

# Restoring the Jewishness of the Gospel

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# Christianity is Jewish

- A book title by Edith Schaeffer, wife of Francis Schaeffer.
- No matter how un-Jewish some of its current worship forms may be, Christianity has its roots in Judaism and the Jewish people.
- Much of what is written in the New Testament cannot be comprehended apart from Judaism.
- Romans 9:4-5

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- Scriptural integrity demands that we make every effort to understand the text of the New Testament as its first century hearers would have understood it and applied it to their situation in life.
- Olive Tree Figures 1 & 2 (p. 20)

# Trans-Cultural Judaism

- The Apostle Paul (Rav Shaul) did not compel Gentiles to adopt Jewish culture.
- His greatest concern was saving the lost.
- He paid attention to “where they were at”
- 1 Cor 9:19-22
  - Paul was not a chameleon
  - Neither was he a hypocrite

- By the fourth Century, Jews who accepted Yeshua as the Jewish Messiah were expected to “convert to Christianity.”
- Obviously, this was not Paul’s pattern of presenting the Gospel.
- Church of Constantinople (p. 8)

# Systematic Theologies

- Christian Theology generally downplays the role of the Torah (generally translated as the “Law”)
- Jewish Theology mostly addresses
  - G-d
  - Israel (the Jewish people)
  - The Torah
- Consequently, Christianity has almost nothing relevant to say to Jews about one of the three most important issues of their faith. (p.45)
- The Gospel with an ended Law is no Gospel at all (p.51)

# Halakha Meshichit

*(The Way to Walk as Messianic Believers\*)*

- If we agree about the “ongoingness” of the Torah, just what does the Torah now require of us?
- The New Testament actually states a number of specific judgments as to how to apply the Torah
- Examples (pp 54-58)

# Two-Covenant Theology

- States that “Jesus brought the covenant through which Gentiles emerge from paganism to know the one true G-d; but that the Jews already have the covenant through Moses, so that they do not need Yeshua the Messiah.”
- This is a convenient theology for evangelists who would rather schmooze with Jews than risk offending them.
- Its also convenient for Jews who don't want to be proselytized. After all, “at least Christianity got the Goyim away from idolotry and brought them nearer the the G-d of A, I, & J.”

# What's wrong with Two-Covenant Theology?

- In John 14:6 Yeshua said to his Jewish audience,
  - *“I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the father except through me.”*
- In Act 4:12 Peter said,
  - *“There is salvation in no one else! For there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by whom we must be saved!”*

# Test Review

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