

Another Gospel?

We have a Gospel out there today that most people assume is the same Gospel that was taught in the 1st century by Yeshua and His Emissaries, and in one way it is, but in other ways it is unrecognizable.

Let me share with you first what is recognizable and unchanged. That God sent His only begotten Son into the world to die for our sins, so that whosoever should repent and place their trust in Him for the remission is their sins past, would be forgiven of their sins and be "saved"; **Yehochanan (John) 3:16-21; Romans 3:25.**

Another component of this same message is that because He was sinless, He rose from the grave.

Thankfully, this is the only part that must be believed in order to be saved, and then begin the process of transformation into a person of new character and values reflective of God's character upon repentance.

However, outside of this, every imaginable variation of what a walk with the Savior looks like can be found wherever people profess a belief in Him.

So as far a salvation goes, I was saved as a chief of Jewish sinners living as a gentile. And when I called on "Jesus" (because I didn't know His Hebrew name at that time), my status as a "saved" person was very firmly established beyond doubt in my mind via a supernatural experience and encounter, within a minute or so after saying what a person might call a "sinners" prayer - but done in my own words.

After this, when I began reading Scripture and doing some historical research, I forsook Christ-mass and Isht-r. After this I was still a saved person. Then when through further reading of Scripture and research of history I learned that "Jesus" name is more accurately stated as "Yeshua", and that God's name was not LORD, but Yahweh or Yehovah, I was still saved at that time as well.

Then after this, after much more study of Scripture, historical research, and much debate, I began to keep the Sabbath, the Feast Days, and to eat Kosher. And after all this, I was indeed still saved after all this as well, and also had a 10 day long supernatural experience that was distinctly different from my supernatural being "saved" experience. That is, whereas the "saved" experience was like a spiritual "washing", the 10 day experience was like being born in a womb.

Then when I began dressing modestly (yes, I believe men need to dress modestly too), and to wear a kippah and tzit tzit, and replace the Constantinian form of services and worship with the more accurate Hebraic form of services and worship that included the Torah processional and liturgy, I was still saved then as well.

But yet all along the way, so many of the other people who had also been initially saved while yet living sinful lifestyles like I had been, have never made it past X-mass and Isht-r. And I have no reason to believe they were not saved, as their lives were radically changed after they were initially "saved" just like my life had been radically changed after I had been initially saved. They were instantly delivered from drugs or alcohol, or suddenly had a clean mouth and honest character; or were delivered from their sexual sin, or smoking, or whatever. Their deliverance was just as real and as authentic and as supernatural as my

own "being saved" experience had been.

So why the difference in our walks? The difference, as I have laid out in recent articles presented over the last few months is concerning the Hebrew/Biblical concept of "ascent". We all, after being "saved", ascend to different horizontal planes of obedience on the vertical plane of ascension. This process of "ascension" would be akin to the Christian concept of "sanctification" - except much more defined.

How high we ascend, likewise, is hindered by only 3 things after we are "saved".

They are:

- 1- Complete ignorance,
- 2- diminishing degrees of ignorance, and,
- 3- Willfull ignorance

Concerning complete ignorance, this is concerning sinful activities and behaviors we engage in that we have no idea we committed, and therefore cannot repent of or "ascend above" because we had no idea that we did it. Like perhaps accidentally pocketing the pen at the bank after filling out the deposit slip, or as a cashier, unknowingly giving back the wrong amount of change - even if only a penny off. Or maybe telling somebody you would do something for them on a certain date, and then totally forgetting about that commitment. Sins committed in complete ignorance are automatically forgiven at the Cross at the personal level, and on Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) at the national level.

Then concerning diminishing degrees of ignorance, this is activity that causes our ignorance to begin to be "peeled away" through exposure to facts and information that we had not been aware of prior. This ignorance comes in two forms.

The first form of diminishing ignorance is contact with new information that is "insufficient" in and of itself to override our current understanding or convictions. For example when people hear that X-mass and East-r are pagan festivals "christianized" in violation of God's commandments on the one hand, while on the other hand are erroneously taught that Passover and Tabernacles are just Jewish festivals. So caught up in the confusion between the two positions, and apart from further evidence, they simply remain committed to that which they are familiar with. This in turn limits their ability to "ascend above" their current plane of spiritual maturity.

This form of dimishing ignorance is automatically forgiven at the Cross or at Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) as long as sincere confusion exist in the heart concerning the commandment, doctrine, or circumstance at hand.

The second form of diminishing ignorance is contact with new information that is "sufficient" in its content and form to override our current understanding or convictions, and that upon reaching this "turning point" in our understanding, is responded to with repentance. For example, concerning those who supported Yeshua's crucifixion; **Ma'aseh (Acts) 3:14-19**, or when the Emissary Shaul (Apostle Paul) persecuted believers; **I Timothy 1:12,13**, and when he spoke disrespectfully to the High Priest; **Ma'aseh (Acts) 23:1-5**. To this kind of ignorance the Scriptures state, "God in times past has winked at our

ignorance, but now commands men everywhere to repent"; **Ma'aseh (Acts) 17:30.**

This form of diminishing ignorance is automatically forgiven at the Cross or at Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) until it comes to one's attention. But once the sin has come to the person's attention, they must confess that sin and repent of it to be forgiven of it, the same as a willfull sin needs to be confessed and repented of. As Yeshua stated on the execution stake (cross) concerning these honest forms of ignorance, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"; **Luke 23:34.**

Then there is willfull ignorance. . These are the times when the truth is being restored to its fulness by a national prophet like Isaiah, or like in our generation, the two witnesses of **Revelation 11** will likely do. Or like Yeshua said in His day when He, as the long awaited Messiah to come, proclaimed "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin (that is, not be accountable for their sin), but now they have no excuse for their sin"; **Yehochanan (John) 15:22.**

Willfull ignorance is dishonest by nature, and so is not automatically forgiven like complete ignorance and diminishing degrees of ignorance are. Those who choose to be willfully ignorant are those who like Korah, purposely avoid or disregard any evidence that would require them to have to change their behavior, or that would interfere with their ulterior motives or agenda.

This group is no different than one who willfully sins. People who choose to purposely remain ignorant often only conform to "peer" pressure, "political" pressure, or to "cultural" pressure. Willful ignorance is not automatically forgiven anymore than willfull sin is, but must be confessed and repented of like any other sin one has "knowingly" committed or become aware of.

Let me make clear also, that even though the Appointed Times of Scripture, the dietary laws, the sacred names, etc.. are acts of obedience intimately related to the higher planes of vertical ascension, they are not more important than the teachings to be learned on the lower planes of vertical ascension of moral character, justice, and of taking care of the oppressed, the widow, and the poor, etc...

There is a reason why the teachings of moral uprightness and justice, etc... are part of the 1st biblical plane(vertical plane 3, see graphic below), because "without" these foundational practices and moral behaviors, the feast days, fasting, and sacrifices, and other "external" commandments, have no merit before God; **B'reshet (Genesis) 4:3-7; I Shemuel (I Samuel) 15:18-22; Yesh'yahu (Isaiah); 1:10-17; 58:3-8.**

In other words, keeping the Appointed Times provides no advantage if you have no moral character, or are an oppressor of people, slanderer, or otherwise unjust person. Like Shaul says, concerning the "moral" requirements of God's Law, "will not they who are uncircumcised but obey God's Law judge you, who though being circumcised, are knowingly breaking God's Law?"; **Romans 2:17-29.**

Another way put, even as circumcision is among the lesser of God's commandments, but morality among the greater of His commandments, even so, though the keeping of His feasts is important and beneficial as well as an integral part of a higher plane, it is not more important than being a morally upright person.

As such, even though keeping Passover through Sukkot (Tabernacles) is associated with the "higher" 5th plane of vertical ascension as shown in the following graphic, it is not a short cut to the 5th plane of

ascension that allows one to bypass the moral uprightness of character necessary to be learned at the "lower" 3rd and 4th planes of vertical ascension.

The various "Vertical planes of Ascension" that I sometimes refer to as "Horizontal Planes of Ascent", can be understood as generally laid out below from highest plane to lowest plane.

Plane 7: *The Plane of "Enoch", Tier of Transcension (Entry into heavenly realm without first dying)*

Plane 6: *The Plane of "Abel", Tier of Martyrdom (the Highest Sacrifice)*

Plane 5: *The Plane of "David", Tier of Overcoming (Overcomes all non-biblical pressures to conform)*

Plane 4: *The Plane of "Saul", Tier of Imperfect Obedience (tends to persecute non-conformist)*

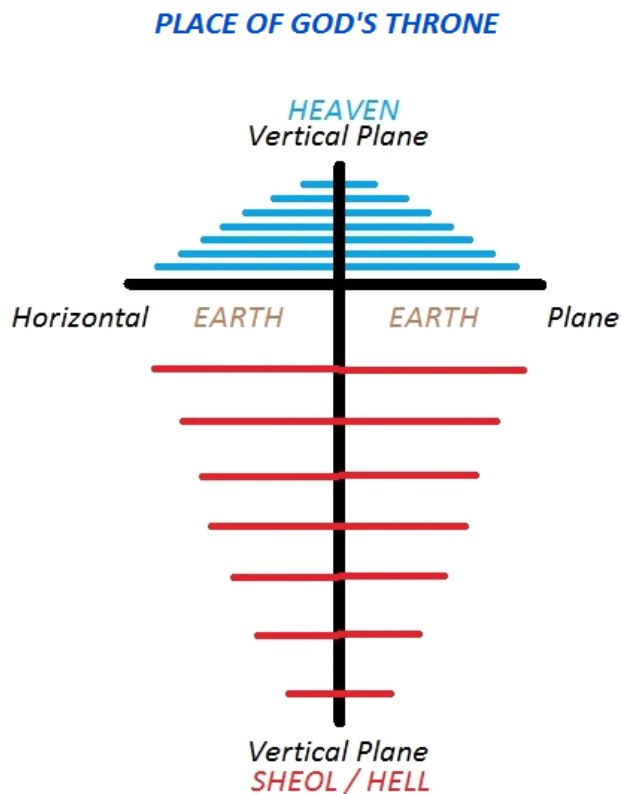
Plane 3: *The Plane of "Cain", Tier of False Pretense (tends to murder non-conformist)*

Plane 2: *The Plane of "Eve", Tier of Self-Ascendency (Glorification of virtuous behavior)*

Plane 1: *The "Serpent" Plane, Tier of Carnal Birth and Division (Glorification of sinful behavior)*

BLUE LINES REPRESENT 7 LEVELS OF ASCENT

RED LINES THE 7 LEVELS OF DESCENT



PLACE OF THE WICKED ONE'S THRONE

SEE FURTHER EXPLANATION OF 7 PLANES OF ASCENT ON NEXT PAGE

HEAVEN/ABRAHAM'S BOSOM/PARADISE

Those who enter Heaven without dying, like Enoch and Eliyahu (Elijah), and those caught up at Yeshua's Return.

(HORIZONTAL PLANE 7 on Vertical Plane of Ascension - Plane of Enoch, of Transcension)

Martyrdom for one's biblically based Faith, when combined with a clear conscience before God concerning one's sincerely, and honestly held understanding of Scripture.

(HORIZONTAL PLANE 6 on Vertical Plane of Ascension - Plane of Abel, of Martyrdom)

Biblically based faith with emphasis on salvation, personal repentance, and of obedience to God's commandments over human traditions. Compares self to Heaven's standard, successfully resists pressure to conform to non-biblical human traditions. Overcomes their sin. Has sacrificial love for others. Does not seek division from other believers, does not persecute others, but planes 1-4 do divide from them and persecute them in varying degrees. These interact with all denominations and sects, but are marginized wherever they go.

(HORIZONTAL PLANE 5 on Vertical Plane of Ascension - Plane of David, of Overcoming)

Biblically based human religions that emphasize salvation, with Scripture as a foundational basis for morality, but which still emphasize some "human tradition" over the authority of Scriptures (Reform Catholicism/Protestantism, Messianic, Hebrew Roots, Mennonite, etc...). Somewhat still compares self with others, submits to peer pressure and divides from others to determine acceptance before God and man. There is light persecution between, within, and out from, all these groups. Most "saved" people walk out their walk, and gain access to eternal life on this plane.

(HORIZONTAL PLANE 4 on Vertical Plane of Ascension - Plane of Saul, of Imperfect Obedience)

Biblically based human religions that emphasize and reward the "good" side of our fallen nature, with Scripture as a general template for morality, but heavily emphasizes "human tradition" over authority of Scripture (Catholicism, Russian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Amish, Judaism, etc...). Still compares self with others, submits to peer pressure and divides from others, to determine acceptance before God and man. There is moderate to heavy persecution between, within, and out from, all these groups. There is "some" salvation to eternal life through Yeshua among a small number on this plane whose sins are in ignorance. The False Messiah enters here.

(HORIZONTAL PLANE 3 on Vertical Plane of Ascension - Plane of Cain, of False Pretense)

Non-biblical human religions and other human systems that emphasize and reward the "good" side of our fallen nature, but are devoid of the Truth of Scripture as their "compass" (Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, etc...). Compares self with others, and submits to peer pressure and divides from others, to determine acceptance before God and/or man. This plane often leads to civil societies, but not to Eternal Life.

(HORIZONTAL PLANE 2 on Vertical Plane of Ascension - Plane of Eve, of Self-Ascendency)

Satan's Kingdoms, Secular World, "division" oriented based on race, stature, reputation, talent, wealth, influence, sexuality, culture, nationality, personal beauty/strength/intelligence, competitive ability, education level, etc...

(HORIZONTAL PLANE 1 - The Plane of the Serpent, of Carnal Birth and Division)

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