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Topic on the Table: Gentiles, Hebrews and Festivals. Yahshua fulfilment of Law.

Question:

*“Thank you for your Vocabulary lesson on Yahshua. As a Christian I know there is a problem with the name Jesus, but I did not have an understanding as to what it was; I preferred using the name LORD, “supreme authority”. Your video teaching on what Christians believe to be saved was shallow, and for some Christians that may be true but not all. I have taught my son to believe takes your mind, heart, and actions. **Gentiles are grafted in, are gentiles separate from the Hebrews in the sense of their religious festivals & practices. Yahshua is the fulfilment of the law. Although my heart is wilfully obedient it is solely all that Yahshua has done and by grace that I have been called. I am interested in learning more from a Hebrew perspective; help me in my unbelief!**”*
— Challenged

Response:

Shalom shalom, Challenged!

You are welcomed! :-) Yes, my mention of what Christians believe was not meant to be comprehensive in that video. I grew up in and spent nearly 30+ years in the Christian faith so I know it very well. I too, was taught and taught my children that salvation started with “accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior” and then it would take your mind, heart and actions. ***It was what actions I was taught and was teaching my children to do or not do that was the problem.*** :-)

Reading through your email, I’m trying to figure out what your question is. :-) Sorry! :-)

Is your question: **“Are gentiles separate from the Hebrews in the sense of their religious festivals and practices?”** If that was not your question please forgive me for not understanding. But if it was: I guess that first know that, as Michael Roods says, a gentile is not a pagan, but an “out-of-covenant Israelite.” It is understand that Paul was not preaching to the pagans, he was preaching to the Scattered Israelites from the Northern Kingdom that were not allowed in because they were “out-of-covenant.”

Remember that Yahshua said that he came “only for the lost sheep of Israel” (Matt.15:24)? He was saying that he came for the 10 Tribes that YHVH had scattered into the nations back in the 700’s BC because of their unfaithfulness to his Covenant (primarily their attraction to idolatry). The Northern Kingdom (10 tribes) never repented and returned, but the Southern Kingdom (Judah, Benjamin and a little Levite) did. One of the points to Yahshua’s sacrifice was to pay the price of their (our) adultery (idolatry) so that they (we) could come back “home.” A good video to watch about this is Jim Staley’s teaching called Identity Crisis. It will help clarify what I am saying here. :-)

Once an “out-of-covenant Israelite”(aka: one of the Scattered Israelites of the 10 tribes) comes back to YHVH to be “grafted in through the work of Yahshua (the Vine)” they become Hebrew (one who crosses over the Jordan River back home, basically). :-) Of course there has always been an open door for anyone to be grafted into Israel, but the same rules apply to anyone who joins themselves to YHVH. Once grafted-in that person becomes part of the whole house of Israel and accepts all the demands of YHVH’s Covenant (Exodus 19-24). This is the Royal Law that Yahshua came to show us how to walk perfectly. This would most definitely include the Biblical Festivals and practices that YHVH lined out in his Law.

Remember that the roots of the Christian festivals are rooted in paganism. Pagan festivals are for the pagans. Let them have their celebrations and practices! Israelites coming out of Babylon (man-made religion, paganism) will discover a beautiful the ancient and true rhythm: Yahovah’s Feasts and Festivals and practices. His ways are for his Israelites (all 12 tribes). This is great news!

In 1Cor.10:21 it says, “You can not drink the cup of YHVH and the cup of demons too.” This was part of his problem with Israel is that they were trying to learn the way of the pagans and then worship him in their way—drinking from both cups. This sin was exactly what Israel did with the Golden Calf Incident when they broke the first Contract between Israel and YHVH—making an idol and saying it would be a feast unto YHVH in Ex.32:5). In Deut.12:30-31 it says,“... be careful not to be ensnared by inquiring about their gods, saying, “How do these nations serve their gods? We will do the same.” You must not worship Yahovah your Elohim in their way, because in worshipping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things Yahovah hates...”

Yes, Yahshua is the fulfilment of the Law, but what does that actually mean? I didn’t know until I actually kept reading what Yahshua, himself says in the same breath.....

“Do not think that I have come to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy, but to fulfil. Truth I say to you, till Heaven and Earth pass (which hasn’t happened yet), one jot or one

tittle shall in no wise pass from the Torah (his instructions) till all be fulfilled. Whoever therefore shall break one of the least of these commandments in the Torah, and shall teach others to do the same, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven, but whoever shall practice and teach them, they shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. For I say to you, that except your righteousness (right doings) shall exceed the righteousness of the sages and Prushim, you shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.” Matt. 5:17-20 (CKJV). Parenthesis mine.

The doctrine that says “Yahshua is the fulfilment of the Law, therefore I am saved by grace (and do not have to keep the Law of YHVH)” is false — it is an inherited lie that will keep us out of the Happy-Ever-After. The truth of what grace really is has been twisted to be what we want it to mean. As many teachers reveal Christianity pushes “sloppy grace.” As in, we can keep sinning against YHVH (by breaking his Law) because grace covers our transgressions. Using grace like that will surely be our peril. That’s not what the whole of Scripture teaches. For instance, Christians have adopted pagan festivals and have claimed to use them to celebrate God (aka: Christmas and Easter). They flaunt their “freedom through grace” in YHVH’s face by keeping the pagan celebrations as a sign that they are free from YHVH’s Law—completely ignoring the command to not serve other gods and continuing to not study where those festivals come from and claiming they have been “washed in the blood.” The pattern that we see in the Scriptures is that YHVH has never been okay with pagan rituals, practices and festivals—this would not have changed after Yahshua. Yahshua said he did not come to speak his own words, but his Father’s words (John 12:49) — the same words YHVH spoke from the Mountain in Ex.19-24.

But true Biblical grace doesn’t mean that we get to keep breaking the Law because Yahshua kept it. True Biblical grace is that a Way was made for our salvation—a Narrow Path by which we must walk to gain salvation. The quest of our life should be what is that narrow path that YHVH sanctified? True grace is that we can actually find that narrow path and DO what Yahshua did to walk it! :-) We can be perfect as he was and is! :-) Romans 6:15 says, “What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law, but under grace? By no means!” You can see here that we should not keep sinning and assume that grace will cover us. The verse continues to talk about being set free from being “slaves to sin” and instead becoming a “slave to righteousness (right doings).” Understanding YHVH’s definition of sin is imperative. Clearly, the Scriptures defines sin as breaking of the Law (1 John 3:4). Yahshua said over and over that if we want life we must obey the commandments. He was talking about his Father’s commands found in the Torah, the book that he read and quoted constantly (see: Matt.19:17; Rev.12:17; 14:12 etc.). The primary sin of Israel has always been idolatry — Israel’s number one sin to look at is in our celebrations.

Here is the good news: Ez.36:24-28 says, “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Ruach ha’Kodesh in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your Elohim.”

By grace you have been called, Challenged. You have been called to chose. You can either chose to obey Yahovah’s Law or not. “Many are called, but few are chosen” (Matt.22:14). :-) If you are hearing him call you out — you are not pagan, but one of the Scattered! :-) Wow! You are blessed!

Therefore, praise be to YHVH that you are hearing the call! May you respond appropriately—which is to repent and return to YHVH and his ways at all costs! The journey you are being invited into is truly going to change your entire life. It will be hard, but it will open your eyes to reveal the wondrous ways of your Creator and the path to the Happily-Ever-After! I pray your belief is strengthened and that your heart finds courage, because you are needed to be a light for your family and friends to see the only Path we are to travel.

I hope this helps!

To Yahshua, the King!

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PS. To discover how the translators of the Scriptures replaced the name of the Father (YHVH) with “the LORD” see this video: