

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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APMF would like everyone to know the result of our diligent search in the Bible regarding the following <u>3 essential points</u>. Those who might disagree will base their conclusions on changes in the Bible that the Roman Catholic Church made centuries after Yeshua (Jesus). We reject those changes and go back to the original. These 3 conclusions are for both Jews and Gentiles, as God has only <u>One Plan for mankind</u>.

- 1) Every human being is alienated from God because every human is a sinner. There is only **ONE WAY of Salvation** from that sinful state, from the beginning of time until the end of time, which is by God's Grace through our Faith response or acceptance. It is not by works of any kind, but is a Gift from God, provided by the shed blood of Yeshua The Messiah to pay for our sin, His burial, Resurrection, and Ascension to Heaven. This is summarized in Ephesians 2:8-9. Jews have never been saved by works, nor has anyone else. Believers from Adam & Hava (Eve) onward have, by Faith, looked forward to the work of the Promised Messiah on their behalf. These are Saved individuals, of which Hebrews 11 gives a summary of some prominent ones in Bible history. Those after Yeshua The Messiah look back to His completed work on our behalf, based on the written Record and enlightenment by the Spirit.
- 2) There is only **ONE FAMILY of God**, which is Israel with Gentile Believers grafted in together with Jewish Believers. There are not 2 families, Israel and the Church, which was a departure from truth that began slowly from 200 years after Yeshua. It is a deceptive distortion to translate *Ekklesia* the Called Out Messianic Community by "church," which comes from *kuriakon* a pagan temple in NT times. Check Webster's or any good dictionary for "church" to find this truth, in contrast to theological books that claim, wrongly, that church comes from *Ekklesia*. Again, clergy write these books and they are determined to say it their way regardless of the facts. The Messianic Community in Tanach (OT) times was called the Congregation *Kehilah or Kahal* of the LORD (YHVH), which translates to *Ekklesia* in the Greek Septuagint LXX 250 BCE. There is no *kuriakon* in the Bible; therefore, no "church" in the Bible. It is a tragedy when Bible translators translate by their pre-determined theology rather than being honest with the texts in their historic context. It is also a tragedy that there are some fine, true Believers in Jesus Christ in some of the churches who love the Lord, but do not realize that they are on a partially defective foundation. What joy and peace have those who have shifted over to the solid Foundation of Yeshua and His Apostles, as we in APMF have done.
- 3) There is only **ONE WAY to LIVE** in God's one family, the Torah way as amplified all through the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. This is not optional for Gentile Believers! It is clearly stated in Ephesians 2:10 as **God's expectation** for all upon entering His Family, a verse usually left out when quoting Ephesians 2:8-9. In fact, Ephesians 2 shows clearly that there is ONE New Man in Messiah, born-from-Above Jew and Gentile together, on the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, not on any foundation of the so-called "church fathers," who were Greek philosophers, and also not on the reformers of the Reformation! Torah means teachings. Torah basically refers to the Pentateuch, or Five Books of Moses, and contains some laws, but the primary meaning is teaching, which extends through Revelation. This means that all 10 Commandments are still valid, including Shabbat. No one has the right to change something God wrote in stone with His own finger! That means that our Celebrations are the Appointed Times of YHVH, summarized in Leviticus 23, times when God meets with His people, the Messianic Communities when gathered together, not church substitutes from paganism. This includes our Menu that is stated in Leviticus 11, what to eat and what not to eat. God knows what is best for His own Family! Those outside God's Family go to the Lake of Fire because "Of sin, because they believe not on Me." John 16:9