



ASIA PACIFIC MESSIANIC FELLOWSHIP

with **The OLIVE TREE MESSAGE!** Romans 11

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We Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem! Psalm 122:6

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Response of APMF to FFOZ Re: “One Law” and the Messianic Gentile.

Thank you, Boaz and Daniel, for writing the history of FFOZ and your current position regarding Gentile Believers. APMF is 100% Gentile Believers as far as we know at this point; therefore, this topic is of great importance to us. We have been consistent buyers of FFOZ publications from your beginning. I am one of the early “approved teachers for HaYesod” before APMF was formed and have passed it on to the Philippines and other countries in the Asia Pacific region.

We have been consistent over the years with our “3 Ones:” ONE Way of salvation from Adam & Havah until the end; ONE Family of God, Israel with Gentile Believers grafted in; and ONE Way to live in God’s Family, the Torah Way of Life for all. We consider ourselves **Ger** in the original Torah meaning as Gentile Believers, one with Israel, followers of Torah, not proselytes. Our consistent verse at all times is John 14:15, “IF you love Me, keep/obey My commandments.”

When teaching HaYesod, we corrected your weak position in Lesson 13, Divine Permission, into **Divine Expectation**, based on Ephesians 2:10:

For we (all born-from-Above Believers, Jew & Gentile) are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua for good works (Torah living), which God prepared beforehand (Genesis onward), that we should/might (aorist subjunctive, **potential** action not started yet) walk in them.

To us, this is clearly **Divine Expectation** and not a Divine Mandate as you positioned yourselves earlier, and certainly not Divine Permission or even your still weak newly coined Divine Invitation. Torah living is **expected** from all God’s children, in His One Family, Jewish background and Gentile background, **without violating the Independent (Free) Will** that He grants to all human beings. That is why “Love – agapao – commitment, not emotion” is the motivating factor and proof of son ship on our part, and also Love on the part of God as the Perfect Parent over His “new creations.”

All of us start out as babies, physically and spiritually. As time goes on, parents and God expect more understanding and obedience to the Standards of the family. This is called **discipleship**. It takes time and patience, and is the core of our Great Commission: Wherever you go, **make disciples** of all ethnic groups...teaching them everything I, Yeshua, have taught you, by word and by example.

This is the goal of APMF, to make maturing disciples of all ethnic groups in AP region who **live and teach on the Foundation of Yeshua and His Apostles**. This is also the **predestination** of God for all of His Family members, Jew & Gentile: **For those whom he foreknew (would respond by Faith), He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...by life 24/7 and teaching others, not instantly but slowly over time with lots of Tender Loving Care, spiritual parenting.** Rom 8:29.

We assume that this is also the goal of FFOZ. However, you are not saying things the way we expect them to be said. Also, we question why your “**spiritual mentor and father**” is Dwight Pryor. I spent many hours going over his 2009 articles on his website to figure out just who this fellow is. My research concludes that **he is church, not Messianic, so why listen to him and follow his position??** He does not “Think Jewish” and is “Pre-Trib Rapture (imminent return of Yeshua, the anti-Semitic church teaching).” His advice, that you both swallowed, “I would be very cautious about advancing a

theology that the apostles did not raise” shows a mindset that is churchy, bordering on Replacement Theology. It is like the church claiming that “since only 9 of the 10 Commandments are referred to in the Epistles, and not Shabbat, that ‘proves’ that Shabbat has been eliminated from the 10.”

Of course the apostles did not formulate a theology for Gentile Believers! **It was not needed! It would have been superfluous!** Just like Shabbat, the one-ness of Ger-Gentile Believers with Jews was already understood from Tanach time and the dramatic teaching of Peter and the apostles in Acts 10-11 that caused Peter to testify to the Council in Acts 15:11, “But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we (Jews) shall be saved, even as they (Gentiles are saved.)” Salvation is now understood, by the firm teaching of God, to have nothing to do with ethnic background, in contrast to the prevailing teaching of the rabbis, that “only Jews had a part in the world to come.” Every “theology” is for both Jewish and Gentile Believers as a unity without any distinction. Dwight Pryor is mistaken. He thinks we are two, when we are ONE! Torah is NOT optional for Gentile Believers.

We also question your article teachings on Acts 15.

“And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them (the God-Fearer Ger Gentiles in Acts 10) the Holy Spirit just as he did to us (in Acts 2), and He made no distinction between us and them (there is ONE united Family) having cleansed their hearts by faith. Now, therefore, why are you (the Pharisee Believers insisting on Conversion) putting God to the test by placing a yoke (Conversion and Oral Torah!!) on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers (David and the other Psalm writers and heroes in Heb 11 who loved the written Torah??) nor we have been able to bear?”

There is no way you can twist “the yoke” to include the written Torah, which has never been an unbearable yoke to any Believer throughout time but rather a delight and a joy! This of course is the complaint of the church against us that we have “taken on an unbearable yoke of Torah legalism.” Not so, as we agree with Psalm 1 through 150, and any other Scriptures on the subject, that following Torah as our Way of Life is a great Delight and gives the Peace that passes all understanding. We know that we are “walking in step with God” as expected in Amos 3:3.

We also assert that the Gentiles being referred to in Acts 15 are the pure pagans coming to Faith in Yeshua, and not the God-Fearers. The God-Fearers have long ago left behind the “Four Prohibitions,” and were regular synagogue attendees. These Four are the basic practices of paganism (and three of them, the basics of the Catholic Eucharist!) To tell these to Cornelius would have been an insult! He was a stalwart in the synagogue in Cesarea, following Torah 24/7 for sometime already. I think that Cornelius was already saved before he had the vision, long before Peter arrived. The dramatics were to teach Peter and the others the fallacy of rabbinic teachings that Yeshua had left until later.

To presume that Gentile Believers, newly saved from paganism, would be left with only these Four Prohibitions as the way to live is totally unfounded. Remember **discipleship!**?? No responsible witness of the Good News would ever stop at these Four, and the Indwelling Spirit of a truly born-from-Above pagan would give him revulsion at the practice of these Four and impel him to hunger for more. The Torah would be the source and the synagogue the place to hear and learn from it, Shabbat by Shabbat, and then grow in his new life as God predestined for him.

Enough said. Your 24 pages were too much to critique. We do not intend to abandon FFOZ but will be careful to analyze carefully what you write. You are on Probation. If you choose to backtrack and use our “copywrited” **Divine Expectation** for all, in place of Divine Invitation for Gentiles and Divine Mandate for Jews, we give you that permission. Please, do not divide the Body of Messiah into First Class Jews and Second Class Gentiles. We won’t accept it!! God did not teach it!! We are all First Class, equal inheritors of God’s Promises, together in One Body in the Good Olive Tree!

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