

You Shall Know Them By Their Love

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13th day of the 11th month?5848 years after the creation of Adam
The 11th Month in the Third year of the third Sabbatical Cycle
The Third Sabbatical Cycle of the 119th Jubilee Cycle
The Sabbatical Cycle of Earthquakes Famines, and Pestilences

This is also the end of the Forty Fourth week of this the Third Tithe Year for the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow - Deuteronomy 26:12

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Shabbat Shalom Brethren.

This week someone sent me this very insightful article on what the Fruit of the brethren looks like. So I share it with you.

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The modern spiritual-archaeological phenomenon of seeking the “roots” of the messianic faith is an important event in the ongoing history of what may be called, for lack of a better term, religious evolution. Those who have taken up the spade in the challenging labor of digging down through millennial layers of accumulated rubble to find that very root have taken on a noble task. But it is a task fraught with risk and danger. Many who have taken up that endeavor of restoring the faith to its original root have unearthed and brought to light valuable treasures affecting change around the world. But in digging downward some of those same pioneers have at times forgotten to look upward.

The roots of a tree are absolutely essential to the growth of the tree. But if the root is detached from the trunk and the branches, that tree will never bear fruit, nor will branches detached from the root. Many in what has been called the Messianic Jewish movement have so focused on the root in their attempt to avoid the many errors of the past, have created their own generation of errors. Perhaps the worst of the errors is in digging down to the root of the wrong tree, which is the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, rather than the much to be desired Tree of Life.

There has been much focus in that movement on the accumulation of knowledge, which in itself can be a good thing. But the New Covenant writings admonish us with, “Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies” (1 Cor. 8:1). In such a vast collection of new knowledge some have

forgotten the very purpose of the Torah command upon which it's very root is based, v'ahavta "you shall love". Or as it is defined in those same writings, "The goal of the command is unfeigned love from a pure heart, some straying have turned aside unto fruitless discussion" (1 Tim. 1:5).

In forgetting the original purpose of the commandment, some have only succeeded in reproducing the same divisions and acrimony that past error in the history of religion had produced. In endeavoring to create the original frame around the picture, many have virtually forgotten the picture that is to be held within that frame...

The Messiah said this in defining his community, "They shall know you are my disciples by the love you have one for the other". Therefore one must look upward, away from the root and out to the branches to observe if that tree is bearing its intended fruit. Of a tree one may not eat of the root nor of the trunk or the branches and leaves, but only of its fruit. Yeshua went on to tell us that a good tree will bring forth only good fruit, and "therefore you will know a tree by its fruit." If indeed we are restoring the very Tree of Life, then it will be certain to bear the good fruit of Life expressed by that very precious sign of unfeigned Love. Let us therefore all be certain that we are barking up the right tree, lest we labor in vain only to become but another clanging symbol in the marketplace of religious display, and far below the kingdom of God.