



Dear Precious Friend,

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The Marriage Of Jew And Gentile

We are drawn to Israel because we love the God of Israel. We are His bride and His children and it is appropriate for us to be attracted to His Jewish people, because we love Him. We are a part of Him. We are seeking to connect with His deep roots and essence. The Jewish people are part of God's deep roots. They carry a profound historical aspect of Him and so we are attracted and drawn. Yeshua is unique as the sinless Jewish Man who took on not just the sins of the Jews, but of the whole world!

Who are Israelites; to whom pertain the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Romans 9:4-5

There is also another divine expression of God. It's His love for the Gentiles and for the whole world. It's what the Apostle Paul beheld and experienced and gave his life for. The Jews see in the Gentiles the eternal love in God's heart for the least and the farthest. They see how far His heart stretches, how deep and unfathomable is His love for the whole world that He gave His Son. They see the mystery revealed which is Christ IN US, the hope of glory. We provoke Israel to jealousy when the One who lives in us and has put great treasure in us is manifested in and through our lives.

There is a marriage going on between Jew and Gentile. In a marriage, one has to pursue the other. It's not just a mental agreement, but an eternal covenant that flows out of the heart through Christ's blood in true life expression. We desire to know the other intimately, to go where the other is. We desire to be with the one we love. We want to experience the other. So we go. I went to Israel to experience the Jewish expression of my God which includes the Jewish people and yet much more. I was compelled to go, not out of identity confusion, but so that the Messiah would become all and in all in me.

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. *Col. 3:11*

It takes a lot of dying to the old man, the old thinking, the old, cultural ways to become one new man. You can't die only in your head and thinking, but it's a whole life death and it's real. Marriage is a death to self, to self-preservation, to isolation in order to become one. Marriage also is a resurrection into one new man from the two, glorified.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus. *Gal. 3:28*

This is not about recklessness. It's about abandonment. We hear God like Abraham and we go to His land of promise. We are gentiles (*whether in the flesh or spirit*) like Abraham, and we leave idolatry to become a true Hebrew, one who passes over (*Heb*), from one place to another, from death to life, from idolatry to true worship, from one identity to another. The call is and ever will be the Abrahamic call, the journey of becoming.

Many ask me if I'm Jewish. Or they think I am a Greek Jew. I am a Greek in the flesh and a Jew in the Spirit. I am both and I am neither. It's no longer I, but Christ. I am a new creation with aspects of both, not in an earthly and temporal way, but in an eternal way, like Him. He is both. In the physical as a Man, a Jew, but as the Eternal Spirit, He is the Creator of the universe and of all mankind and expresses it all. We want to be the authentic that was forever in His heart even before He created us. He formed us to be like Him, in His image. We are going after the image, the reality, the Eternal Pattern from above that existed before there ever was a Jew or a Gentile, the wholeness of the expressed image of His person imparted within Adam, before he sinned and fell short of the glory of God.

We are on a journey to become as He is. His Jewishness is connected to His eternal foundations. We want to partake of this not so that we can put on kippah and tsitsit, but to be fundamentally changed on the inside into His likeness. We don't want to just superficially pin some Jewish holidays onto our lives or keep kosher. We want the marriage, the Jew and Gentile of God's heart to become one in us, in love, and to be recreated in His true image and likeness. The Greeks (*out of Japheth*) and Jews (*out of Shem*) are coming together in a marriage that will bring expansion, enlargement (*Heb-Japheth*) as they dwell in one tent with the right spiritual foundations (*Shem*). *Gen 9:26-27*. We bless one another and we are blessed. We enlarge the other and we ourselves are enlarged.

God is not maintaining the status quo. He is making one new man from the two. What does that mean? When the wall of separation comes down, mutual change happens. We are not just civil anymore. We are much more. We are family in one body, being transformed into something new that has qualities of each, but is also totally different.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; to make in himself of two one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both to God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: *Eph. 2:14-16*

May our Lord keep you, bless you abundantly and give you every desire of your heart in Him! I so appreciate your love and friendship!

In His Everlasting love,

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