

Messianic 101 “The Essentials”

As the eyes of more and more people are opened to the Faith Once Delivered to the Saints and new believers are being added to the family, it is important that they get started on the right way.

As believers, who have been on this way, we have a responsibility to New Believers to be a discipler, a mentor, and a coach.

New believers to the Faith have a lot of questions!
They don't want to mess up.
They want to do things the right way.

Unfortunately, there are too many people teaching new believers the traditions of men instead of the true Gospel of the Kingdom.

Today, there is as much confusion surrounding being Messianic as it is in Denominational Christianity.

Today, we are going to clear up the confusion and help people, coming into the faith, get started on the right track!

This message is not an attack on anyone, but because of its content, it may appear that way.

We must stick to facts, not traditions. Too many people prefer traditions over facts even when the Scriptural facts are presented in a clear and concise way.

I do not want you to be ignorant. Because ... if you are, and remain ignorant, you will pass your ignorance on to others.

When I came into the Messianic faith, I did not realize I came into Messianic Judaism. I started hearing Jewish this and Jewish that and everything became about being Jewish or Gentile.

We are NOT Jewish or trying to be Jewish.

We are NOT Seventh Day Adventist.

We are no longer Gentiles. The general definitions of Gentiles are

- Pagans
- Heathens
- Nations
- Goy

I interpreted learning the Torah as learning the Jewish Scriptures. I heard several times that the Torah/Law was given to the Jews. Let the Jews interpret all the Scriptures the Jews wrote and let the Gentiles interpret the Scriptures the Gentiles wrote.

The Fact: The Torah was given to Moses to speak unto Israel.

It is true however, that over time the Word of YeHoVaH has been preserved by The Jews

FACT: The first six books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy and Joshua Were NOT written by Jews.

It was Moses, a Levite, NOT a Jew, who was given the Oracles of YeHoVaH or the Word of God.

It was Moses, a Levite, NOT a Jew, who YeHoVaH spoke with face to face and who spent two 40-day periods with YeHoVaH receiving these Oracles.

Ex 4:14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

Joshua was Not a Jew, he was a Ephraimite of the Tribe of Ephraim.

Nu 13:8 from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea son of Nun;

Nu 13:16 These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land. (Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua.)

Samuel, the first Prophet, who anointed the First King of Israel was a Ephraimite, NOT a Jew.

1Sa 1:1 There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.

Saul, the first King of Israel was NOT a Jew. Saul was a Benjamite of the Tribe of Benjamin.

Ac 13:21 Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years.

It's important that people know the Biblical Facts, so they are not a victim to Traditions that are ASSUMED to be facts.

Ruth was a Moabitess.

Ru 1:22 So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

Now that we have stated the facts of what the Biblical characters' background and genealogy were, what or who are we?

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We are Followers of the
The Son of YeHoVaH
King of The Jews
The Prophet
The Messiah
We are Messiahians,
Messianic!
Our Faith originated with the Hebrew Scriptures.

What are the Essentials of our Faith?

1. Faith in YeHoVaH and in the Messiah Yeshua/Yehoshua He Sent.
2. Eating Biblically
3. Keeping the Sabbath
4. Keeping the Feasts
5. Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Faith in YeHoVaH and Messiah Yeshua

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Faith is a gift given to us by God to believe in Him.

Ro 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Adam and Eve had faith, but they used it to rebel by believing something else other than what God said.

Cain had faith, but he used it to rebel by believing something else other than what God said.

Abel was the first to use faith to please God.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb 11:2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Heb 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

God gave man faith to be able to please Him. The very nature of faith is the ability to believe in that which is unseen.

When we trust in YeHoVaH for that which is yet unseen or not manifested, He causes it to manifest or become visible.

Without Faith it is impossible to please God.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Every Man has been given a measure of faith. Faith can be used to your benefit, or you can use faith to your demise.

Faith is a system of belief.

Prior to the Giving of The Holy Spirit in Acts, those who practiced the religion of the Jews only knew one way for non-Jewish people to come to (their) God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

As believers were coming to Faith in Messiah, several issues arose, but the one that got the most attention was the issue that arose in Acts 15.

This issue brought all the Apostles and Elders into one place to have a very serious discussion about what to do with the Gentiles that were coming to faith in Messiah Yeshua.

We must begin with the understanding that these individuals had already met the criteria of...

- Faith in YeHoVaH and in Messiah Yeshua
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Keeping The Sabbath
- Keeping the Feasts

In Acts 15, as Gentiles were coming to the faith, one must ask how are they coming? How did they know to come to the faith in the Messiah?

They were coming to Messiah as a response to the message of faith, or Word of Faith, that was preached to them.

When the disciples wrote to them, they were writing to believers.

What made this a problem/issue is that to become a Jew, first it means to uphold Jewish tradition. One must submit themselves to a rabbi.

Now they are praying to the east, lighting candles, saying Jewish prayers, getting a siddur.

The Apostles and Elders wanted to make sure the new believers were not getting caught up in Jewish traditions or the religion of the Jews.

Acts 15

They were instructed.

Ac 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

Ac 15:21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.