



MESSIANIC...HEBREW ROOTS, PROBLEM

One of the biggest, if not the biggest problem I find in the Messianic Community today is the lack of knowledge in things pertaining to the holy spirit (Ruach Hakodesh).

It seems that even though people flee Babylon (SUNday churches) and learn the truth about the Hebraic roots of the Scriptures, they almost all ignore the gifts and fruits of the holy spirit that Yah has made available to all those who are serious about their spiritual walk.

It seems open minded people quite easily learn the truth about the Saturday sabbath, instructions (law), and Feasts, etc., yet they are totally in the dark about the Baptism Of The Holy Spirit that Yahveh has made available for all His children if they strive for it. Why is it that many can research and thoroughly study and learn the laws, teachings, instructions of the Torah, yet avoid the teachings of the "infilling of the holy spirit"?

Gal. 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, self control. Nothing in the Torah stands against such things.*

As important as the Sabbath day understanding is, the understanding and desire to obtain the Baptism of the holy spirit seems to be completely amiss to most Messianic type followers. There are enough scriptures in our Bible explaining exactly how good it is to desire the gifts of the spirit through the baptism of the spirit, yet people don't seem to even care that they are aiming guns with no bullets at a well equipped enemy, Hasatan. Acts 7:51 "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did."

It seems everyone wants to get immersed in baptism, yet fails to acquire the far more important baptism of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 11:15-16** *"And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as [He did] upon us at the beginning. "And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'*

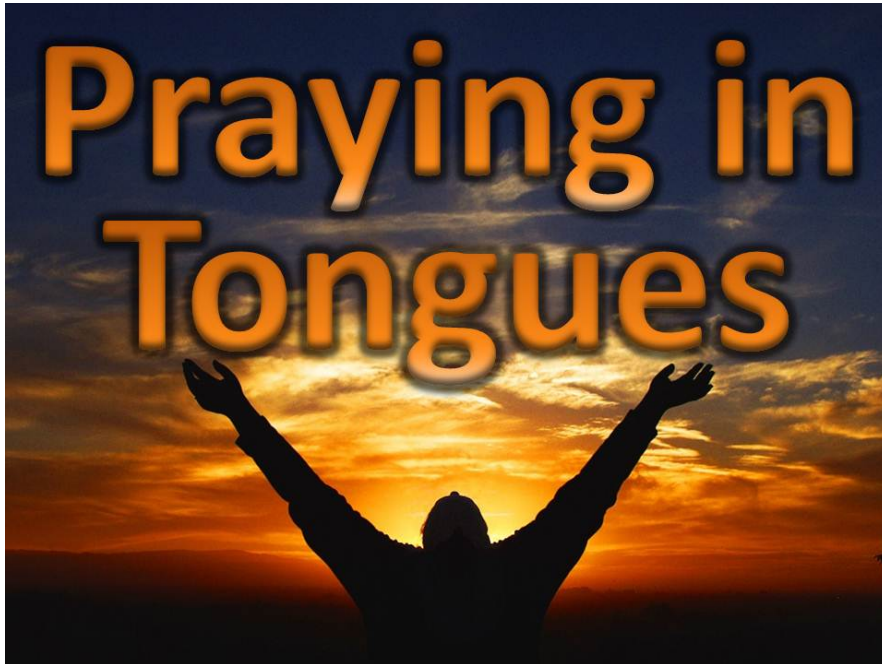
Acts 8:15-16 *who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Ruach Hakodesh. For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of Messiah Yeshua.*

I don't understand why anyone would refuse a gift given to us by our Father in Heaven. **Acts 2:38** *"And Peter {said} to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Yeshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Without the infilling of the spirit they are not lead by Yah and do not have the power and authority that Yah has made available to them. When one is truly baptized in the holy spirit everything on the inside changes and the proof of the inner change is the outer speaking in tongue's. Most people don't realize that you will ALWAYS speak in tongues once you are filled with Yah's Spirit. **Acts 2:4** *"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance". If you look at that verse it says clearly that ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT SPOKE IN TONGUES.* It's not talking about a water baptism, mikvah, it's talking about being empowered from on high by the comforter, the Spirit of Yah and Yeshua. This is the Spirit that Yeshua revealed to His disciples would come after He was gone to lead them. Why is this so hard to follow? **Acts 10:44-46** *While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Ruach had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting Yahveh.*

Rabbi Yeshua's disciples spent about three years with Him before they were empowered with the baptism of the holy spirit so they could go out and preach and teach the truth of the word. Even to this day in Israel, the students spend three years with their Rabbis before going out on their own. **John 20:22** *"And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 but you will*

receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”



Acts 4:31 *And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and [began] to speak the word of Yahveh with boldness.** Tell me, are we to speak the Word with boldness or not? We can be humble and meek before Yah, no question, but not when we are explaining the Word to mankind.*

Acts 13:52 *And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”*

Acts 8:17 *Then they [began] laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.”*

Acts 9:17 *So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, Messiah Yeshua, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight **and be filled with the Ruach.**”*

In my opinion it is the confusion in regards to speaking in tongues that causes most Believers in Yeshua to be afraid of the gifts. They are simply afraid of this unique gift given to all those who are spirit filled. It seems because they don't understand speaking in tongues, they avoid learning about its use as a very powerful weapon of revelation, prophesy, and warfare.

Over the last hundred or so years we have seen the charismatic churches misuse the gifts and baptism of the holy spirit no doubt. Most of these groups have been mixing the spirits for so long they are no longer capable of separating the true holy spirit from Satan's counterfeit. About 90% of those who believe they are spirit filled are filled with the counterfeit spirit or are simply using the one or two line phoney memorized babel of the Pentecostals. This is a common occurrence in these Pentecostal type churches.

Those participating in these charismatic type churches are taught that everything supernatural is of God. This is as far from the truth as east is from west. Satan has been teaching from most of these pulpits and has been entertaining demons in the name of the spirit of a God these people don't even know or follow. This entertainment includes the demonic (or phoney) “slain in the spirit” phenomena, outrageous holy laughter, body jerking, gold dust seeing, anything goes entertainment in the name of some god. They entertain people in these churches with demons because they don't have the ability or knowledge to actually teach them anything. Neither these people or these preachers should ever be associated with the Holy One Of Israel. They work for the other team, too often without even knowing it till many years later.

Any ways, because of the misuse and abuse of the gifts of the spirit, be they counterfeit or real, most Messianic followers are now refusing the anointing available from the real comforter that has been so clearly revealed to them in their good book.

The Sunday type churches are falling apart, they have become STONE DEAD, because they have thrown out the stone tablets. Any people who have participated in that demonic entertainment and have since left this Babylon are now afraid to dare get involved in anything deemed supernatural. It is perfectly understandable for them to be gun shy, but now it seems they don't want to ever be empowered by the real holy spirit of the Most High. Why is it they can't see there is a balance to be had? If they studied the truth of the

baptism of the holy spirit and the gifts of the holy spirit with as much vigor as many are now studying the Rabbinical teachings, they would be maturing rapidly and have the power of revelation helping them obtain their goal. It seems many go from one extreme of not being under the instructions (law) to the other extreme of following tradition and oral Rabbinical teachings. They jump from one side of the road to the other without realizing there is a straight and narrow road they can follow in regards to understanding the workings of the holy spirit.

I have seen in recent years many men who can teach great literal understanding of scriptures, feasts, laws, etc., yet are not lead by the spirit of the law which is supposed to be our main goal. They strive for understanding of the literal words without grasping the bigger picture of the spirit of the words. Quote "For instance, many search the scriptures with their brain, depending upon their own intellectual ability. Such independent mental action is quite dangerous, for it accomplishes nothing in the Believer's life other than to furnish some additional information for his thoughts and some additional information for his boasting. We should sincerely reject all truths which are solely mental, for such knowledge provides Satan with an opportunity to work. We must restrain any desire which seeks mere intellectual knowledge" (Watchman Nee).

The Parashah's

It seems all the Messianic synagogues today insist on doing the parashah readings every shabbat, like the Orthodox Jews have been doing for thousands of years. This takes up most of the time allocated for fellowship. I don't understand why this continues. In Yeshua's day the average person could only learn what the torah and tenakh said by attending synagogue and listening to them being read and discussed by the Rabbis. This is no longer the case, yet we have half the time of fellowship spent reading the same old teachings over and over every year. This seems totally unnecessary in this age, because everyone has the bible available to study whenever they desire to. If that time normally spent reading the Parashah's was spent teaching about the Ruach Hakodesh and other weightier things, I believe it would be far more beneficial.

Because of all the crazy things going on in this world today, people should be learning practical things like spiritual warfare, healing the sick, the baptism of the Ruach Hakodesh, etc. etc. Yeshua spent about 30% of His time healing the sick and casting out demons, yet in the fellowships today there is no time spent on these very important subjects. Because of this, all the people, including children suffer unnecessarily. With the understanding we have available today, there is no reason why almost every person in the congregation is not "spirit filled" and using the fruits and gifts of the spirit that come with this anointing. These people should be using the power and authority given to them with the infilling of the Ruach to overcome the terrible things going on around us in this "no common sense", and "no moral values" world we live in. Yeshua established "baptized in the Ruach HaKodesh" apostles and teachers thousands of years ago, and yet today, it is a rarity to behold. There is no reason for this forsaking of the power and authority given to those who are anointed as such.

Many are even following Kabbalah and Zohar while claiming to be Messianic. Some of these, mostly Jewish people, manage to get away from Orthodoxy, yet continue to delve into the Talmud, Kabbalah and Mishnah without realizing they are still stuck in those ruts. They seem to desire to follow man's writings, while claiming to be obedient to Torah only.

It is therefore quite possible and common for an unregenerate man to know fully the Bible, to grasp accurately and expertly the essential doctrines of Christianity, to apply zealously all his talents to service, and to sway his audience with wonderful eloquence, and yet remain within the realm of the soul without so much as having crossed over one step into the born again experience. His spirit remains as dead as ever even though he sounds intellectually very wise. As Paul says most emphatically in his letters that the gospel he preaches does not originate with man: it is not acquired wholesale from one man's mind and retailed to the mind of others but is discovered through revelation. This revelation only happens when ones spirit is filled with His spirit and is able to commune fully with Yah. Man's born again experience is not just a term, nor is it purely a moral alteration, but the life of Yah actually enters our spirit and quickens its intuition. **Isa. 55:8-9** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares Yahveh. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. Being baptized in the holy spirit is the only way one can commune fully with the Almighty's Spirit. Man's mind, soul and thoughts in general cannot connect with Yah's Spirit unless our spirit is in control of our body, soul and emotion.

It seems when one mentions tongues to them they immediately state that tongues are not needed anymore, or not important. They focus on the tongues part of the gifts of the spirit without even considering all the other great gifts. For this reason they all suffer. They do not and will not have power and authority to obtain their full potential working in the kingdom of Yah for this exact reason. They will remain in kindergarten even though they could be in university. They will seek, rather than strive.

1Cor. 14:39-40 *Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues. But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.*

For all those Messianic's who have managed to get out of Babylon (SUNday churches) in one piece, I plead with you to pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit until you receive it. You will know beyond a shadow of a

doubt when that happens because it is an event, not just an experience. The Hebrew Roots movement needs spirit filled people to help all those teachers who are only understanding the literal interpretation of Yah's instructions. We need a balance so that the SPIRIT of the Torah is understood and taught to its fullest. The Messianic movement has made great advances in the last ten years, let's continue to move even further forward in SPIRIT and in TRUTH.

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