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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 Hadoshah – the New Covenant writings.

Today's topic – Kiddush As a Congregation

The ordinance known as communion is found in 1 Corinthians Chapter 11 and usually begins at verse 23 and goes through verse 27. Yet the important part of this instruction given by Sha'ul, also known as Paul actually begins in verse 17 whereby he first states:

1Co 11:17 But in giving you this next instruction I do not praise you, because when you meet together it does more harm than good!

Sha'ul is not happy with what he has heard, in essence dealing with the issue of people coming together as a congregation for a meal.

1Co 11:18 For, in the first place, I hear that when you gather together as a congregation you divide up into cliques; and to a degree I believe it

1Co 11:20 Thus, when you gather together, it is not to eat a meal of the Lord;

1Co 11:21 because as you eat your meal, each one goes ahead on his own; so that one stays hungry while another is already drunk!

Sha'ul is saying you are not really getting together to share a meal as a congregation. You are not displaying a Messianic mindset when you come together.

The bar is set higher for us as believers. When we come together as a community we should exhibit the mind of Messiah in how we are to act and treat others.

The Sabbath meal is a time of family, but also of friends who are invited to bring in the Sabbath together. Likewise, Sha'ul's words should resonate amongst all believers. Please keep in mind verses 26 through 27

1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

1Co 11:27 Therefore, whoever eats the Lord's bread or drinks the Lord's cup in an unworthy manner will be guilty of desecrating the body and blood of the Lord!

As a congregation, we come together after service for a meal on Shabbat, doing Kiddush, thus setting our Shabbat meal apart from all other ordinary meals. Through Kiddush, we remember all that Yeshua did for us and give thanks to Adonai for the provisions that we are about to enjoy on Shabbat. After the meal, the majority of people will stay for Torah study. As a congregation, we spend nearly six hours together.

As often as we have a meal together, we are to remember Yeshua.

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So, until next time when we will continue our journey into Messianic Perspectives, todah and shalom (thank you and peace)

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