

Notes: December 6, 2014

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tovv
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
7. Praise and Worship Songs
8. Message
9. Aaronic Blessing
10. Kiddush
11. Oneg

Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Corruption of the Message of Messiah?

For the last several weeks I have been focusing on:

- The expectations for Messiah
- The character of Messiah
- The identity of Messiah
- Being able to identify Messiah
- The Message of Messiah

Last week being what the message is, how simple it is yet needing to be conveyed in a different way to different people depending upon they background

So, what about the message of Messiah?

How do we convey it?

Such a simple question, if only the answer were as simple as the question.

The what isn't the complex part of the question. The what is rather simple and has been seen throughout the New Covenant writings:

A few weeks ago when I was addressing the concept of the rapture on Tuesday evenings, we looked at 1 Corinthians

15. Within this passage, Sha'ul was addressing the relationship between the Gospel and Resurrection. He conveys the message in a rather uncomplicated and direct manner:

1Co 15:3 For among the first things I passed on to you was what I also received, namely this: the Messiah died for our sins, in accordance with what the Tanakh says;

1Co 15:4 and he was buried; and he was raised on the third day, in accordance with what the Tanakh says;

1Co 15:5 and he was seen by Kefa, then by the Twelve;

1Co 15:6 and afterwards he was seen by more than five hundred brothers at one time, the majority of whom are still alive, though some have died.

This message that Sha'ul conveyed is strikingly similar to the message that Yeshua gave to His talmadim:

Luk 24:44 Yeshua said to them, "This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

Luk 24:45 Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh,

Luk 24:46 telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day;

Luk 24:47 and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.

So, the message is rather straightforward.

So, if the message is so straight forward, so simple, why are there:

- So many different doctrines
- So many different denominations

According to Wikipedia's listing of Christian denominations they indicate over 40,000 exist

A [Christian denomination](#) is an identifiable religious body under a common name, structure, and doctrine within [Christianity](#).^[1] Divisions between one group and another are defined by doctrine and church authority. Issues such as the [nature of Jesus](#), the authority of [apostolic succession](#), [eschatology](#), and [papal primacy](#) often separate one denomination from another.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Christian_denominations

They document Messianic Judaism as falling under the umbrella of Christian denominations.

Denominations leads to doctrines -

“is a [codification](#) of beliefs or a body of [teachings](#) or instructions, taught [principles](#) or positions”

So, imagine if you will 41,000 different doctrines

Some very similar yet differing so slightly

Even within Judaism you have different doctrinal positions. Orthodox, Conservative, Reform.

Even sub groups – Modern Orthodox, Hasidic, Haredi

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orthodox_Judaism

Biblical Judaism had its division also:

Pharisees, Sadducees, Nazarene, Essenes, Zealots. It is believed that there were at least 20 during the time of Messiah, yet these ones are identified in scripture.

Within Biblical Judaism you had two primary schools of thought.

Hillel
Shammai

One was more strict in its interpretation of scripture while one, not so much.

Today, there are many theologies that twist the message of Messiah and scripture into what is conveyed as “a different gospel”

From salvation is of the Jews to the church has replaced Israel

From one way to many ways

Different Theologies abound.

Ron Cantor this week in his blog was talking about Fulfillment Theology:

the Church doesn't replace Israel but conveys that all of the promises to Israel in the Tanakh were already fulfilled in the life of Yeshua.

Based on this theology, regarding the land, it no longer refers to God honoring His Covenant with ethnic Israel but rather the church possessing the nations.

The holy land is now the whole earth

As with other accepted theologies, they are misguided and create confusion towards God's plan for Israel

(Play video)

<http://messiahsmandate.org/video-has-god-rejected-israel/#sthash.xPO9hP99.dpbs>

No one is immune to this condition.

Out of all these doctrines, develops theologies.

A theology is the study of the nature of God and religious belief

A theology goes beyond a specific doctrine into a more recognized view, likely supported by more than one denomination.

A theology may be the foundation for a specific doctrine, yet be modified by a specific denomination to meet their doctrinal objective.

Many denominations may support a specific theology, yet still be distinct from the others that support the same theology.

Can we truly say that these many different theologies speak to the nature of God when the position is against Israel and the Jewish people?

Sha'ul writes...

Rom 11:1 "In that case, I say, isn't it that God has repudiated his people?" Heaven forbid! For I myself am a son of Isra'el, from the seed of Avraham, of the tribe of Binyamin.

If you are getting confused,

If you question, who is right,

If you question what should I believe

then you will want to get in line behind the millions who say they are believers yet are nowhere to be found in a congregation.

Many of you are here today:

- because of this confusion
- because something was missing
- because what was being preached wasn't lining up with scripture

How did we get from such a simple message to where we are today?

2Pe 2:1 But among the people there were also false prophets, just as there will be false teachers among you. Under false pretenses they will introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and thus bring on themselves swift destruction.

2Pe 2:2 Many will follow their debaucheries; and because of them, the true Way will be maligned.

2Pe 2:3 In their greed they will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their punishment, decreed long ago, is not idle; their destruction is not asleep!

Yeshua's confrontation with the religious leaders and their constant defense as being children of Abraham evoked the following response from Yeshua...

Joh 8:39 They answered him, "Our father is Avraham." Yeshua replied, "If you are children of Avraham, then do the things Avraham did!

Joh 8:40 As it is, you are out to kill me, a man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Avraham did nothing like that!

Joh 8:41 You are doing the things your father does." "We're not illegitimate children!" they said to him. "We have only one Father — God!"

Joh 8:42 Yeshua replied to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me; because I came out from God; and now I have arrived here. I did not come on my own; he sent me.

Joh 8:43 Why don't you understand what I'm saying? Because you can't bear to listen to my message.

Joh 8:44 You belong to your father, Satan, and you want to carry out your father's desires. From the start he was a murderer, and he has never stood by the truth, because there is no truth in him.

When he tells a lie, he is speaking in character; because he is a liar — indeed, the inventor of the lie!

Joh 8:45 But as for me, because I tell the truth you don't believe me.

Joh 8:46 Which one of you can show me where I'm wrong? If I'm telling the truth, why don't you believe me?

Joh 8:47 Whoever belongs to God listens to what God says; the reason you don't listen is that you don't belong to God."

Adonai didn't create confusion and division. Sha'ul, when addressing issues in the Corinthian congregations time of gathering and the disorderly nature that had transpired...

1Co 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, while the others weigh what is said.

1Co 14:30 And if something is revealed to a prophet who is sitting down, let the first one be silent.

1Co 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one, with the result that all will learn something and all will be encouraged.

1Co 14:32 Also, the prophets' spirits are under the prophets' control;

1Co 14:33 for God is not a God of unruliness but of shalom. As in all the congregations of God's people,

Thus I say all this to get to these scriptures...

2Pe 1:19 Yes, we have the prophetic Word made very certain. You will do well to pay attention to it as to a light shining in a dark, murky place, until the Day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts.

2Pe 1:20 First of all, understand this: no prophecy of Scripture is to be interpreted by an individual on his own;

2Pe 1:21 for never has a prophecy come as a result of human willing — on the contrary, people moved by the Ruach HaKodesh spoke a message from God.

Kefa had **the prophetic Word** set forth by the writers of the *Tanakh* concerning God's "valuable and superlatively great promises" (**2Pe 1:4**) **made very certain.**

First, his direct experience with Yeshua and his glory (**2Pe 1:16-18**) made him confident in what he knew and therefore believed.

And second, since many of the words of the Prophets concerning the Messiah had already been fulfilled at Yeshua's first coming, Kefa could be certain that the rest would be fulfilled at his second coming. If you have positive results. In other words, Yeshua said what He was going to do and did it, then Kefa could expect the rest to happen also.

The import of Kefa's having "the prophetic Word made very certain" is that he, not the false teachers of Chapter 2, is the one whose interpretations of prophecy should be trusted.

Everything must line up, according to Adonai, through His Ruach.

Confusion is of the adversary

and transmitted through individuals.

Mat 24:24 For there will appear false Messiahs and false prophets performing great miracles — amazing things! — so as to fool even the chosen, if possible.