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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.

- The Spirit itself embodies truth, indicating that they are inseparable in God's nature.

Heart Focus → Love

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”*
- Spiritualizes away physical things!

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
- Walk of Faith
- Praise & Worship
- Israel

Spirit & Truth: Passover Leaven

Exo 12:15 For seven days you are to eat matzah - on the first day remove the leaven from your houses. For whoever eats hametz [leavened bread] from the first to the seventh day is to be cut off from Isra'el.

1Cor 5:7-8 Get rid of the old hametz, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For our Pesach lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed. So let us celebrate the Seder not with leftover hametz, the hametz of wickedness and evil, but with the matzah of purity and truth. (Leavening of the Pharisees).

- Spirit & Truth: means take the leaven out of your house (Physical) and the sin out of your life (Spiritual & Physical)! One leads to the other!

Spirit & Truth: Circumcision

Lev 12:3 In the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin is to be circumcised.

Col 2:11-12 Also it was in union with him that you were circumcised with a circumcision not done by human hands, but accomplished by stripping away the old nature's control over the body. In this circumcision done by the Messiah, you were buried along with him by being immersed; and in union with him, you were also raised up along with him by God's faithfulness that worked when he raised Yeshua from the dead.

Spirit & Truth: Circumcision

Rom 2:25-29 For circumcision is indeed of value if you do what Torah says. But if you are a transgressor of Torah, your circumcision has become uncircumcision! Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the Torah, won't his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? Indeed, the man who is physically uncircumcised but obeys the Torah will stand as a judgment on you who have had a b'rit-milah and have Torah written out but violate it! For the real Jew is not merely Jewish outwardly: true circumcision is not only external and physical. On the contrary, the real Jew is one inwardly; and true circumcision is of the heart, spiritual not literal; so that his praise comes not from other people but from God.

Spirit & Truth: Circumcision

Ezek 44:9 Here is what Adonai Elohim says: 'No foreigner, uncircumcised in both heart and flesh, is to enter my sanctuary — no foreigner living among the people of Isra'el.

- Spirit & Truth: Means we should be both circumcised in heart and flesh according to the commandments. Spiritual being greater! But not to negate the physical.
- Like Paul concluded in **Romans 2**, if we are circumcised, but do not do the commandments, we are uncircumcised in our circumcision. If we are uncircumcised yet do the commandments, we shame those who are circumcised yet don't keep the commandments.
- WWJD? **Luke 2:21**

Spirit and Truth: Dietary Laws

Lev 20:25 Therefore you are to distinguish between clean and unclean animals and between clean and unclean birds; do not make yourselves detestable with an animal, bird or reptile that I have set apart for you to regard as unclean.

Rev 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits that looked like frogs; they came from the mouth of the dragon, from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet.

Spirit and Truth: Dietary Laws

Mark 7:14-23 Then Yeshua called the people to him again and said, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand this! There is nothing (CLEAN) outside a person which, by going into him, can make him unclean. Rather, it is the things that come out of a person which make a person unclean!" "Anyone who has ears that can hear, let him hear!" When he had left the people and entered the house, his talmidim asked him about the parable. He replied to them, "So you too are without understanding? Don't you see that nothing going into a person from outside can make him unclean? For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and it passes out into the latrine." (Thus he declared all foods ritually clean.) "It is what comes out of a person," he went on, "that makes him unclean. For from within, out of a person's heart, come forth wicked thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, arrogance, foolishness.... All these wicked things come from within, and they make a person unclean."

Spirit and Truth: Dietary Laws

Isa 66:16-17 For Adonai will judge all humanity with fire and with the sword, and those slain by Adonai will be many. "Those who consecrate and purify themselves in order to enter the gardens, then follow the one who was already there, eating pig meat, reptiles and mice, will all be destroyed together," says Adonai.

- Spirit & Truth: Eating clean alone isn't enough, you must also be of a clean heart. However, that does not negate the literal commandment to eat clean. Exemplified by clean eating in the Kingdom and unclean spirits likened to unclean animals.

Spirit and Truth: Mikveh/Baptism

Exo 19:10-11 so Adonai said to Moshe, "Go to the people; today and tomorrow separate them for me by having them wash their clothing; and prepare for the third day. For on the third day, Adonai will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people. v15 He said to the people, "Prepare for the third day; don't approach a woman."

Exo 29:4 "Bring Aharon and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and wash them with water.

- Uncleanliness is a human issue, contrary to Gods state.

Spirit and Truth: Mikveh/Baptism

Mat 3:11 It's true that I am immersing you in water so that you might turn from sin to God; but the one coming after me is more powerful than I — I'm not worthy even to carry his sandals — and he will immerse you in the Ruach HaKodesh and in fire.

Acts 1:5 For John used to immerse people in water; but in a few days, you will be immersed in the Ruach HaKodesh!"

See also: John 3:5, Heb 10:22 & 1Pet 3:21

Spirit & Truth: Practice mikveh laws and understand the deeper spiritual meaning of cleansing from sin and burning off our old nature to become clean by the Torah on our heart! Making us one via Baptism of the Holy Spirit, see 1Cor 12:13

Spirit and Truth: Ritual Cleanliness

Lev 5:2 If a person touches something unclean, whether the carcass of an unclean wild animal, a domestic animal or a reptile, he is guilty, even though he may not be aware that he is unclean.

Lev 21:1 Adonai said to Moshe, "Speak to the cohanim, the sons of Aharon; tell them: 'No cohen is to make himself unclean for any of his people who dies,

Spirit and Truth: Ritual Cleanliness

1Cor 6:11 That is what some of you were—but you were washed, you were made holy, you were set right in the name of the Lord Yeshua the Messiah and by the Ruach of our God.

Eph 5:25-26 Husbands, love your wives just as Messiah also loved His community and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, having cleansed her by immersion in the word.

1Pet 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, set apart by the Ruach for obedience and for sprinkling with the blood of Yeshua the Messiah: May grace and shalom be multiplied to you.

Rev 7:14 "Sir," I answered, "you know." Then he told me, "These are the people who have come out of the Great Persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb."

Spirit and Truth: Ritual Cleanliness

2Cor 6:17-18 Therefore, come out from among them, and be separate, says Adonai. Touch no unclean thing. Then I will take you in. I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says Adonai-Tzva'ot." (From Isa 52:11)

2Cor 7:1 Therefore, since we have these promises, loved ones, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of body and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

- Spirit & Truth: God wants us to be ritually clean in body and clean spiritually. Just because we are clean spiritually by washing of the word doesn't enable us to go touch or eat unclean things.

The Spiritual is Weightier!

Act 10:44-48 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Ruach ha-Kodesh fell on all those hearing the message. All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were astonished, because the gift of the Ruach ha-Kodesh had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and magnifying God. Then Peter answered, “Can anyone refuse water for these to be immersed, who have received the Ruach ha-Kodesh just as we did?” So he commanded them to be immersed in the name of Messiah Yeshua. Then they asked him to stay for a few days.

What's More Important?

- The earth was created by Spiritual beings: Gen 1:1-3, Psa 33:6, Psa 33:9, Psa 148:5 & Heb 1:2-3.
- Earthly things were modeled after the heavenly original: Exo25:40 & Heb 8:5
- Physical is temporary, Spiritual is eternal.

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

- You can be Physically (Leaven free, 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!

In Tandem:

- In Times of Confusion: Lean on truth for clarity through God's Word (**Psalm 119:105**).
- In Times of Dryness: Seek renewal through the Spirit to revive intimacy with God (**Isaiah 44:3**).
- Prioritizing one over the other can lead to imbalance:
- Truth without Spirit can become cold, legalistic, or intellectual without heartfelt transformation.
- Spirit without Truth can become subjective, emotional, or untethered from biblical foundations.

They point to each other:

Romans 8:14: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

Spirit Leads to action in Truth!

Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

Joh 14:23-24 Yeshua answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words. And the word you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me."



Shabbat Shalom!

Q & A

