepting Yeshua (Jesus) was considered strange and unnatural in either the church or Jewish community. Yet, in the first century what we call the Messianic community today was vibrant and expanding by leaps and bounds.

As recorded in Acts chapter 2 and verse 41

“So those who accepted what he said were immersed, and there were added to the group that day about three thousand people.”

What gets overlooked in this verse is that these were Jewish people who were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, or what many of you know as the Feast of Pentecost.

When we look at Acts chapter 4 and verse 4, we read

However, many of those who heard the message trusted; the number of men alone was about five thousand.

Likewise, these were Jewish people who came to accept the message of Peter and John conveyed about Yeshua.

Thousands of Jewish people coming to believe that Yeshua was the Messiah, long before we hear about Cornelius in Acts chapter 10.

One definition of Messianic Judaism is...

A Biblically based movement of people who as committed Jews, either by birth or conversion believe that Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah of Israel, for whom the Tenach speaks.

Messianic Judaism isn't just about an individual identity but is also an expression of community

To further expand on the previous definition, we can say that it is

A movement made up of Jewish congregations or synagogues, committed to Yeshua the Messiah, that embraces the covenantal responsibility of a Jewish lifestyle and identity rooted in Torah, expressed in tradition, renewed and applied in the context of the New Covenant.

This will give you something to think about, because next time we will expand on these thoughts further.

Until next time, todah and shalom (thank you and peace)

Messianic Perspectives is brought to you by Kehilah Portland, a Messianic Jewish Synagogue located in South Portland, where both Jew and non-Jew come together to worship on Shabbat and believe Yeshua is the Messiah spoken of in scripture and is the fulfillment of many promises given to Israel and the Jewish people. We meet every Saturday at 1338 Broadway Ave. in the Greater Portland Christian School gymnasium. Our service begins at 10:00 with meet and greet, followed by Torah study at 1 pm.