
The One Body of Messiah

Introduction:

Messiah instructed His disciples, “Let your *light* so *shine* before men, that they may *see* your good *works*, and *glorify* your *Father* which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). When was the last time you heard or saw multitudes or even a few people in the world giving glory and praise to Elohim on account of the love or works of believers? Not lately, right? Yet, the Almighty has commanded and does expect His servants to do just that. He requires that we do all we can for the world to see the evident love of Elohim amongst ourselves and the works of Elohim being done through us.

For, only by so doing are we His body and by the demonstrated love of Elohim working in us and amongst us will the world believe that He sent His Son. We need to be a united and organized body to represent EL the Father, His Son and Spirit accurately, concertedly, and powerfully on this earth. In fact, Messiah died and resurrected to establish Elohim’s congregation - His representative body on earth for all generations.

This wonderful Divinely assigned work and goal can only be achieved by synchronized collective efforts of a tightly united body as Elohim ordained, not by the disorganized and scattered factious organizations of this generation. The following will elucidate on Body of Messiah is, other important relevant information on why and how we can be His genuine body to serve Him effectually in this generation.

1) What is the Body of Messiah?

It is Elohim’s single worldwide organization, comprised of faithful disciples united in Messiah Yeshua by the Holy Spirit to uniformly represent Him on earth, as the exemplar of the divine way of life and the tower of truth on earth.

The Body of Messiah exists and functions to achieve Elohim’s exact goals as assigned by His Son. By His Spirit Elohim inspires and empowers His united disciples to proclaim His messages and accomplish His will on earth as in heaven. Elohim taught the Body of Messiah that it is the house of Elohim, His congregation as well as the pillar and basis of truth on earth. This was expressed through the apostle Paul, “But if I tarry long, that you may know how you ought to behave yourself in the *house* of Theou, *which is* the *ekklesia* of the living Theou, the *pillar* and *ground* of the *truth*” (1Timothy 3:15). Thus, the Body of Messiah is Elohim’s dwelling, congregation, the model of the divine way, the foundation and tower of the truth on earth.

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2) Who Established and Owns it?

It was established and is owned by Messiah Yeshua the Uniquely Born Son of EL the Father.

He started His first congregation with one gentile tribe, Abraham, next Isaac Abraham's son, and then Isaac's son Jacob, in a covenant of circumcision (Genesis 28:1-3). In time, Elohim selected and ordained Jacob to be Israel - His set-apart nation and congregation (Genesis 35:10-11, Exodus 19:3-5, Leviticus 19:2). Elohim was the exclusive owner of the congregation and ordained what it was to do and how it was to be done. Over one thousand years later, the Word and Son of Elohim - the Messiah Yeshua came to establish a New Covenant for the congregation and declared, "I will build my congregation and the gates of hell will not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

Paul, His apostle, describes the building process thus, [20](#) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christou Iesou Himself being the corner *stone*, [21](#) in whom the whole building, being joined together, is growing into a holy sanctuary in the Kyrio, [22](#) in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of Theou in the Pneumati (Ephesians 2:20-22).

3) Who Leads the Body of Messiah?

Messiah Yeshua is the sole Leader and Head of the body. He assigns all administration, operation, purpose, functions, goals, and missions for Elohim's congregation.

The apostle Paul explained this in Ephesians 1 starting in verse 17, "That the Theos (EL) of our Kyriou (Supreme) Iesou Christou (Yeshua Messiah), *the Father of glory*, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him... 20 Which He wrought *in Christo*, when He raised him from the dead, and *set Him* at His own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 *Far above all* principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And has put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the *head over* all things to the *ekklēsia*, 23 Which is *His body*, the fulness of Him that fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:20-23). Paul also taught, "And He is the *Head of the body*, the *ekklesias*: Who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* He might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18).

4) Who Are Members of the Body?

The body of Messiah consists only of repentant people selected and united by Elohim from all over the world and generations who reciprocally love Him and accept His New Covenant in the Name of Messiah Yeshua by the Spirit.

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The members, chosen from around the world, are united by their love for Elohim and acceptance of his Covenant being renewed in our hearts in the name of Yeshua by the Spirit. Connected in Covenant, the members follow the divine requirements of repentance, faith, and baptism. Staying focused, the brethren are gathering together in every way for Elohim to cultivate true unity in us through His Spirit, despite differences in viewpoints. So, its **members** are those who **genuinely comply** with the **New Covenant** requirements of, **repentance**, **faith**, and **baptism**. All who love and long for Elohim are **empowered** and **sealed** by His **Spirit** to produce virtuous **fruit** of the Spirit and are given **gifts** of the **Spirit** to effectively **live** and **function** as **exemplars** onto everlasting life (Acts 2:40-41, 46-47; Acts 5:13-14). *For more information, see...*

5) What Are the Roles and Duties of Members?

Members can be given the responsibility to **serve** as elders, pastors, deacons and, other ministerial roles **only** if and when so **selected** by the **Holy Spirit**. Elohim provided **instructions** by which the body of Messiah is to **recognize** the **ones** He **chooses**. Those He **selects** will be **recognized** by their **evident fruit** and **gifts** from the **Spirit** to **successfully** perform and **accomplish** the pre-ordained **works** of particular **roles**. This way of verifying who are Elohim's genuine servants was the standard since the early periods of Old Covenant to the New Covenant (Numbers 16:28, Matthew 7:15-20). The Body of Messiah is to uphold and **perform** His works **faithfully** as a unit **without** any addition, subtraction, or deviation **from** the **Scriptures**. Together, as a unit, it performs the foreordained works of Elohim concertedly by His Everlasting Arms.

Elohim assigned all administration, operation, purpose, functions, goals, and missions for His organization by the Messiah and His Holy Spirit. He established roles and chooses suitable members to fulfil the duties of the roles as His loving **servants**, not chiefs. His congregation is **not** governed **by** any **mortal** leader or leaders. It has **no main congregation** or **earthly** headquarters and does not need such. True congregations unite with other true congregations by **covenanted** rule of the **Spirit** over the **natural** inner **person** of each member, **not** by **human** constraints. Thus, while all true congregations are to edify each other and serve as one unit, **none** are to **control** the **other**. Every congregation is **responsible** to **be** and **do** what **Elohim** Has **established** by Messiah, each are **accountable** for **their** own **results**, and are blessed or chastised accordingly.

Of this Paul wrote, Ephesians 2:10 For **we are** His workmanship, **created** in Christo Iesou **for good works**, which Theos **preordained** so that we would **walk in them**. He further stated, Ephesians 4:10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) 11 And He **gave** some **as apostles**, and some **as prophets**, and some **as evangelists**, and some **as pastors** and **teachers**, 12 for the **equipping** of the saints **for**

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the work of service, to the *building* up of the **body** of Christ; [13](#) *until* we all *attain* to the *unity* of the *faith*, and of the *knowledge* of the Son of Theou, to a *mature* man, to the *measure* of the *stature* which belongs to the *fullness* of Christou (Ephesians 4:10-13). The preordained duties are specified and preserved in the Scriptures. The following are the roles and duties assigned to the body of Messiah.

1. **Apostles**: Chosen to see Yeshua and be empowered by the Spirit to preach, teach, with all the fruit and gifts of the Spirit to make disciples, and establish congregations of Elohim all over the world. The apostles Matthias and Paul are examples of this.

- The Apostle Matthias

[21](#) “Therefore it is *necessary* that of the *men* who have *accompanied* us *all the time* that the *Kyrios Iesous* went *in* and *out among us*—[22](#) beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a *witness* with us *of His resurrection*.” [23](#) So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. [24](#) And they prayed and said, “You, Kyrie, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen [25](#) to occupy this *ministry* and *apostleship* from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” [26](#) And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was *added* to the eleven *apostles* (Acts 1:21-26).

- The Apostle Paul

[6](#) “Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. [7](#) “And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ [8](#) “So I answered, ‘Who are You, Kyrie?’ And He said to me, ‘I am *Iesous* of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’... [11](#) “And since *I could not see* for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus. [12](#) “Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt *there*, [13](#) “came to me; and he stood and said to me, ‘Brother Saul, *receive your sight*.’ And at that same hour I looked up at him. [14](#) “Then he said, ‘The *Theos* of our fathers has *chosen you* that you should *know* His will, and *see* the *Just One*, and *hear* the *voice* of His mouth. [15](#) ‘For *you* will be *His witness* to all men of *what* you have *seen* and *heard* (Acts 22:6-8, 11-15).

2. **Prophets**: Chosen and empowered to accurately foretell important matters to local or distant congregations by the Spirit of Elohim.

[Numbers 12:6](#) And He said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I YHVH will *make myself known* unto *him* in a *vision*, and will *speak* unto *him* in a *dream*. [Deuteronomy 18:22](#) When a prophet speaks in the name of YHVH, if the thing *does not come about or come true*, that *is* the thing which YHVH *has not spoken*. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously: you shalt not be afraid of him. [Acts 3:24](#) Yea, and *all* the *prophets*

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from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise *foretold* of these days.

3. **Bishops:** Chosen from a local congregation to guide, serve and, keep the local congregation stable and growing in Elohim.

1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*. 2 An overseer, then, *must* be *above reproach*, the husband of *one wife*, *temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach*, 3 *not addicted to wine* or *pugnacious*, but *gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money*. 4 *He must be* one who *manages* his own *household well*, keeping his *children* under *control* with all *dignity* 5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the ekklesias Theou?), 6 *and not a new convert*, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. 7 And he *must have a good reputation* with those *outside*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil (1Timothy 3:1-7).

4. **Deacons and Deaconesses:** Chosen from a local congregation to assist the local bishop.

8 Deacons likewise *must be* men of *dignity, not double-tongued*, or *addicted* to much *wine* or *fond* of *sordid* gain, 9 but *holding* to the *mystery* of the *faith* with a *clear conscience*. 10 These men *must* also *first* be *tested*; then *let* them *serve* as deacons *if they are beyond reproach*. 11 *Women must* likewise be *dignified, not malicious gossips*, but *temperate, faithful in all things*. 12 Deacons must be *husbands* of only *one wife*, and good *managers* of their *children* and their own *households*. 13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a *high standing* and *great confidence* in the *faith* that is in Christo Iesou (1Timothy 3:8-13).

5. **Evangelists:** Chosen to preach the Good News to local people as a testimony and for the growth of local congregation. Here are some examples.

Acts 6:5 The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose *Stephen*, a man *full of faith* and of the *Holy Spirit*, and *Philip*, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. 6 And these they brought before the *apostles*; and after *praying*, they *laid* their *hands* on them. 7 The word of Theou kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith. 8 And *Stephen, full of grace* and *power*, was *performing* great *wonders* and *signs* among the people (Acts 6:5-8). Similarly in Acts 8, 6 The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by *Philip*, as they heard and saw the *signs* which he was *performing*. 7 For in the case of *many* who had *unclean spirits*, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and *many* who had been *paralyzed* and *lame* were *healed*. 8 So there was much rejoicing in that

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city... 12 But when they believed *Philip preaching* the *good news* about the *kingdom* of *Theou* and the name of *Iesou Christou*, they were being *baptized*, *men* and *women* alike. (Acts 8:6-8, 12). Also in Acts 21, 8 On the next day we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of *Philip* the *evangelist*, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him. Acts 9 Now this man *had* four *virgin daughters* who were *prophetesses* (Acts 21:8-9).

6. **Preachers**: Chosen to preach the Good News within a local congregation

The Old Testament describes some of what preaching involves, “Behold, I have *discovered* this,” says the *Preacher*, “adding one thing to another to *find* an *explanation* (Ecclesiastes 7:27). 9 In addition to *being* a *wise* man, the *Preacher* also *taught* the people *knowledge*; and he *pondered*, *searched* out and *arranged* many proverbs. The Preacher *sought* to find *delightful words* and to *write* words of *truth correctly* (Ecclesiastes 12:9-10). Per the New Testament records, Messiah Yeshua taught, “And He said to them, “Go into all the world and *preach* the *gospel* to all *creation*” (Mark 16:15). Paul taught, “*How* then will they *call* on Him in whom they have *not believed*? *How* will they *believe* in *Him* whom they have not heard? And *how* will they hear *without a preacher*?” (Romans 10:14).

7. **Teachers**: Chosen to *allege* and *demonstrate* the instructions and way of Elohim for a local congregation.

The apostle Paul specified the placement of teachers among other Divinely ordained ministries and duties, “And Theos has *appointed* in the *ekklēsia*, first apostles, second prophets, *third teachers*, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues (1Corinthians 12:28). Apostle Paul was one of such teachers, 10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christou Iesou, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 11 for which I was *appointed* a preacher and an apostle and a *teacher* (2Timothy 1:10-11).

8. **Widows**: Chosen to pray day and night for the growth and well-being of Elohim’s congregations

9. **General Disciples**: Chosen to support divinely appointed ministers as needed, be the vital daily visible exemplars, lights, and models of Elohim’s heavenly way of life for all others in this world, while engaged in everyday necessities.

As taught by Messiah and His apostles, the objective is to *demonstrate* to the world that *Elohim* exists and has indeed *sent* His *Son* to the *world*, so it may observe the love the members of His congregation have for Him and each other.

Also, that the world may see the praiseworthy grace, majesty, and practicality of living for and in Elohim. Messiah Yeshua elucidated, “Let *your* light *shine* before *men* in *such* a way that *they* may *see* your *good works* and *glorify* your *Father* who is *in heaven*” (Matthew 5:16). Paul exhorted in Romans 12 starting with verse 1, Therefore I *urge* you, *brethren*, by

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the *mercies* of *Theou*, to *present* your *bodies* a *living* and *holy sacrifice*, *acceptable* to *Theoi*, which is your *logical* service of *worship*. 2 And *do not* be conformed to this *world*, but be *transformed* by the *renewing* of your *mind*, so that *you* may *prove* what the *will* of *Theou* is, that which is *good* and *acceptable* and *perfect* (Romans 12:1-2).

It is paramount for the body to always take due diligence to verify and accept, as official ministers, only those with the abundant evidence of the divine fruit and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. *There are diverse roles, one body, yet one Spirit. Members discover and perform their high calling within the congregation – whether as an apostle, bishop, deacon, evangelist, Elder, or as a General Member – all guided and recognized by the evidence of the Holy Spirit's fruit and power in their lives.* For more details on the roles of the body of Messiah, refer to the “*True Ministers*” document on the website.

6) What is the Purpose of the Body of Messiah?

The Body of Messiah was established to *represent* Elohim, by learning, living, modeling, and teaching the Good News on earth. No matter their location, nationality, or race, members *love* and *serve* Elohim and each other as the *earthly family* of Elohim. The *purpose* of the Body of Messiah is for it to be the *exemplar* of the *right* loving *relationship* with *Elohim* and with *each other* so the *world* may *believe* EL the *Father* has indeed *sent* Messiah *Yeshua* His *Son*. This is poignantly expressed in Messiah’s prayer for His disciples before He suffered (John 17).

20 “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 *that they may all be one*; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be *in Us*, *so that the world may believe that You sent Me*. 22 “The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 *I in them* and *You in Me*, that *they* may be *perfected in unity*, *so that the world may know that You sent Me*, and *loved them*, even as *You have loved Me*’ (John 17:20-23).

Collectively and individually, *all members worship* (serve) Elohim by circumspectly *keeping* the divine *covenant*. In unity, they *proclaim* the *Goodnews* of Elohim by *faith* and demonstrated *power* of the *Holy Spirit* as given *by Yeshua*, the Supreme Savior and Judge of all. They are divinely guided, cared for, and united by the Holy Spirit as a body – the body of Messiah. The Spirit fills and enables them to *grow* as the *tower of truth* to *perform* foreordained *good works* in the knowledge of Elohim and Yeshua. They are the *firstfruits* of Messiah Yeshua unto *everlasting life*. Also, the apostle Paul explained that it is an instrument to show celestial authorities the variety of Elohim’s wisdom in the world, “so that the manifold *wisdom* of Theou might now be *made known through* the *ekklēsia* to the *rulers* and the *authorities* in the heavenly places” (Ephesian 3:10).

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7) How Does it Operate?

Elohim's Holy Spirit lives in and enables the Body of Messiah to be obedient and to do every good work successfully. It does everything out of love for Elohim and each other circumspectly. Unlike in the Old Covenant, in the New Covenant in Messiah Yeshua, Elohim replaces our carnal inner person with His Holy Spirit to enable disciples to live His way. They perform all duties in strict adherence to the Scriptures and guidance of the Spirit.

Grace by the Spirit to Obey and Prove Elohim's Will

The Spirit enables the body to be obedient and function to achieve the exact goals prescribed by Messiah. The Bible states, "But this shall be the *covenant* that I will *make* with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the YHVH, I will *put my law* in their *inward parts*, and *write it* in *their hearts*; and will *be their Elohim*, and they shall *be my people*" (Jeremiah 31:33). Also in Ezekiel, "I will *give* you a *new heart* and *put* a *new spirit* within you; I will *remove* your *heart of stone* and *give* you a *heart of flesh*. And I will *put My Spirit* within you and *cause* you to *walk* in My *statutes* and to *carefully* observe My *ordinances*" (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

The *need to remove man's heart of stone* and to replace it with hearts of flesh *implies that man's natural inner person is incapable* of proper obedience. In His *grace*, Elohim *inspires* and *empowers* His disciples to follow His instructions and to effectually accomplish His will as lights in the world. This grace *enables* members to *have* and develop *virtuous* character described as the *Fruit of the Spirit* and *gives* them *power* termed the *Gifts of the Spirit* to perform *miraculous* good *deeds*.

Through His apostle Paul, He described *nine* major *attributes* of the *Fruit of the Spirit* all disciples must have and cultivate. Paul taught, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23). He also taught, "For the *fruit of the Spirit* is in *all goodness* and righteousness and truth; *proving* what is acceptable unto the *Kyrio*" (Ephesians 5:9-10). Thus the fruit of the Spirit is the growing characteristic of genuine disciples of Messiah and their effectual means to prove the will of Elohim. Paul admonished, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may *prove* what the will of Theou is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2). This is the grace of Elohim by His Son and His Spirit.

Grace to Perform Miraculous Virtuous Deeds

In addition to the fruit of the Spirit, Elohim also gives His faithful disciples the Gifts of the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are graces given to disciples of Messiah to perform beneficent extraordinary deeds by the power of the Spirit. These *gifts* are *divine* and *cannot* be gained,

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learned, or performed in any way other than the Spirit. Paul explained the gifts of the Spirit as follows.

[1Corinthians 12:1](#) Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.

[1Corinthians 12:2](#) You know that when you were pagans, *you were* led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.

[1Corinthians 12:3](#) Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the *Pneumati* of Theou says, “Jesoun is accursed”; and no one can say, “Jesoun is Kyrion,” except by the Holy *Pneumati*.

[1Corinthians 12:4](#) Now there are *varieties* of *gifts*, but the *same Pneuma*.

[1Corinthians 12:5](#) And there are *varieties* of *ministries*, and the *same Kyrios*.

[1Corinthians 12:6](#) There are *varieties* of *effects*, but the *same Theos* who *works* all things *in all persons*.

[1Corinthians 12:7](#) But to *each one* is given the manifestation of the *Pneumatos* for the *common good*.

[1Corinthians 12:8](#) For to one is given the *word* of *wisdom* through the *Pneumatos*, and to another the *word* of *knowledge* according to the *same Pneuma*;

[1Corinthians 12:9](#) to another *faith* by the same *Pneumati*, and to another gifts of *healing* by the one *Pneumati*,

[1Corinthians 12:10](#) and to another the effecting of *miracles*, and to another *prophecy*, and to another the *distinguishing* of spirits, to another *various* kinds of *tongues*, and to another the *interpretation* of tongues.

[1Corinthians 12:11](#) But *one* and the same *Pneuma* works all these things, *distributing* to *each one* individually just as *He wills*.

Paul taught that the body of Messiah should seek to have the gifts of the Spirit. Of all the gifts, he emphatically admonished the body to earnestly seek the gift of prophecy.

[1Corinthians 14:1](#) Pursue love, *yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts*, but *especially* that you may *prophecy*.

[1Corinthians 14:2](#) For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to Theo; for no one understands, but in *his* spirit he speaks mysteries.

[1Corinthians 14:3](#) But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.

[1Corinthians 14:4](#) One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church.

[1Corinthians 14:5](#) Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but *even* more that you would prophecy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying.

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Grace to Know and Support Each Other in Sincere Love

In 2Corinthians 8, Paul encouraged the Corinthian congregation to support disciples in other locations as needed by testifying of the ardent help supplied by disciples in Macedonia, 1 “Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of Theou which has been given in the *congregations of Macedonia*, 2 that in a *great* ordeal of *affliction* their *abundance* of *joy* and their *deep poverty* overflowed in the *wealth* of their *liberality*. 3 “For I *testify* that *according* to their *ability*, and *beyond* their *ability*, they *gave* of their *own accord*, 4 *begging* us with much urging *for* the *favor* of *participation* in the *support* of the *saints* (2Corinthians 8:1-4).

10 “I give my opinion in this matter, for this is to *your advantage*, who were the *first to begin* a year ago not only *to do this*, but also to *desire to do it*. 11 But now *finish doing it* also, so that *just as* there was the readiness *to desire it*, so there may be *also* the *completion of it* by your *ability*. 12 For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable *according* to what *a person has*, *not* according to what he *does not have*. 13 For this is *not for the ease of others* and for *your affliction*, but by *way of equality*—14 at this present time *your abundance* being a *supply* for *their need*, so that *their abundance* also may become a *supply for your need*, that there may be *equality*; 15 as it is written, “HE WHO gathered MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH, AND HE WHO gathered LITTLE HAD NO LACK” (2Corinthians 8:10-15).

Grace for Divine Edifying and Joyful Convocations

As part of the worship, the Body of Messiah *observe holy days* set by Elohim as *found* in the *Bible*, such as the Seventh Day Sabbath, Renewals/New Months, Passover, and other High Holy Days in honor of Messiah. Based on *freewill offering principles* of the Law, *additional solemnities* may be *observed* in *loving* respect to *acts* and *events* of the *Messiah’s life* on earth or other New Covenant matters.

The Scriptures state, “And *when* you *offer* a sacrifice of *thanksgiving* to the YHVH, *offer it* of *your own free will*” (Levitical 22:29). “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘The feasts of the YHVH, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My *feasts*’” (Leviticus 23:2). “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a *festival* or a *new month* or *sabbaths*” (Colossians 2:16). Also, “These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love *feasts* when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted” (Jude 1:12).

8) How the Body Makes Decisions as Elohim Commands?

The congregation is Divinely obligated to search the Scriptures to find its consensus on any particular matter that must be decided. When a matter is not specified in Scripture and the Spirit

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does not provide guidance, the congregation must decide by casting lots as instructed in the Scriptures.

Adhere to the Most Weighted Biblical Consensus

Guided by the Spirit, each active member is part of a dynamic community led by the Holy Spirit, making collective decisions in strict adherence to Biblical commands and the Spirit's guidance.

The congregation works as a unit to make decisions cautiously and prayerfully according to the current covenant by the Spirit. The Body of Messiah is to perform all due diligence to research and find the option with the **most** Biblical **weight** or **emphasis** in **consensus** with the current **covenant**. When such a definitive result is found, the congregation **must** faithfully **uphold** and or **do** whatever that **option** is per the covenant. The decision must be made

Must Cast Lots to Decide Between Good or Unknown Options

When a decision or selection must be made between two or more acceptable options, where precedent and or direction is not available in the Scriptures or the Spirit respectively, the congregation is to **faithfully, prayerfully cast lots** to **know Elohim's will** as He **emphatically commanded**.

As stated in the law, "When direction from YHVH is needed, Joshua will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will use the Urim - one of the sacred lots cast before YHVH - to determine His will. **This is** how **Joshua** and the **rest** of the **community** of Israel will **determine everything** they **should do**" (Numbers 27:21). Likewise, the New Testament states, "**Then they cast lots**, and **Matthias** was **selected** to become an **apostle** with the other eleven" (Acts 1:26). For a comprehensive review of the casting lots requirement, refer to the "Casting Lots Biblical References" document on the website.

9) What is the Body of Messiah's Principal Faith?

There is only One EL (Deity) the Father

The Father is the First and Principal Reality, who alone is Eternal in duration. He is infinite in immensity, philanthropy, justice, love, majesty, power, wisdom, and all virtues. This fact is clear in the Scriptures, as the following examples demonstrate.

Malachi 2:10 Have we not all **one Father**? hath not **one EL** created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

Mark 12:32 And the scribe said unto Him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is **one**

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Theos; and there is *none other but He*:

Romans 3:30 Seeing *it is one Theos*, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Ephesians 4:6 *One Theos and Father* of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

From the Father proceeds the Word and the Spirit termed the Everlasting Arms

The Word is the Firstborn and Elect Son of EL the Father – the exact likeness of the Father. The Spirit is the Power and Wisdom of EL the Father. By His Word and Spirit, EL created and sustains the heavens, the earth, and all they contain.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning *Elohim* created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the *Ruah of Elohim* was hovering over the face of the waters.

Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal Deity *is your* refuge, And underneath *are the Everlasting* (olam) *Arms* (Z'roat); He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'

Psalms 33:6 By the *Davar of the YHVH* the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the *Ruah* of His mouth

Psalms 104:30 You send forth Your *Ruah*, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.

John 1:1 In the beginning was *the Logos*, and *the Logos* was *with Theou*, and the *Logos was Theos*.

1Corinthians 8:6 But to us *there is but one Theos, the Father*, of whom *are* all things, and we in Him; and *one Kyrios Iesous Christos*, by Whom *are* all things, and we by Him.

Colossians 1:15 *He is the image* of the *invisible Theou*, the Firstborn over all creation.

1Timothy 2:5 For *there is one Theos*, and one mediator between *Theou* and men, the man *Christos Iesous*;

1Corinthians 12:13 For by *one Pneumati* we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one *Pneuma*.

Ephesians 2:18 For through Him we both have access by *one Pneumati* to the Father.

Ephesians 4:4 *There is one body* and *one Pneuma*, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

Mankind Needs El's Salvation (Yeshua/Iesou/Sōtēria)

By His Son and His Spirit, Elohim *planned* and *created* space for celestial creatures and earth for terrestrial creatures, including mankind, for *endless* fulfilling *life*. Elohim created the first people, Adam and Eve, to have continuous development, success, and happiness while experiencing their efforts, pure fellowship, and wholehearted loving gratitude towards Him.

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Being their Divine Father, He gave them everything they needed to abound and the instructions to live and never die. He created them to be His loving family.

For that purpose, He created them with freewill to choose to live His Way of life or to choose otherwise. He provided boundaries and rules by which every creature and structure of the creation may function and thrive. He foreknew that Adam and Eve would eventually forsake His Way and would follow their own harmful paths, which would bring suffering and death to them and their descendants. He also foreknew that they and many of their descendants from generations would repent from the paths of death and follow His Way of Life with His Help. Wonderfully, Elohim's plan includes everything needed to accomplish His divine purpose to *salvage* all righteous and *repentant* beings to be *filled* with His *Holy* (Set Apart/Appportioned) Spirit to live in His Way for *endless* existence *by covenant* and to *eliminate* whatever and whoever is *harmful*.

All Have Sinned, Israel and All Nations

Deuteronomy 9:5 “It is *not because of your righteousness* or the uprightness of your heart *that* you go in to possess their land, *but* because of the *wickedness* of these *nations* *that* the YHVH your Deity drives them out from before you, *and* that He may *fulfill* the *word* which the YHVH *swore* to your *fathers*, to *Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*.

Deuteronomy 9:6 “Therefore understand that the YHVH your Deity is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for *you are a stiff-necked people*.

2Ch 33:9 So Manasseh seduced *Judah* and the inhabitants of *Jerusalem* to do *more evil than the nations* whom the YHVH had *destroyed* before the children of *Israel*.

Jeremiah 16:12 ‘And you have done *worse* than your fathers, for behold, each one *follows* the dictates of his *own evil heart*, so that *no one listens to Me*.

Ezekiel 5:6 ‘She has *rebelled* against My judgments by *doing wickedness more than the nations*, and against My statutes *more than the countries* that *are all around* her; for *they have refused My judgments*, and they *have not* walked in *My statutes*.’

2Ch 36:14 Moreover all the leaders of the priests and the people transgressed more and more, *according to all the abominations of the nations*, and defiled the house of the YHVH which He had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Romans 3:23 for *all have sinned* and fall short of the glory of Theou,

1Pe 4:3 For we *have spent* enough of our past lifetime in *doing the will of the Gentiles*—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

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Salvation is From Elohim

Exo 15:2 The YHVH *is* my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He *is* my Deity, and I will praise Him; My father's Deity, and I will exalt Him. This is also reflected in, Psalms 118:14 – 21, and Isaiah 12:2.

Psalms 3:8 Salvation *belongs* to the YHVH. Your blessing *is* upon Your people. Selah

The Son Elect of Elohim is Salvation – Yeshua

As planned before anything was created, Elohim sent His Son to earth by His Spirit, **born** as a male **child** via a **virgin** Judean woman. The child was named **Yeshua**, which means **Salvation** or **Savior**; commonly called **Jesus**. Per the **Bible**, Yeshua taught "The time is fulfilled, and the **kingdom** of Elohim has come near. **Repent** and **believe** the Good News" (**Mark 1:15**); the news that Elohim **governs** the universe. Yeshua did many amazing **virtuous miracles** which proved He was **Messiah (Christ)** so that **whoever** would **believe** in Him (**trust** and **obey Him**) would not be eliminated but be **saved**. All who repented and believed as He required, were **baptized** in water, and later by the **Holy Spirit** to be saved. He taught them to **recognize** each other and to **live** in **unity** of the **goodness** of Elohim. To set the **covenant** as planned, Yeshua allowed some **Jews** and **Gentiles**, who **hated Him**, to arrest and kill Him during **Passover** season. Yet, to their dismay, Yeshua came **back to life** after three days, then **united** and **equipped** His best **students** to be **ministers** of the Good News to **all nations**. Afterwards, the Savior returned to Elohim and will one day return as Judge and Sovereign of all.

Gen 49:10 The **scepter shall not depart from Judah**, nor a **lawgiver** from between his feet, **Until Shiloh comes**; And to **Him shall be the obedience of the people**.

Isaiah 49:6 Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that **You should be My Servant** To **raise** up the **tribes of Jacob**, And to **restore the preserved ones of Israel**; I will also give **You as a Light to the Gentiles**, That **You should be My Salvation** to the ends of the earth.'

Isaiah 52:10 The YHVH has made bare **His Holy Arm** in the eyes of all **the nations**; And all **the ends of the earth shall see** The **Salvation** of our Deity.

Isaiah 59:16 **He saw** that **there was no man**, And wondered that **there was no intercessor**; Therefore His **own Arm** brought **Salvation** for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.

Daniel 9:25 "Know therefore and understand, **That from** the going forth of **the command** To **restore** and **build Jerusalem** Until **Messiah** the Prince, **There shall be seven weeks** and **sixty-two weeks**; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even **in troublesome times**.

John 3:16 "For **Theos** so loved the world that He **gave His Uniquely Born Son**, that **whoever believes** in Him should not perish but have **everlasting life**.

John 6:40 "And this is the **will of Him** who **sent Me**, that everyone who **sees** the **Son** and

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believes in Him may have *everlasting life*; and I will *raise him up* at the last day.”

1John 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the *Father* has *sent the Son as Savior* of the world.

1Thessalonians 5:9 For *Theos* did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain *salvation* through our Kyriou Iesou Christou,

Hebrews 9:28 so *Christos* was offered once to *bear the sins of many*. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, *for salvation*.

For all Peoples, Especially Those Who Repent, Believe, and are Baptized

Psalms 67:2 That Your *Way* may be known on earth, Your *Salvation* among *all nations*

Psalms 98:2 The YHVH has made known His Salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of *the nations*.

Psalms 98:3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; *All the ends of the earth* have seen the *Salvation* of our Deity.

Psalms 98:4 *Shout joyfully* to the YHVH, *all the earth*; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Ezekiel 18:27 “Again, when a wicked *man turns away from the wickedness* which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he *preserves himself alive*.

Ezekiel 18:28 “Because he considers and *turns away from* all the *transgressions* which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

Acts 17:30 “Truly, these times of ignorance Theos overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to *repent*,

2Samuel 22:3 The Elohe of my strength, in whom *I will trust*; My shield and the horn of my *Salvation*, My stronghold and my refuge; My *Savior*, You *save* me from violence.

Psalms 18:2 The YHVH is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My EL, my strength, in whom *I will trust*; My shield and the horn of my *Salvation*, my stronghold.

Isaiah 51:5 My righteousness *is* near, My *Salvation* has gone forth, And *My Arms* will judge the *peoples*; The *coastlands* will wait upon *Me*, And on *My Arm* they will *trust*.

Mark 1:14 Now after John was put in prison, Iesous came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of Theou,

Mark 1:15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of Theou is at hand. *Repent*, and *believe* in the *good news*.”

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, “*Repent*, and let every one of you be *baptized* in the name of Iesous Christos *for the remission of sins*; and you shall receive the *gift* of the *Holy Spirit*.

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Proclaiming the Good News of Salvation is a Top Responsibility of EL's Congregation

1Chronicles 16:23 Sing to the YHVH, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His *Salvation* from day to day.

Psalms 96:2 Sing to the YHVH, bless His Name; Proclaim the good news of His *Salvation* from day to day.

Isaiah 52:7 How *beautiful* upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings *good news*, Who proclaims *peace*, Who brings *glad tidings* of *good things*, Who proclaims *salvation*, Who says to Zion, “*Your EL reigns!*”

Matthew 28:18 And Iesous came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and *make disciples* of all the *nations*, *baptizing* them *in* the *Name* of the *Father* and of the *Son* and of the *Holy Spirit*,

Matthew 28:20 “*teaching* them to *observe* all *things* that *I* have *commanded* you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, “Go into *all* the *world* and *preach* the *gospel* to *every* creature.

Mark 16:16 “He who *believes* and is *baptized* will be *saved*; but he who does *not believe* will be *condemned*.

Mark 16:17 “And these *signs* will follow *those* who *believe*: In My Name they will *cast* out *demons*; they will *speak* with new *tongues*;

Mark 16:18 “they will *take* up *serpents*; and if they *drink* anything deadly, it will by *no* means *hurt* them; they will lay *hands* on the *sick*, and they will *recover*.”

Mark 16:19 So then, after the *Kyrios* had spoken to them, He was *received* up *into heaven*, and *sat* down at the *right* hand of *Theou*.

Mark 16:20 And they went out and *preached* everywhere, the Kyriou *working* with *them* and *confirming* the *word* through the accompanying *signs*. Amen

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the *gospel* of Christou, for it is the power of Theou to *salvation* for *everyone* who *believes*, for the *Jew first* and *also* for the *Greek*.

2Ti 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Kyriou, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the *gospel* according to the *power* of Theou,

The Wicked Rejects Salvation

Psalms 34:21 Evil shall slay the *wicked*, And those *who hate* the *righteous* shall *be condemned*

Psalms 78:22 Because they did not *believe* in Elohim, And did not *trust* in His *Salvation*.

Psalms 119:155 Salvation is *far from the wicked*, For they do not seek Your statutes.

Habakkuk 3:13 You went forth for the *Salvation* of *Your people*, For *Salvation* with Your

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Anointed. You *struck the head* from the house *of the wicked*, By laying bare from foundation to neck. Selah

The Resurrection and Final Judgement

All *faithful* members of the body of Messiah are *judged* and *declared* righteous *firstfruits* during their *present* mortal *lives* and *are* set for *everlasting life* by the *grace* of Elohim through Messiah. *They* will *not* be *judged* during Elohim's *final judgement day* but *will* be *witnesses* of His *Divine justice* on *everyone* else *in* the *world*. Before this final judgement, The *Messiah* Yeshua will *visibly* return as *Supreme Ruler to* this *earth* to *resurrect* all His *faithful* who had already *died* and *gather* with them all *faithful* who were *alive* before His coming. *They* will all be *raised* or *gathered* with *incorruptible* bodies for *everlasting life*. *Messiah* will *destroy* all *who* insist on *opposing* His rightful *rulership* and *incarcerate* the *devil* that deceived the whole world for one *thousand* years. *Messiah* will *reign* over *all* to *restore* and spread *righteousness throughout* all the *earth*. Then, *after* the one thousand years, He will *release* the *devil* for *short time* to *expose* his *character* and to expose *people* who *still* prefer *evil* rather *than* goodness.

Once all *evil* is *exposed*, *Messiah* will then *destroy* this present *heaven* and *earth* and *dissolve* all their *elements* with *fire* with *everything* in them. The *devil* will be *judged*, *condemned*, and thrown *into* a lake of *fire* prepared for *him* and *his* minions. Then *Elohim* will *resurrect everyone* who were *not* already declared righteous *firstfruits* by Messiah for their *final judgement*. They will all be *judged* according to the *deeds* they committed *during* their *lifetime* on *earth*. A celestial *Book of Life* contains precise *record* of every *deed* committed by *every* individual.

During the *judgement*, those whose *names* are registered *in* the *Book of Life*, on account of their *desire to do right* despite *their inability*, will be *granted everlasting life* and undergo a *process* of *regeneration*. Those whose *names* are *not* in the *book*, due to their *rebellion against* Elohim's *Spirit* of *grace* extended to them, will be *irrevocably condemned* to suffer and *perish* in the *lake of fire*.

Psalms 96:10 Say among the nations, "The YHVH *reigns*; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; *He* shall *judge* the *peoples* righteously."

Psalms 96:13 For *He* is *coming*, for He is coming to *judge* the *earth*. He shall *judge* the world with *righteousness*, And the peoples *with* His *truth*.

Acts 17:30 "Truly, these times of ignorance *Theos* overlooked, but now *commands* all *men everywhere* to *repent*,

Acts 17:31 "because He has appointed *a day* on which *He will judge* the *world* in righteousness by *the Man* whom *He* has *ordained*. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

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Matthew 13:41 “The *Son of Man* will *send* out His *angels*, and they *will* gather *out* of His *kingdom* all *things* that *offend*, and those *who* practice *lawlessness*,

Matthew 24:31 “And *He* will *send* His *angels* with a great *sound* of a *trumpet*, and they will *gather* together His *elect* from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Revelation 20:2 *He* laid *hold* of the *dragon*, that *serpent* of old, who is *the Devil* and *Satan*, and *bound* him for a *thousand* years;

Revelation 20:3 and he cast him *into* the bottomless *pit*, and *shut* him up, and set a *seal* on *him*, so that he should *deceive* the nations *no more* till the thousand *years* were *finished*. But *after* these things *he* must be *released* for a little *while*.

Revelation 20:4 And I saw *thrones*, and *they* sat on *them*, and *judgment* was *committed* to *them*. Then *I saw* the souls of *those* who had been *beheaded* for their *witness* to *Iesou* and for the word of Theou, who had *not worshiped* the *beast* or his *image*, and had *not* received *his mark* on their *foreheads* or on their *hands*. And they *lived* and *reigned* with *Christou* for a thousand *years*.

Revelation 20:5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the *first resurrection*.

Revelation 20:6 *Blessed* and *holy* is he who has part in the *first resurrection*. Over such the *second death* has *no power*, but they shall be *priests* of *Theou* and of *Christou*, and shall *reign* with Him a thousand *years*.

Revelation 20:7 Now when the thousand *years* have *expired*, *Satan* will be *released* from his prison

Revelation 20:8 and *will* go out to *deceive* the *nations* which are in the four corners *of* the *earth*, *Gog* and *Magog*, to *gather* them *together* to *battle*, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea.

Revelation 20:9 *They* went up on the breadth of the earth and *surrounded* the camp of the *saints* and the *beloved city*. And *fire* came down *from Theou* out of heaven and *devoured* them.

Revelation 20:10 The *devil*, who deceived them, was cast *into* the lake of *fire* and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night *forever* and ever.

➤ 2Pe 3:10 But the *day of the Kyriou* will come as a thief in the night, in which the *heavens* will *pass away* with a great noise, and the *elements will melt* with fervent heat; both the *earth* and the works that *are in it* will be *burned up*.

Revelation 20:11 Then I saw a great *white throne* and *Him* who sat on it, *from* whose *face* the *earth* and the *heaven* fled *away*. And there was found *no place* for *them*.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the *dead*, small and great, *standing* before *Theou*, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were *judged* according to *their works*, by the things which were *written* in the books.

Revelation 20:13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up

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the **dead** who were in them. And **they** were judged, each one **according** to his **works**.

Revelation 20:14 Then **Death** and **Hades** were **cast** into the **lake of fire**. This is the **second death**.

Revelation 20:15 And anyone **not** found written in the **Book of Life** was **cast** into the **lake of fire**.

Revelation 21:8 “But **the** cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and **all** liars shall **have** their part in the **lake** which **burns** with **fire** and brimstone, which is the **second death**.”

Everlasting Life in the New Heavens and Earth

After the final judgement, **Elohim** will **create** a **new** and greater **heavens** and **earth** for His **faithful servants** and **all** others **granted** everlasting **life**. He will **bring** down **from heaven** a colossal, radiant **celestial city** prepared by His Everlasting Arms to the **new earth**.

Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

Revelation 21:4 “And Theos will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be **no more death**, nor **sorrow**, nor **crying**. There shall be no more **pain**, for the **former** things **have passed away**.”

Revelation 21:5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

Revelation 21:6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Revelation 21:7 “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his Theos and he shall be My son.

Revelation 21:23 The **city had no need** of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of Theou illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.

Revelation 21:24 And the nations of **those who are saved** shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor **into it**.

Revelation 21:27 But there shall by **no** means **enter** it **anything** that **defiles**, or causes an **abomination** or a **lie**, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be **no** more **curse**, but the throne of Theou and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

Revelation 22:4 They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads.

Revelation 22:5 There shall be **no night there**: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Kyrios Theos gives them light. And **they shall reign forever and ever**.

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10) How long will the Body of Messiah function?

Messiah commissioned the congregation to teach all nations everything He taught them and to baptize everyone who believes at least *until* He *returns* as stated in Matthew. Verse 19 states, “Go therefore and **make disciples** of **all** the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 “**teaching** them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the **end of the age**.” Amen (Matthew 28:19-20). Also, the apostle Paul to Elohim’s Congregation in Ephesus wrote, “Unto Him be glory in the **ekklēsia** by Christos Iēsous **throughout all ages**, world without end. Amen” (Ephesians 3:21).

11) Where is It located?

Initially, in the Sinai covenant, Elohim’s congregation was comprised solely of the nation of Israel and was located only in Canaan. The land of Israel, particularly Jerusalem, used to be the headquarters of the congregation, until its destruction. Since then, Elohim’s congregation has its headquarters in heaven rather than an earthly location. By the New Covenant in Messiah, the congregation of Elohim the Body of Messiah, exists all over the earth, is of all nations, and all peoples as prophesied in Malachi and by Messiah Yeshua.

Elohim inspired Malachi to prophesy, “For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My Name will be great *among the nations*, and in *every place* incense is going to be *offered to My Name*, and a *grain offering* that is pure; for *My Name will be great among the nations*,” says the ETERNAL of hosts” (Malachi 1:11). Some 400 years later, the Savior affirmed this plainly to a Samaritan woman as recorded in the Gospel of John chapter 4, beginning in verse 20 which states, “Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” 21 Yeshua said to her, “Woman, believe Me, *an hour is coming* when *neither* in this *mountain nor* in *Jerusalem* will you *worship* the Father. 22 “You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 “But an hour is *coming*, and now is, when the true *worshippers* will *worship* the *Father* in *spirit* and *truth*; for *such people* the *Father seeks* to be His worshipers. 24 “Elohim is Spirit, and those who *worship Him* must worship *in spirit and truth*” (John 4:20-23).

This was also impressed on the apostle Peter as recorded in Acts chapter 10. “Opening his mouth, Peter said: 34 “I most *certainly understand* now that *Elohim* is *not one to show partiality*, 35 “but in *every nation* the *man who fears Him* and does what is right *is welcome to Him*” (Acts 10:34-35). The apostle John saw the same thing, “And they *sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and *purchased* for Elohim with Your blood *men* from *every tribe* and *tongue* and *people* and

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nation” (Revelation 5:9). Thus, over time, Elohim increased His congregation which was first one nation from a single tribe, to be one congregation of all tribes, tongue, people, and nations.

Clearly, it was and is *Elohim’s great will* for *His one congregation* to be in *every* tribe, nation, and of every language. Thus, anyone or group teaching that Elohim’s congregation is of only one particular nation and or emphasizes the use of one language over others, is opposing the expressed will and honor of Elohim.

In *this generation*, the body of Messiah is disconnected and *scattered* all over the world. Thankfully, in every generation, *Elohim* always *has* some *faithful* members *who*, by His Spirit, *know* to *seek* and *unite* with fellow *disciples* to *help* gather *disciples* all *over* the *world* for the *unity* Elohim requires. These *faithful* disciples *are* the *Body of Messiah* – the Congregation of Elohim *serving* Him in *all* the world. This can be understood in the following statement from Paul, “Unto the *ekklēsia* of Theos which is at Corinth, to *them* that are *sanctified* in Christos Iēsous, *called* to be *saints*, with all *that* in every place *call* upon the *Name* of *Christos Iēsous* our *Kyrios*, both *theirs* and *ours*” (1Corinthians 1:2).

12) What is the Divinely Assigned Name of the Body of Messiah?

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, Elohim *gives* His *congregation* a practical, *simple*, and yet *most awesome name* for *His* earthly *organization*. The immediate table shows the names assigned by Elohim to His one congregation and their occurrence throughout the Bible. The *Body of Messiah*, being Elohim’s New Covenant congregation, *gladly* and *honorably* accepts *only* the *Divinely* assigned *names*. The following are some common Hebrew and Greek words found in the Old and New Testaments often translated as congregation.

Old Testament:

In the Old Testament, of our common Bibles, there are several different Hebrew words translated as congregation, four of which are **Edah**, **Kahal**, **Kehillah**, and **Moed**. Below is a summary of the meaning and usage of these Hebrew words sometimes translated as congregation. Knowing these Hebraic expressions and understanding how they were used in Scripture provide insight of what Elohim’s organization was named and why.

Words	Definition and Occurrences	Reference Samples
Ēdâ (ay-daw) H5712	עֲדָה ‘êdâh, ay-daw'; feminine of H5707 in the original sense of fixture; a stated assemblage (specifically, a concourse, or generally, a family or crowd):—	Numbers 27:17 : Who may go out before them, and who may go in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the <i>congregation</i> of the

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	<p>assembly, company, congregation, multitude, people, swarm.</p> <p>congregation (124x), company (13x), assembly (9x), multitude (1x), people (1x), swarm (1x). Total: 149</p>	<p>YHVH be not as sheep which have no shepherd.</p> <p>Numbers 31:16: Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the YHVH, in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the <i>congregation</i> of the YHVH.</p> <p>Joshua 22:1: Thus saith the whole <i>congregation</i> of the YHVH, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the Elohim of Israel, to turn away this day from following the YHVH, in that ye have built you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the YHVH?</p> <p>Jeremiah 30:20: Their children also shall be as in former time, and their <i>congregation</i> shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.</p>
<p>Kāhēl (kaw-hawl) H6951</p>	<p>קָהָל qāhâl, kaw-hawl'; from H6950; assemblage (usually concretely): - assembly, company, congregation, multitude.</p> <p>congregation (86x), assembly (17x), company (17x), multitude (3x). Total: 123</p>	<p>Numbers 22:4: And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this <i>company</i> lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.</p> <p>Deuteronomy 23:2: A bastard shall not enter into the <i>congregation</i> of the YHVH; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the YHVH.</p> <p>Deuteronomy 23:3: An Ammonite</p>

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		<p>or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the YHVH; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the <i>congregation</i> of the YHVH for ever:</p> <p>Deuteronomy 23:8: The children that are begotten by them shall enter into the <i>congregation</i> of the YHVH in their third generation.</p> <p>Neh 13:1: On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the <i>congregation</i> of Elohim forever:</p> <p>Mic 2:5: Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the <i>congregation</i> of the YHVH.</p>
K^hillâ (keh-hil-law) H6950	<p>קְהִלָּה q^hillâh, keh-hil-law'; from H6950; an assemblage: - assembly, congregation.</p> <p>congregation (1x), assembly (1x). Total: 2</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 33:4: Moses commanded us a law; even the inheritance of the <i>congregation</i> of Jacob.</p> <p>Neh 5:7: Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great <i>assembly</i> H6952 against them.</p>
Mô'êḏ (mo-ade) H4150	<p>מוֹעֵד mōw'êḏ, mo-ade'; or מוֹעֵדָה mō'êḏ; or (feminine) מוֹעֲדָה mōw'âḏâh; (2 Chronicles 8:13), from H3259; properly, an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season; specifically, a festival; conventionally a year; by implication, an assembly (as</p>	<p>Exo 27:21: In the tabernacle of the <i>congregation</i> without the vail, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the YHVH: it shall be a statute forever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.</p>

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	<p>convened for a definite purpose); technically the congregation; by extension, the place of meeting; also a signal (as appointed beforehand):—appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn(-ity), synogogue, (set) time (appointed).</p> <p>congregation (150x), feast (23x), season (13x), appointed (12x), time (12x), assembly (4x), solemnity (4x), solemn (2x), days (1x), sign (1x), synagogues (1x). Total: 223</p>	<p>Exo 40:35: And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the YHVH filled the tabernacle.</p> <p>Lev 1:1: And the YHVH called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,</p> <p>Lev 24:3: Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the YHVH continually: it shall be a statute forever in your generations.</p>
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New Testament:

In the New Testament, one Greek word ***Ekklēsia*** (G1577), is used to represent Elohim's organization. **ἐκκλησία** *ekklēsia*, ek-klay-see'-ah; means a calling out, congregation, assembly. This word occurs **118 times** in the New Testament. It is first found in the Gospel of Matthew where the Sovereign told Peter; "*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My **Ecclesia**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*" (Matthew 16:18). The second time is found in Matthew 18 where the Messiah Yeshua instructed His disciples on how to manage congregants refusing to repent of sin, "*And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the **Ecclesia**. But if he refuses even to hear the **Ecclesia**, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector*" (Matthew 18:17). Here are four of ten passages where ***Ecclesia*** is specifically combined with the word ***Theos***.

- Acts 20:28: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the ***Ecclesia*** of ***Theos***, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- 1Corinthians 1:2: Unto the ***Ecclesia*** of ***Theos*** which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Messiah Yehoshua, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Yehoshua Messiah our Absolute Ruler, both theirs and ours:
- 1Corinthians 10:32: Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the ***Ecclesia*** of ***Theos***:

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- 1Corinthians 11:22: What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the *Ecclesia* of *Theos*, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

The six other references used are 1Corinthians 14:28; 1Corinthians 15:9; 2Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:13; Ephesians 3:10; and 1Timothy 3:5. All these passages combine the Greek word *Ecclesia* with *Theos* to convey *Ecclesia Theos*.

Notice, whether in *Hebrew* or *Greek* each one is simply a combination of the congregation and the Name or Title of the Deity. Regarding Greek, the Septuagint utilizes the ekklesias for congregation. The *Latin* translations use ecclesiam. The *Tyndale Bible*, the first *English* translation of the Bible, uses the word *congregation* – *not* church. *Elohim* gave us a *corporate* title that *always* includes His *Name* or *Title* to show *we* belong to *Him*. All denominations, groups, or individuals that use a different title have entrenched division among believers. The body of Messiah must never deviate from His expressed standard, as doing so would initiate and perpetuate division.

13) The Body of Messiah Must be United

We must unite as Messiah expects and requested in prayer.

[Jhn 10:16](#) “And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and **they will hear My voice**; and there **will be one flock and one shepherd**.”

[John 17:11](#) “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*.”

[John 17:21-23](#) “that they **all** may be **one**, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that **they** also may be **one** in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. [22](#) And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that **they may be one** just as **We are one**. [23](#) I in them, and You in Me; that **they may be made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

To those with ears to hear, by the Messiah’s words, we know He expects His true servants to unite – very cohesively.

We must unite whether in suffering or honor to grow to the measure of Messiah.

[1Corinthians 12:25-27](#) that there should be **no schism** in the body, but *that* the members should have the **same care** for one another. [26](#) And if **one** member **suffers**, **all** the members **suffer** with it; or if **one** member is **honored**, **all** the members **rejoice** with it. [27](#) Now you are the body of

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Messiah, and members individually.

[Ephesians 4:3](#) endeavoring to **keep** the **unity** of the **Spirit** in the **bond** of **peace**.

[Ephesians 4:13](#) till we all come to the **unity** of the **faith** and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, to a **perfect man**, to the **measure** of the **stature** of the **fullness** of **Messiah**;

Being scattered is a state for the unfaithful leading to failure

[Neh 1:8](#) “Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, ‘**If you are unfaithful**, I will **scatter you** among the nations”

[Matthew 12:25](#) But Yeshua knew their thoughts and said to them: “Every kingdom **divided** against itself is brought to **desolation**, and every city or house **divided** against itself **will not stand**.

[Matthew 12:30](#) “He who is not with Me is **against** Me, and he who does not **gather** with Me **scatters** abroad.

[Matthew 23:37](#) “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How **often I wanted** to **gather** your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

Messiah Holds Each Congregation Accountable for their Own Deeds

As afore stated, the congregation is governed only by Messiah, not by any mortal leader or leaders. It has **no leading congregation** or **earthly** headquarters and does not need such. True congregations choose to unite with other true congregations by the **covenanted rule of the Spirit** over the natural inner person of each member, not by human constraints. Thus, while all true congregations are to edify each other and serve as one unit, none are to control the other. Every congregation is **responsible to be** and **do** what Elohim Has established by Messiah, are each held **accountable** for **their** own **results**, and are blessed or chastised accordingly.

[Luke 12:42](#) And the Kyrios said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* Kyrios will make ruler over His household, to give *them* *their* portion of food in due season?

[Luke 12:43](#) “Blessed *is* that servant whom his Kyrios will find so doing when he comes.

[Luke 12:44](#) “Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

[Luke 12:47](#) “And that servant **who knew** his Kyriou will and did **not** prepare *himself* or **do** according to his will, shall be **beaten** with **many stripes**.

[Luke 12:48](#) “But he who **did not know**, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be **beaten** with **few**. For everyone to whom **much** is **given**, from him **much** will be **required**; and to whom **much** has been **committed**, of him they will **ask** the **more**.

[Revelation 3:19](#) ‘Those whom I **love**, I **reprove** and **discipline**; therefore be **zealous** and **repent**.

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14) Benefits Of Unity

As in all commands from Elohim, the command to stay united has benefits. Considering a few, unity facilitates our effectual learning, work, growth, in His Uniquely Born Son and His Holy Spirit. Let us examine some of these benefits from the scriptures.

Elohim greatly values our active fellowship in Him

[Mal 3:16](#) Then those who feared the YHVH **spoke** to **one another**, And the YHVH **listened** and **heard** *them*; So a book of **remembrance** was written before Him For **those** who **fear** the YHVH And who **meditate** on His **Name**.

[Hebrews 10:24](#) And let us **consider** one another in order to stir up **love** and **good works**,

[Hebrews 10:25](#) **not forsaking** the **assembling** of ourselves **together**, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so **much** the **more** as you see the Day approaching.

Enables efficient communication of Elohim's messages

[Exo 3:16](#) “Go and **gather** the elders of Israel together, and **say** to them, ‘The YHVH Deity of your fathers, the Deity of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, “I have surely visited you and *seen* what is done to you in Egypt;

[Deuteronomy 4:10](#) “*especially concerning* the day you stood before the YHVH your Deity in Horeb, when the YHVH said to me, ‘**Gather** the people to Me, and I will let them **hear** My **words**, that they may **learn** to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and *that* they may **teach** their children.’

[Deuteronomy 31:12](#) “**Gather** the people **together**, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who *is* within your gates, that they may **hear** and that they may **learn** to fear the YHVH your Deity and carefully **observe** all the **words** of this **law**,

It fosters a state of pleasantness

[Psalms 133:1](#) A Song of Ascents. Of David. **Behold**, how **good** and how **pleasant** *it is* For **brethren** to **dwelt** together in **unity**!

Receiving answers to prayers and fellowship of Messiah

[Matthew 18:19-20](#) “Again I say to you that if two of you **agree** on earth concerning **anything** that they **ask**, it **will** be **done** for them by My Father in heaven. [20](#) “For where two or three are **gathered** together in **My name**, I am there in the midst of them.”

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Allows us to act unanimously and keep safe together

[Numbers 8:9-10](#) “And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall **gather** together the **whole congregation** of the children of Israel. 10 “So you shall bring the Levites before the YHVH, and the **children of Israel** shall lay **their hands** on the Levites;
[Jeremiah 6:1](#) “O you children of Benjamin, **Gather yourselves** to **flee** from the midst of Jerusalem!

Blow the trumpet in Tekoa, And set up a signal-fire in Beth Hacerem; For **disaster** appears out of the north, And great **destruction**.

[Mark 13:14](#) “So **when you see** the ‘*abomination of desolation*,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let **those** who are in Judea **flee** to the mountains.

[Hebrews 13:13-14](#) Therefore **let us go forth** to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. 14 For **here we have no continuing city**, but we seek the one to come.

15) Achieving Unity

As per the scriptures every command Elohim gives His people are achievable, including unity.
[Deuteronomy 29:29](#) “The **secret things** belong to the YHVH our Deity, but those *things which* are **revealed** belong to us and to our children forever, that *we* **may do all** the words of **this law**.”
[Deuteronomy 30:14](#) “But the word *is* very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you **may do it**.

The failure to achieve unity comes from the same sources that scattered the body of Messiah, divisive self-serving false leaders, cult of personality, and the unfaithful. As for the faithful, we know that whatever Elohim commands He empowers and graces His faithful ones to fulfill His directives. For us as members of His congregation we know that His congregation is being built and led only by Yehoshua Messiah the only head.

We are not deceived into thinking that everyone will unite. His word and His Spirit teach us that only those who are His, that is those who obey him in hope faith and love, will heed the call to unite. As such we will do all we can to find our fellow members of the body of Messiah to connect and unite for the honor and name of Elohim in His everlasting arms. really brethren this work is not easy it is not too hard it is not impossible. As we serve looking to the author and finisher of our faith, with the fruit of the Spirit and His gifts, we will achieve it. Let us review some scriptures that affirms this.

Honor and Regard Only Messiah as Head of the Body

[Hosea 13:4](#) “Yet I *am* the YHVH your Deity ever since the land of Egypt, And you shall know Yehoshua said “I will build my congregation and the gates of hell will not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18)

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no Deity but Me; For *there is no savior besides Me*.

[Ephesians 5:23](#) For the husband is head of the wife, as also **Messiah** is **head** of the congregation; and He is the **Savior** of the body

[Colossians 1:18](#) And **He** is the **Head** of the body, the congregation, Who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Receive All who Demonstrate Genuine Hope, Faith, and Love for and in Elohim

[Romans 14:1](#) **Receive** one who is **weak** in the **faith**, *but not to disputes over doubtful things*.

[Titus 3:8](#) This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to **affirm** constantly, that **those** who have **believed** in **God** should be careful to maintain **good works**. These things are good and profitable to men.

Know to Focus on Those who Wish to Unite and Avoid Those who Do Not.

[Psalms 119:118](#) You **reject** all those who **stray** from Your **statutes**, For their **deceit is falsehood**

[Titus 3:9-11](#) But **avoid** foolish **disputes**, genealogies, **contentions**, and **strivings** about the law; for they are **unprofitable** and **useless**. [10](#) **Reject** a **divisive** man after the first and second admonition, [11](#) knowing that **such** a **person** is warped and **sinning**, being **self-condemned**.

Know and expect Elohim to unite our hearts and minds when we differ in understanding.

[Ezekiel 36:27](#) “I will put **My Spirit** within you and **cause** you to **walk** in My **statutes**, and you will **keep** My judgments and do *them*.”

[Colossians 2:2](#) that their **hearts** may be **encouraged**, being **knit together in love**, and *attaining* to all **riches** of the full **assurance** of **understanding**, to the **knowledge** of the mystery of **God**, both of the **Father** and of **Messiah**,

Do Not Divide the Body with Divisive Group Names

[1Corinthians 1:10-13](#) Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, that you all **speak** the **same** thing, and *that* there be **no divisions** among you, but *that* you be **perfectly joined** together in the **same mind** and in the **same judgment**. [11](#) For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe’s *household*, that there are **contentions** among you. [12](#) Now I say this, that **each of you** says, “**I am of Paul**,” or “**I am of Apollos**,” or “**I am of Cephas**,” or “**I am of Messiah**.” [13](#) Is Messiah divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

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16) Maintaining Unity

To maintain this unity, we must do it as Elohim commanded in hope faith and love of Elohim His Son and His Spirit. the basis of unity is primarily love for Elohim and secondly love for all, especially those who love him. As aforementioned in the prior two teachings, the body of Messiah was scattered by false teachers, cult of personality, and everything that comes from these sources and works of darkness. The key to maintaining unity is the light that comes from love - the love of Elohim. Let us now review the unity that comes from the light of the love of Elohim.

Be Gentle and Patient When There are Reasonable Differences of Opinion

[Psalms 25:5](#) **Lead** me in thy **truth**, and **teach** me: for Thou *art* the Eloha of my (Yish-iy) salvation; on thee do I **wait all the day**.

[John 16:13](#) Howbeit when He, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, He will **guide** you into all **truth**: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will **show** you **things to come**.

[Acts 4:31](#) And when they had **prayed**, the place where they were **assembled together** was shaken; and they were all **filled** with the **Holy Spirit**, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

[1Corinthians 1:10](#) Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, that **you** all **speak** the **same** thing, and *that* there be **no divisions** among you, but *that* you be **perfectly joined together** in the **same mind** and in the **same judgment**.

[Ephesians 4:2-3](#) **with** all **lowliness** and **gentleness**, with **longsuffering**, bearing with one another in love, **endeavoring to keep** the **unity** of the **Spirit** in the **bond of peace**

[Ephesians 4:15](#) But **speaking** the **truth** in **love**, may **grow up** into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ:

[Ephesians 5:9](#) (For the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is in all **goodness** and **righteousness** and **truth**;))

Thus, rather than falling for the adversary's snares we must grab firm hold of each other to **study** and **pray** for the **unity** of **mind** in the **bond** of **peace** of Messiah in the **Spirit**. Again, we **must** in **long suffering** trust the **Son** and the **Spirit** to **unify** our **understanding**.

Teach only What We Know - Not Unverified Beliefs

Keep all uncertain ideas or personal, unverifiable faith as private matters among the established brethren only. Until proven, we do not teach anything that is not of faith - that is of empirical knowledge.

[John 3:11](#) “**Most assuredly**, I say to you, We **speak what We know** and **testify** what **We have seen**, and you do not receive Our witness.

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[Romans 14:22](#) Do **you** have **faith**? **Have it to yourself** before God. Happy *is* he who does not **condemn** himself in what he approves.

[Titus 3:9](#) But **avoid** foolish **controversies** and **genealogies** and **strife** and **disputes** about the **Law**, for they are **unprofitable** and **worthless**.

Note, this verse does not state we should not discuss these matters, but rather to avoid doing so in a *foolish* (absurd, impious, stupid, unrighteous) *context*.

Cast Lots to Decide Between Good Vital Options – Not by Votes

When there is an impasse in deciding between two or more Scripturally sound options *requiring* a *decision*, the representative *servants* of the body *must* come *together* to *cast lots* before *Elohim* and *witnesses* in *prayer*. This *way*, the congregation *will* let Elohim *decide* for them and *commit* in Elohim by His Son and Spirit to *faithfully* accept and *adhere* to the *outcome* of casting the lots.

[Joshua 13:6](#) “all the inhabitants of the mountains from Lebanon as far as the Brook Misrephoth, and all the Sidonians—they I will drive out from before the children of Israel; **only** divide it **by lot** to Israel as an inheritance, as **I have commanded you**.

[Proverbs 16:33](#) The **lot is cast** into the lap, But its **every decision is from the YHVH**.

[Acts 1:24-26](#) And **they prayed** and said, “You, O **Lord**, who know the hearts of all, **show** which of these two **You have chosen** [25](#) “to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” [26](#) And **they cast their lots**, and the **lot fell** on **Matthias**. And **he** was numbered **with** the eleven **apostles**.

Reject or Expel the Contentious and Rebellious

[Proverbs 13:10](#) Only by **pride** comes **contention**: but with the well advised is wisdom.

[Proverbs 26:21](#) As **coals** are to **burning** coals, and wood to fire; so is a **contentious** man to kindle **strife**.

[Proverbs 22:10](#) **Cast out** the **scorner**, and **contention** shall go out; yes, **strife** and **reproach** shall **cease**.

[Matthew 18:15](#) Moreover if your **brother** shall **trespass** against **you**, go and **tell** him his **fault** between **you** and **him alone**: if **he** shall **hear** you, **you** have **gained** your **brother**. [16](#) But if he does **not** listen to you, then **take** with you **one** or **two** more, that in the **mouth** of **two** or **three** **witnesses** every **fact** may be **established**. [17](#) And if **he refuses** to **listen** to them, **tell** it to the **congregation**: but if **he refuses** to **listen** to the **congregation**, let **him be** to you as an **heathen** man and a **tax collector** (Matthew 18:15-17).

[1Corinthians 5:1](#) It is actually reported that there is immorality **among you**, and **immorality** of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that **someone** has his father's wife.

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[1Corinthians 5:5](#) I have **decided** to **deliver** such a **one** to **Satan** for the **destruction** of his **flesh**, so that **his spirit** may be **saved** in the **day** of the **Kyriou Iesous**.

[Titus 3:10](#) **Reject** a **factionous** man **after** a **first** and **second warning**, **11 knowing** that **such** a man is **perverted** and is **sinning**, being **self-condemned** (Titus 3:10-11).

Thus, differences in understanding or opinion are not justifiable reasons for division. A child of Elohim will never divide for that - must never divide in these situations. The enemy looks for every opportunity to sow discord and division to weaken and render the body of Messiah ineffectual. Therefore, in cases when contentious, divisive, or rebellious people claim to be of Messiah or who want to be so, such people must be expelled or rejected as Elohim instructs.

Conclusion:

It is clear then, that Elohim established the Body of Messiah through His Everlasting Arms, to demonstrate the right loving relationship with Him and with each other so the world may believe He sent His Uniquely Born Son, the promised Elect Savior, into the world. Elohim endowed the body of Messiah, His workmanship, His congregation with fruit and gifts of the Spirit to achieve that blessed work through virtuous, foreordained works, and the proclamation of His Good News in His Son and Spirit.

Yet, what is being demonstrated today and what is being experienced in the world? Sadly, the world is seeing examples and experiencing very weak, ineffectual, scattered, unrecognizable, organizations claiming to be the body of Messiah. The world is being turned away from the truth by factions contributing to the apostasy and unbelief that is ruining the beautiful creation of the Almighty beneficent Elohim.

Thankfully, it does not have to be so, for it is Elohim's manifest will that His organization stay united. Of old in many generations past He lit the hearts of His servants Jews and gentiles alike to fulfill His will by the fruit and gifts of His Spirit by His Son. We know from the scriptures old and new that His congregation, the Body of Messiah, was establish and blessed to accomplish great works.

Brethren, Elohim commands that we unite and stay united – it is not an option if we want to serve Him in spirit and in truth. In His word, and as is observable all around us, there are powerful benefits in being united. As we reviewed unity is a foundation for us to learn, grow, and perform the foreordained works effectively efficiently. Furthermore, we must always remember that Elohim has provided the means for us to achieve every work He requires of His servants.

Therefore, brethren let us put aside every agenda and preferences that would hinder or conflict

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with Elohim's will. Let us put aside doubts stemming from failures of others or our own. Let us no longer be immobilized or paralyzed in wondering how or what we can do to unite everyone. Rather, let us, like our Father, work to unite **only whosoever wills** – not idolatrous organizations, divisive denominations, the unfaithful, or scoffing blasphemers. Let us be believing in Elohim as we focus to gather and help reunite the scattered body of Messiah.

Brethren, given the present dire situation all over the world, reuniting the body of messiah is a very high priority, if not the highest priority for His servants. For, without our being united, the necessary knowledge, faith, evident love, growth, and work that brings honor and praise to Elohim cannot be properly achieved. When was the last time you heard or saw multitudes or even a few people in the world giving glory and praise to Elohim on account of the love or works of believers? Not lately, right? Yet, we must make sure we do all we can for the world to see the evident love of Elohim amongst ourselves and the works of Elohim being done through us. Only by so doing are we His body and by the demonstrated love of Elohim working in us and amongst us will the world believe that He sent His Son.

Let us therefore be **believing** in the purpose, command, and graces of Elohim in His Son and Spirit. *Let us* devotedly **do** all we can to **participate** in His **work** to reunite His scattered people as His One Body and representative organization on earth. *We may not* get to **see all** His people **united**, but *we will see some* of it happen and have heaven's honor of being participants in **Elohim's will** being **done** on **earth**. Furthermore, *we* will **be** counted **among** all **those** who **believed** and **worked** to **unite** the body of Messiah, the holy Congregation of Elohim. He will indeed accomplish that before His Elect and Uniquely Born Son visibly appears in the world as King over all the kings. Let us be believing and unite in hope, faith, and love of Elohim in Messiah and the Spirit. Finally, *let the words* of *the* Uniquely Born **Son** of **Elohim** – the Elect One **resonate** in our ears, hearts, and minds to **stir** us to **gather** and **unite** the scattered, “**He** who is **not with Me** is **against Me**, and **he who does not gather** with Me **scatters** abroad” (Matthew 12:30).

Kind regards in the Beloved and Elect One,

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