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~ Complete Jewish Bible

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~ Tree of Life Version

The Spirit is Truth!

John 14:16 and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

2Thes 2:13 But we have to keep thanking God for you always, brothers whom the Lord loves, because God chose you as firstfruits for deliverance by giving you the holiness that has its origin in the Spirit and the faithfulness that has its origin in the truth.

1John 5:6 He is the one who came by means of water and blood, Yeshua the Messiah — not with water only, but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

Heart Focus → Love God

Deut 6:5-6 and you are to love Adonai your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources. These words, which I am ordering you today, are to be on your heart;



Deut 30:6 Then Adonai your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your children, so that you will love Adonai your God with all your heart and all your being, and thus you will live.



Jer 31:33 (31:32) "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Points of view:

Christianity:

- *“I’ve been made clean by Christ, the old laws have passed away”*
- *“The letter of the Law is no more, I follow the Spirit of the Law”*
- *“Those are Jewish things” “Jesus did them, so I don’t have to”*
- *“All the things are clean”*

Messianic Movement:

- Focused on truth only – no charismatic mumbo jumbo!
- Hyper focused on nuances of the letter, not the larger picture.
- God’s laws are for everyone, Yeshua is the example!
- Clean is clean, unclean is unclean.

How do we worship in Spirit and Truth?

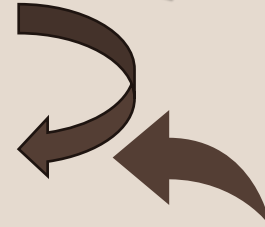
Focusing on:

PART 1

- Passover Leaven
- Circumcision
- Dietary
- Mikveh/Baptism
- Clean & Unclean

PART 2

- Sacrifices
- Holiness
- Praise & Worship
- Walk of Faith
- Israel



Spirit and Truth: Sacrifices

1Sam 15:22 Sh'mu'el said, "Does Adonai take as much pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying what Adonai says?
Surely obeying is better than sacrifice, and heeding orders than the fat of rams.

Psa 51:16-17 (51:18-19) For you don't want sacrifices, or I would give them; you don't take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God, you won't spurn a broken, chastened heart.

Pro 21:3 To do what is right and just is more pleasing to Adonai than sacrifice.

- See also: Proverbs 15:8 & 21:27

Spirit and Truth: Sacrifices

Hos 6:6 For what I desire is mercy, not sacrifices, knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Mat 12:7 If you knew what 'I want compassion rather than animal-sacrifice' meant, you would not condemn the innocent.

Mat 9:13 As for you, go and learn what this means: 'I want compassion rather than animal-sacrifices.' For I didn't come to call the 'righteous,' but sinners!"

Mat 5:7 How blessed are those who show mercy! for they will be shown mercy.

Spirit and Truth: Sacrifices

Heb 13:15-16 Through him, therefore, let us offer God a sacrifice of praise continually. For this is the natural product of lips that acknowledge his name. But don't forget doing good and sharing with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

- (See: Psalms 50:14, 50:23, 69:30-31, 107:21-22, 116:17-19 & 118:19)
Psa 141:2 Let my prayer be like incense set before you, my uplifted hands like an evening sacrifice. (Rev 5:8 & 8:3-5)
- You can make a sacrifice physically (truly) but not be right in your heart! If you remain Holy, there is no need for a sacrifice! God is more concerned with restoration with man (Mercy) so we can be restored to him! In the Kingdom there will be sacrifices again (Temple **Rev 11**). We must do truth (sacrifice) with the spirit behind it (Mercy & Obedience). Until then; praise, prayer and good works with repentance, forgiveness and restoration fill the need. Being brought to the goal through Messiah's sacrifice! **Heb 9:13-14**

Spirit and Truth: Holiness

- Closely linked to sacrifices & praise/worship through purpose; sacrifices made you holy (temporarily).
- “I’m holy by the blood of Jesus” and you go out and do whatever you want.

Lev 19:2 Speak to the entire community of Isra'el; tell them, 'You people are to be holy because I, Adonai your God, am holy.

- Holiness emanates from God, see Isa 6:3-4 & Zech 14:20-21

Spirit and Truth: Holiness

Heb 13:12 So too Yeshua suffered death outside the gate, in order to make the people holy through his own blood.

1Cor 6:11 Some of you used to do these things. But you have cleansed yourselves, you have been set apart for God, you have come to be counted righteous through the power of the Lord Yeshua the Messiah and the Spirit of our God.

1Pet 1:15-16 On the contrary, following the Holy One who called you, become holy yourselves in your entire way of life; since the Tanakh says, "You are to be holy because I am holy."

1Thes 5:23 May the God of shalom make you completely holy — may your entire spirit, soul and body be kept blameless for the coming of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

Spirit and Truth: Holiness

- Truth leads to Holiness:

John 17:17-20 Make them holy in the truth. Your word is truth. Just as You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I make Myself holy, so that they also may be made holy in truth.” “I pray not on behalf of these only, but also for those who believe in Me through their message,

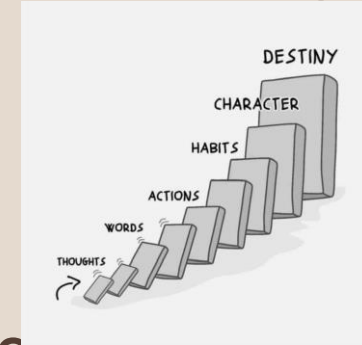
Spirit and Truth: Holiness

2Cor 6:14-16 Do not yoke yourselves together in a team with unbelievers. For how can righteousness and lawlessness be partners? What fellowship does light have with darkness? What harmony can there be between the Messiah and B'liya'al? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement can there be between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God — as God said, "I will house myself in them, . . . and I will walk among you. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

- We need to be holy in our “entire way of life” all three parts: Spirit, Soul & Body! Accepting Messiah and doing holiness by action. Prioritizing the Kingdom first. Physically Holy, more important to be Spiritually Holy.

Spirit and Truth: Holiness

- Spirit: Our inner person, “neshama” “heart” “innermost being”
- Soul: Our mind and thoughts
- Body: Physical things we do in the flesh (Actions)



The Shema touches on this “All of your heart, mind & resources”
“Guarding your hearts and minds” (Spirit & Soul) **Philippians 4:7**

- Spirit: A spirit that submits to Gods will **Psa 51:17** (vs self/arrogance)
- Soul: Meditate on the word **Josh 1:8** (vs thinking selfishly)
- Body: Everything we do, do it unto the Lord **Col 3:23-2** (vs Sin)

Spirit and Truth: Praise and Worship

- Order is key! Tabernacle/Temple procession: Courtyards example
Psa 100:2-4 Serve Adonai with gladness. Come before His presence with joyful singing. Know that Adonai, He is God. It is He who has made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! Praise Him, bless His Name.
- Judah went first (Praise Yah)
- Praise went first 2Chron 20:21-23
- Praise → Worship
- As you draw near, worship (Revelation example, four living beings)

Spirit and Truth: Praise and Worship

- Truth for lyrical content!

Heb 4:12 For the word (Logos) of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword—piercing right through to a separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word (Rhema=spoken) of God.

- Non scriptural lyrics do not convict,
- Non spirit filled worship is empty,
- Without Spirit & the word (truth) it ends up being entertainment or religious.

Spirit and Truth: Praise and Worship

- If we are there, mindlessly singing along or the content is not scriptural, it is to no avail!

How it works:

- I start with my mind, it changes my thoughts and emotions (soul) then the Spirit engages!

1Cor 14:14-16 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray in my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind. I will sing praises with my spirit, and I will also sing praises with my mind. Otherwise if you give thanks and praise in the spirit, how will one filling the place of the ungifted say the “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since he has no idea what you’re saying?

Spirit and Truth: Praise and Worship

- Praise & Worship induces the Spirit: 1Sam 10:5-6, 1Sam 16:14-23, 2Ki 3:14-18, 1Chron 25:1-7 & Eph 5:18-19
- Praise & Worship is a “peace offering” and a “pleasing aroma” to the Lord! Psa 50:14, Psa 50:23; Psa 69:30-31, Psa 107:21-22, Psa 116:17-19 & Heb 13:15
- Goal is to physically praise and worship to get to the spiritual word from God. In order. Using the word (truth) as the means.
- In Worship: Balance is key—truth guides the content, while the Spirit energizes the engagement.
- Its about seeking him wholeheartedly, read: Jer 29:12-13

Spirit and Truth: Walk of Faith

- Gods word for our lives, and our specific situations is delivered to us through the Ruach HaKodesh **Heb 1:1-2 & 1Cor 2:6-16**
- Our Fight of Faith, like Abrahams and Israel's is communicated to us by God, through the Spirit (**Rev 1:1**) and even though the things God is calling us to, there is a fight (because of the presence of the enemy). The Land of Israel Example, Two spies, Isaac... etc...

1Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you testified so well to your faith before many witnesses.

Spirit and Truth: Walk of Faith

- Fruit of our walk is both Spiritual and Physical

Gal 5:16-17 What I am saying is this: run your lives by the Spirit. Then you will not do what your old nature wants. For the old nature wants what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit wants what is contrary to the old nature. These oppose each other, so that you find yourselves unable to carry out your good intentions.

Gal 5:19-20 And it is perfectly evident what the old nature does. It expresses itself in sexual immorality, impurity and indecency; involvement with the occult and with drugs; in feuding, fighting, becoming jealous and getting angry; in selfish ambition, factionalism, intrigue and envy; in drunkenness, orgies and things like these. I warn you now as I have warned you before: those who do such things will have no share in the Kingdom of God! 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. Moreover, those who belong to the Messiah Yeshua have put their old nature to death on the stake, along with its passions and desires. Since it is through the Spirit that we have Life, let it also be through the Spirit that we order our lives day by day. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

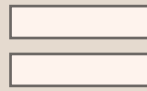
Spirit and Truth: Walk of Faith

- Spirit and Truth: Is using truth of the word together with Gods Spiritual council in our lives. Using wisdom from God in all situations. Just because we are doing the right thing, doesn't mean we are doing what God wants us to be doing **Acts 16**. Just because a door is open, doesn't mean its always from God. Discernment and Wisdom always apply.
- The right thing
- The right place
- The right time

Spirit and Truth: Walk of Faith

- God reminds us of TRUTH both physically & spiritually:

Num 15:39 It is to be a tzitzit for you to look at and thereby remember all of Adonai's mitzvot and obey them, so that you won't go around wherever your own heart and eyes lead you to prostitute yourselves;



Joh 14:26 But the Counselor, the Ruach HaKodesh, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything; that is, he will remind you of everything I have said to you.

- Yeshua had the fullness of the Spirit (John 3:34), yet wore TzitTziyot (Mat 9:20 & Mat 14:36)

Spirit and Truth: Walk of Faith

- Saved by Grace, to do good works:

Eph 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not from yourselves—it is the gift of God. It is not based on deeds, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship—created in Messiah Yeshua for good deeds, which God prepared beforehand so we might walk in them.

Spirit and Truth: Gods People, Israel

- Christian view: We are Israel or we replaced Israel.
- Jewish view: Christians are Edomites (that the Moshiaic will destroy)
- Gentile believers are grafted into Israel, sharing in both covenants and promises. **Rom 11:11-36, Gal 3:29 & Eph 2:11-19**
- Gods Covenants and promises will come true physically!
Zech 12:10, Ezek 36:22-27, Ezek 37:24-28, Romans 11:28-29 & Mat 23:39.
- Read **Isaiah 11:12-14**

Spirit and Truth: Gods People, Israel

Rom 2:28-29 For one is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision something visible in the flesh. Rather, the Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart—in Spirit not in letter (only).

His praise is not from men, but from God.

Rom 11:25 For I do not want you, brothers and sisters, to be ignorant of this mystery—lest you be wise in your own eyes—that a partial hardening has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; (1967 end, Luke 21:24)

Rom 11:28-29 Concerning the Good News, they are hostile for your sake; but concerning chosenness, they are loved on account of the fathers—for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.— 26

Spirit and Truth: Gods People, Israel

- Spirit and Truth: is....
- We are grafted into Israel (not replacing) and heirs according to the promise.
- Our duty is to drive the unbelieving seed to jealousy by relationship with God.
- The Physical seed still carries great prophetic weight through promises God made that will come true, including the return of the Messiah (**Matt 23:39** & **Zech 12:10**)
- Yet we view ourselves as one...

Spirit and Truth: Gods People, Israel

- One Torah: Exo 12:49, Num 15:15, Num 15:29, Isa 2:3
- One People: Gal 3:28, Eph 4:4, Col 3:15, Rom 11
- One Baptism/Immersion/Mikvah: Eph 4:3-6, 1Cor 12:13

Rev 7:9 After this, I looked; and there before me was a huge crowd, too large for anyone to count, from every nation, tribe, people and language. They were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands;

Rev 12:17 The dragon was infuriated over the woman and went off to fight the rest of her children, those who obey God's commands and bear witness to Yeshua.

- Everyone will enter New Jerusalem through a tribal gate: Rev 21:12

What's More Important?

- You can be Physically (Holy, circumcised, eating clean, mikveh/cleansed and ritually clean), but if you aren't Spiritually (Leaven free, circumcised, eating clean, mikveh/cleansed and ritually clean) it will negate the physical. God can overcome lacking the physical while having the Spiritual (That's a small fix!) – **But He desires both!**
- You can go through all the physical motions, repeat prayers all you want, sing songs, do what you think is right or go to Church every day. Without the transformative power of the Spirit in our actions its empty.

In Tandem:

- Be obedient to the letter while honoring the greater intention through the POWER of the spirit!

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Q & A

