



## Yom Teruah and Home Churches

### Yom Teruah

When we speak of Yom Teruah we find that many people of both the Jewish and the Christian faith have no idea what we're speaking about even though it's clearly found in the very scripture that both the Jewish faith and the Christian faith claim to believe in and have faith in.

For most of you who have been with us through out our study's here at Holy Impact Ministries you already know that it has always been mans unbridled desire, to add too... or take away from... Gods Word. And this unbridled desire to add too.. and take away from Gods Word is always what gets him into trouble.

From the beginning of Judaism back thousands of years ago.. to today's more modernized version of Christianity men have continuously added to and taken away from the Word of God even though by doing so they are breaking the very commandment of God found in Deuteronomy 4:2 and 12:31.

But none the less for some reason our adversary seems to be able to supernaturally block the eyes of men from seeing... and to cover the ears of man from hearing this commandment.

And so it is with Yom Teruah.. Once again we have men teaching, preaching, and believing all kinds of doctrines and flat out lies, and falsehoods concerning Gods commanded feast of Yom Teruah.

And so today.. we're going to cut through some of the assumptions that men have once again written into Gods Word, and we're going to throw some of these deceptions to the ground here this morning.

The first man made, man created, man fabricated lie about Yom Teruah that men will over and over and over again try to perpetuate is that it has something to do with the Jewish "New Year". Quite frankly, and quite simply put.. it does not.

Many people wrongly use the name "Rosh Hashannah" in place of the biblical name Yom Teruah. "Rosh Hashannah" is the Babylonian name for Yom Teruah and the very meaning of "Rosh Hashanna" means "Head of the Year" for the Babylonians it was the celebration of the

“New Year”.

When the the tribe of Judah was taken into captivity under the Babylonian empire they incorporated the Babylonian names of Gods months, along with all kinds of Babylonion rituals, traditions, and myths.

One of those Babylonian myths is that Yom Teruah represented the Jewish “New Year”... it does not. Their own Jewish Talmud even admits that the names of Gods months were replaced with Babylonian names, as was Yom Teruah.

Lets read the scripture for ourselves and lets understand the truth of Gods Word here this morning so that we can cut through the proverbial bull if you will.

*Lev 23:23 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,*

*Lev 23:24 "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy convocation.*

*Lev 23:25 You shall not do any ordinary work, and you shall present a food offering to the LORD."*

Do we see anything in this commandment about a “New Year”? Do we see anything in this commandment calling it “Rosh Hashanah”?

I ask you again... take a close look at the commandment, and make your decision.. does this commandment have anything to do with a “New Year” or a day called “Rosh Hashanah”?

You decide.

Now... let me minister to you here as I share some more biblical truth with you. What day is “New Years” according to our Father in Heaven?

*Exo 12:1 Adonai spoke to Moshe and Aharon in the land of Egypt; he said,*

*Exo 12:2 "You are to begin your calendar with this month; it will be the first month of the year for you.*

*Exo 12:3 Speak to all the assembly of Isra'el and say, 'On the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb or kid for his family, one per household—*

*Exo 12:4 except that if the household is too small for a whole lamb or kid, then he and his next-door neighbor should share one, dividing it in proportion to the number of people eating it.*

*Exo 12:5 Your animal must be without defect, a male in its first year, and you may choose it from either the sheep or the goats.*

*Exo 12:6 " 'You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of the month, and then the entire*

*assembly of the community of Isra'el will slaughter it at dusk.*

*Exo 12:7 They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the two sides and top of the door-frame at the entrance of the house in which they eat it.*

*Exo 12:8 That night, they are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire; they are to eat it with matzah and maror.*

*Exo 12:9 Don't eat it raw or boiled, but roasted in the fire, with its head, the lower parts of its legs and its inner organs.*

*Exo 12:10 Let nothing of it remain till morning; if any of it does remain, burn it up completely.*

*Exo 12:11 " 'Here is how you are to eat it: with your belt fastened, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you are to eat it hurriedly. It is Adonai's Pesach [Passover].*

Notice that our Father does not call his months by names.. he calls them by number. He never uses the Pagan names that we know his months by like Nission, Iyar, Sivan, or Tammuz, or Elul.

My friends these are Pagan names used to replace Gods months which were always numbered, not named. Read your Bible and know these things for yourselves.

So according to scripture here in the book of Exodus we can clearly see, know, and understand that according to our Father, the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob the "New Year" begins with the first month that we celebrate Passover in. It is called the 1<sup>st</sup> month my friends and according to our Father what does he say in Exodus 12:2?

*Exo 12:2 "You are to begin your calendar with this month; it will be the first month of the year for you.*

Am I going to believe what men are teaching and preaching and bloviating all over their congregations? No! And neither should you.

*Tit 1:13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,*

*Tit 1:14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.*

*Tit 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.*

*Tit 1:16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.*

We just fall for anything my friends because we don't test the fruits of these men and what they're teaching. And when we don't test their fruits against Gods given scripture we find ourselves lead around like a big mouth bass with a hook in his mouth.

And we let it happen to us over and over and over. We've got to snap out of it and we've got to remember that we are no living in the evil day that Paul speaks about in the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ephesians. We're here... these are the days of deception my friends, and if we don't re-train ourselves to test the spirits they will devour us.

*Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

*Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

*Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*

*Eph 6:15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.*

*Eph 6:16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;*

*Eph 6:17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,*

*Eph 6:18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

It's not flesh and blood that we battle with but rulers and authorities.. cosmic powers, spiritual forces of evil that perpetuate lies and deceptions my friends, to draw us into the snare of the evil one. This is what we battle. There is a war going on for your mind... why? Because he knows if he has your mind.. your heart and soul will follow.

Yom Teruah means to “shout to Yahovah”. It is a day of rest... and a day of a great feast, it is a memorial to our Father. Take it and embrace it, for by doing so you embrace the Father, and you will be blessed for walking in his ways.

Take this time to remember all he has done and to gear up and to prepare for the Day of Atonement which follows 10 days latter when we remember who the atonement for our sins is, and the love, mercy, and grace that his blood ushered into this world.

Yom Teruah.. this Monday from sundown on Sunday afternoon to sundown Monday evening. Make this day special in your home, and let it be a blessing for your children and your family. Do not allow them to attend school, and do not do any work on that day if at all possible.. it is a Memorial to our Father.

Lets take a break here and we'll move into how to start a “Home Bible Study”..

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## Starting Home Bible Fellowships

There are no real rules or regulations

*Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

*Heb 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,*

*Heb 10:25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

Things to think about before starting an home church or bible study

Will your home be open to the general public?

Can anyone invite anyone or are there some ground rules?

Who will pick the topic each week?

Who will be the moderator?

Will it be only for those who are like minded?

How do you propose to weed out the wolves?

Can a person be banned from your gathering and if so.. under what pretenses?

### Setting some ground rules at the beginning

**Start small with family if possible, and maybe a few close friends to set up your guard rails.**

It can be extremely helpful to start out slow, rather than inviting a large group of people for the first month or so. Start with a base of people. People who you think you would like to serve as “elders”. People who agree with what you're teaching and form a solid base before you branch out and invite the world into your living room.

This way you will have others who will be able to help you guide the study, and who can help you explain things to others who may be having trouble understanding. To have a solid base of believers is essential to a successful home bible study or church.

It is always better to have a group of people who are acting as facilitators rather than one person who is thought of as the leader. If you start out small with a small group, and study together and agree together, it will be much easier to then invite more people in, knowing that you don't have to control everything yourself.

Remember even our Messiah did not start out big. He started with 12, and worked his way up from there. He did not welcome the world in all at once.

**Send out an RSVP asking them to confirm that they intend to participate.**

This will help others realize that they are making a commitment to attend, and will urge them to mark their calendars. Often times a verbal invite is often accepted and then quickly forgotten during the hustle and bustle of a busy work week.

But if they are required to respond.. this helps to facilitate the mind set that they are making a commitment and they're more likely to mark their calendars and set the time apart to remember.

**Set a specific time for the meeting to start, and another specific time for the study to begin.**

Be sure to allow some time for people to greet one another. This gives every one an opportunity to meet and greet each other and to have a period of time for fellowship before getting down to the actual study.

And always be prepared to be flexible with your starting time. Not everyone is always on time!

**Decide before hand if there will be snacks and refreshments.**

It's always better to decide before hand if there will be refreshments. Your RSVP's will help you to know how many people to expect. After you've had a few Bible study's and the ball gets rolling you can then begin to lay down some ground rules concerning the refreshments for future meetings, but be ready to take care of the refreshments for the first few meetings until the group becomes comfortable with one another.

You may even have your study by doing a pot luck style where everyone can eat after the study. What ever you decide.. be sure to think of these things before sending out your RSVP so that others know whether to bring something or not.

**Start with some basic rules so that everyone is on the same page as far as question and answers, and for open discussion.**

Will you present the study and then take questions?.. or can anyone stop you at any time to ask a question? Will there be a discussion on the topic afterwards? What if someone disagrees with what your saying? Questions like these are best answered up front so that everyone will have some ground rules to go by so there is less confusion and turmoil.

I find it best to let who ever is giving the study to give it in it's entirety, and then ask questions

or have a discussion afterwards. This way.. at least they have heard the whole study. Often times their questions will be answered with in the study if they simply wait until the end of the presentation. If questions are asked during the teaching, you may not get past the first few paragraphs of the presentation, and the person giving the presentation winds up robbed of the message that they were lead to give.

**Always make it a priority to be respectful and patient with everyone.**

A great scripture to read would before even starting your study group is Leviticus 19:11 through 18:

*Lev 19:11 "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.*

*Lev 19:12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.*

*Lev 19:13 "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning.*

*Lev 19:14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.*

*Lev 19:15 "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.*

*Lev 19:16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.*

*Lev 19:17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.*

*Lev 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.*

**Once things get rolling, and the study begins to grow, you may even suggest going to someone else's home next week.**

This way the burden of hosting the home study does not always fall on one person. And this also plants another home bible study in your immediate area. Once another family begins inviting people to their home, the fellowship will undoubtedly grow.

This is another great way to grow the community.

**Consider bringing in guests from other Home fellowships to speak at your Bible study.**

Finding someone who is outside of your Bible study to come in and teach or speak on a specific Bible topic. This is always a great way to keep things interesting. This can also help to raise new questions and can sometimes even spur a greater knowledge.

Even if you have to pay for a hotel and help with some gas! You might even take up a collection from the group and ask them if they would like to hear from such a person.

**Always try to encourage discussion, but don't force it on anyone.**

Some people are more likely to speak out and engage, and you'll find that others are more quiet and like to listen more than speak. This is okay. Respect the wishes of each person. You will find that each person will have a slightly different personality and way of communicating.

**Become a master at diverting heated arguments**

When you find that someone disagrees with what you're saying, be sure to let them talk, and never interrupt someone in the middle of their sentence.

Let them finish their statement before responding even if you already think you know what they are trying to say.

Be very conscious of the tone and volume of your voice when you reply. Some people can take things wrong if they think you are trying to reprimand them. This will automatically cause them to throw up a wall between you and them and at this point the conversation should be put to rest.

Sometimes rather than making statements to get your point across it's better to ask the one who disagrees with you more questions.

For instance if some one is a firm believer in the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week Sunday Sabbath, instead of saying "that's not in there" you might ask the question "where do you find that in scripture?" or "what Apostle, Priest, or Prophet commanded such a thing, can you show me that in scripture?".

I've taught more of my opponents by asking questions than by making statements, and sometimes.. I receive a little truth my self by asking such questions. Remember it's not about winning every disagreement.. it's about seeking the truth, and understanding the truth. It's okay to be wrong!

Remember the purpose of an evangelist, Pastor, Teacher, or Shepherd:

*Eph 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,  
Eph 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,  
Eph 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,  
Eph 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried*

*about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

The purpose of your home fellowship should be to equip your brothers and sisters for the work of ministry. Encourage them in the faith, and help them to grow into the fullness of the Messiah.

It's important to remember that the purpose of our teaching is to lift each other up, not climb over one another. The important thing.. is to abide by what the scripture says, and not what we assume to be true or speculate to be true.

Remember speculation is not a bad thing.. but when we “assume” things and make them part of Gods law.. this is where our adversary waits with his snare to trap us. This is where we often time wind up being sifted.

Never let someone leave angry if you can at all help it. If things get over heated and you can expect that at some point in time they will.. remember what the scripture tells us:

*Mat 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.*

*Mat 18:16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.*

*Mat 18:17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.*

You will eventually find that someone from outside will come into the group and try to preach another doctrine, another Jesus, and another gospel and we must be ready to handle these things as they arise.

Do all that you can through your kindness and hospitality to reason with such a person but do not compromise what God has given you. Remember.. once you open your home to further the Gospel message you will be the target of every unclean thing that our adversary can throw at you, and our adversary will be prowling around just waiting for the moment to destroy what you're trying to build up.

### **Do not bow the knee to inclusivity!**

It is often times said, “you believe what you want to believe and I'll believe what I want to believe and we'll all get there together”. Nothing could be farther from the truth my friends. Don't buy into today's “inclusivity cultists” doctrine.

Our God does not tell us anywhere in the scriptures that it's okay to just believe what ever you want to. We are not told that there is more than one way into his kingdom. We are not told that the majority are going to get it at all. Consider these scriptures:

*Heb 10:35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.*

*Heb 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.*

*Heb 10:37 For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;*

*Heb 10:38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."*

*Heb 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.*

*Exo 23:1 "You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.*

*Exo 23:2 You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice,*

*Exo 23:3 nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.*

You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness... so we must now define "wicked". Some one who is "wicked" is someone to teaches or preaches things that are contrary to God our Father.

*1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,*

*1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:*

*1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*

*Tit 1:7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,*

*Tit 1:8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.*

*Tit 1:9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.*

*Tit 1:10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.*

*Tit 1:11 They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.*

*Tit 1:12 One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."*

*Tit 1:13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,*

*Tit 1:14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.*

*Tit 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but*

*both their minds and their consciences are defiled.*

*Tit 1:16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.*

So as we can clearly see.. we are to be kind and hospitable but at the same time we are not to bow the knee to those preaching and teaching the doctrines of men and the myths of the Jews.

I want us to remember how our Messiah spoke to the Pharisees and those who kept on perpetrating their own man made, man created, man fabricated laws, commandments, rituals and myths.

*Mat 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.*

Now.. was that kind and hospitable? Think about that for a moment while we take a look at another quote from our Messiah:

*Mat 23:27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness.*

*Mat 23:28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.*

So the question then becomes... was that kind and hospitable?

The answer to both of these believe it or not is yes. I would agree that at first glance these remarks do not sound kind and hospitable.. so why did he choose these words?

Lets ask ourselves.. are these words true? And if these words are true, can they be wicked? I would submit to you my friends that these words are blunt and straight forward, and in order to bring these Pharisees back to God the Father they needed to hear these very blunt and very straight forward words.

Do you suppose that anyone else had ever spoken these words of truth to these Pharisees, these men of power? Remember these Pharisees held all the authority of the synagogues, and they had the power to imprison or even kill anyone that they claimed was against God or breaking his commandments.

What was our Messiahs objective in being so blunt and straight forward with them? His objective was to save them. That maybe one of them... would have the ears to hear and the eyes to see.

inclusivity was not something that our Messiah ever taught anywhere in any of his scriptures.

And yet still.. we must remain open minded. If someone is able to prove through the scripture what they believe even though it's not what we've always believed we must consider this persons doctrine and it must be tested through the fire of prayer by all the brothers and sisters that are part of your fellowship.

And if you are not able to come to a conclusion.. then let that topic rest for a time while you pray and ask, seek, and knock on his door and ask him to revile the truth to you, and have faith that he will.

Remember what the wise old Gamaliel told the Temple authorities.. he told them to let Peter and the Apostles be.. and if what they were preaching and teaching was false... it would come to nothing in the end, but if what they were saying was true.. they might find themselves fighting against God.

So once again.. be aware of these twists and turns, and before you even embark on this journey know your scriptures well, and be well grounded in knowing how to handle these things. And once again this is why you need to start small and build a solid group of true believing brothers and sisters up, so that the group stands as a group.

Try to stay away from having one leader that has the last say every time. Remember our job is to lift each other up so that we are all ready for the work of the ministry.

We're not building a monarch or a dynasty, we're building a nation, a body, a people who are all one in the Messiah. Encourage someone else to teach on a topic next week, and if no one volunteers, then keep teaching until someone does volunteer, and then hand them the mantel and allow them to teach what God has given them, and then talk about, ask questions, and test that teaching to establish why you should or should not believe those things.

This is what it's all about.. it's about testing everything.

**Don't be afraid to redirect your questions to someone else in the room.**

IF you find that people are continuously asking you all the questions and turning to you for all the answers don't be afraid to ask someone else in the room to take that questions. This helps the group to understand that it's not all about one person or one leader but rather it's about the group.

It's important to help them to ask each other questions, and to teach them how to seek out the

answers from prayer and communion with each other and the Ruach Hakodesh.

You might say something like “I know how I feel about it but how do you feel about this John, whats your understanding on this topic?” And let John take it from there. This is where already having a small group of other believers already established comes in handy.

*Eph 4:1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,*

*Eph 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,*

*Eph 4:3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

*Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—*

*Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,*

*Eph 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

*Eph 4:7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.*

*Eph 4:8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."*

*Eph 4:9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?*

*Eph 4:10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)*

*Eph 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,*

*Eph 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*

*Eph 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,*

*Eph 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

*Eph 4:15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,*

*Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

*Eph 4:17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.*

*Eph 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.*

*Eph 4:19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.*

*Eph 4:20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!—*

*Eph 4:21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in*

*Jesus,*

*Eph 4:22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,*

*Eph 4:23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,*

*Eph 4:24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

*Eph 4:25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.*

*Eph 4:26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,*

*Eph 4:27 and give no opportunity to the devil.*

*Eph 4:28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.*

*Eph 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.*

*Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

*Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.*

*Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

This is how we grow, protect, and serve, the body of our Messiah, and this is how we expand his coming kingdom.