

Empowering His Remnant

The Biblical truth about Pentecost

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The only way we can grow, mature, and be ready for the Day of Judgement is to be in alignment with Yeshua's Words.

Belief in Yeshua is *only* the starting point of a New Life. However, obeying Yeshua's Words is what a believer's life is all about. We each are to daily work out our salvation (Phil 2:12b).

We are to prove God's will in His Word. The time is short, there is no time for contradicting His Word; nor time for following after ear-tickling "new" revelations. Yeshua Himself stated "do not be deceived" for every believer is to give an account of his words and actions according to Scripture!

Our Savior wants us to understand that the Day of Pentecost (Chag HaShavuot) is a one of Yeshua's appointments called Festivals or Memorials. We are to understand its meaning and to proclaim His great deeds by making this an eternal memorial.

The majority of Christianity assumes that the "Day of Pentecost" is "the birthday of the church"? They claim that "Israel" and the "Church" are separate entities and have distinct prophecies. In other words, that the Church was a "new invention," which was founded on the "Day of Pentecost", presuming that the Church it did not exist in the TaNaKh (O.T.).

Let us use the correct Biblical term for "Church" (which is a non-Biblical term). The correct word is "Congregation". Note, the first major translation was done by Tyndale, and he correctly used the term "congregation."

Below are four errors which dispensationalism teaches, as claimed by Charles Ryrie in *Basic Theology*.

1. They falsely teach that there are passages which distinguish between Israel and Gentiles and the church. (e.g. Acts3:12, 4:8,10; 1 Cor 10:32),

Answer: Eph 2:11-14, 19-20, 3:6, 4:3-6; Rom 11:17,19

2. They also falsely teach that before the resurrection, according to Eph 1:20, Jesus could not have been the head of the church, and therefore it could not have existed.

Answer:

- John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

- Colossians 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist of.
- Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Yeshua is the Messiah. He had no beginning and no end! He maintained His Remnant Body perfectly right up to the Day of Pentecost.

3. Furthermore, they falsely teach the united body of believing Jews and Gentiles was unknown in the Old Testament and was a mystery revealed only after Christ.

Answer:

- Num 15:14 Commonwealth of Israel

Mystery

4. Jesus said, “I will build My Congregation”, not I will continue to build.

Answer:

- Amos 9:11 (Acts 15:16)
- Jer 31:31

Restoration

Rom 9:27:

And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel^c be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, 28for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.” 29And as Isaiah predicted,

“If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring,
we would have been like Sodom
and become like Gomorrah.”

- Rom 11:5 5So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.
- Isa 1:9
- Isa 10:21,22