

The following is a quote from Sabbath Day of Eternity: ‘The Sabbath in the mind of the Jew is one of the most important ingredients of Jewish survival. There is a miracle in Shabbos. Even if you have never felt it yourself, it is there.

Without the Sabbath, the Jew would have vanished. It has been said that as much as the Jew has kept the Sabbath, so has Sabbath kept the Jew. The Sabbath is Judaism’s most outstanding ritual practice.’¹ End of quote.

One would ask, why the Sabbath? The answer to this important question is contained in the scripture: *“That ye may know that I am the LORD that doth Sanctify you.”*² We know through the scriptures that God made a promise to Abraham that he would be a Father of many Nations and that the day was coming when there would be no difference between the Jew & Gentile in God’s eyes. THE DAY HAS COME!

Bible Quote: *“But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of partition, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that He might create in Himself of the twain one New man, so making peace; and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: and He came and preached peace to you that were far off, and peace to them that were nigh: for through Him we both (**Jew & Gentile**) have our access in one Spirit unto the Father.”*³ End of quote.

For the true believer, belief in God is more than a mere creed or catechism. It is the basis from which brings the meaning and purpose of all of life. For if the world does not have a Creator, then what possible purpose can there be in existence! Man becomes nothing more than a complex physiochemical process, no more important than an ant or a grain of sand. Morality becomes a matter of convenience, or *“might makes right.”*

Faith requires more than mere lip service. It must also involve action in the form of our steadfast adherence to God’s will. The Hebrew word for Faith is “EMUNAH.” It comes from the same root as “UMAN — A CRAFTSMAN.” Faith cannot be separated from action. But, by what act in particular do we demonstrate our belief in God as Creator?

God, foreseeing the day when the born again Jew & Gentile would be spiritually one knew that there would remain cultural differences. We see in Scripture that in the early Church there was troubles because the customs of the people were inbred very deep. We see the argument and solution in the book of Acts 15:1-33 and 11:1-26. For this reason the name Christian was chosen. Those in Christ would be like Him in actions and they would have no need to be identified with any other Jew or Gentile religion or custom.

The Jew during the law dispensation of time felt very strong about keeping the physical rituals of Sabbath Rest. In many respects, one who willingly and flagrantly does not keep the Sabbath is no longer considered part of the Jewish Community.⁴ A day of Rest is a very simple weak explanation of Sabbath! If this was the meaning, then any day could be used for rest and considered as Sabbath by abstaining from certain practices.

The purpose of the Jewish Sabbath is to have **UNITY WITH GOD** with no distractions by setting aside a special day or time to try and connect to His Holiness since God is Holy. By doing this the Jew showed

¹ Sabbath Day of Eternity by Aryeh Kaplan, ISBN #1-879016-05-2

² Exodus 31: 12-13

³ Ephesians 2:13-18 ERV 1881

⁴ See Yoreh Deah 2:5, 119:7

respect for God as He is and in a sense demonstrated the desire to find **UNITY** with Him through putting on His Holiness.⁵

The Gentiles however, in their pagan rights of lust rituals could not attain to any degree of holiness or unity with the True and Living God. With all their blood sacrifices, none were pleasing to God Almighty since they were not prescribed by Him. Even some of the Jew's sacrifices were not accepted.

The true meaning of Sabbath is contained in Deuteronomy 5:12-15. "Keep the Sabbath Holy" remembering that God brought you out of pagan rituals (Egypt) to sanctify you for **UNITY** with Himself. Of all the religions of the Gentiles, none could match the powerful beginnings of Judaism. However, the religion of the Jews was still only a **SCHOOLMASTER⁶ TO BRING US (JEW & GENTILE) to Christ Jesus** the true living Messiah. All of the Jews divers washings and sacrifices could not make the Jew perfect pertaining to the conscience.⁷



Bible Quote: "*For the law having a shadow of **Good Things to Come**, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices.....purge conscience of sins..... He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.....I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.....Enter into the Holiest by the Blood of Jesus, by a **NEW and LIVING WAY**, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; Let us draw near with a true heart.....having our hearts sprinkled (by the Blood of Jesus) from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*"⁸ End of quote.

This new and living way to enter **UNITY** with God does not require changes in our traditional habits. Customs are very diverse among nations and hard to break. The only things we (Gentiles) must lay down, that is, discontinue and not do are those things spoken of in Acts 15:1-33 and we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. "*Love is the fulfilling of the law.*"⁹

In the Grace dispensation of time, that is, the Messianic age, blood sacrifices by the Jews and divers ritual washings were also to cease.

'SABBATH NOW FULFILLED SPIRITUALLY IN US EVERY DAY'

Sabbath to day is fulfilled by all peoples through entering into a **Spiritual Rest twenty four hour - seven days a week continual Unity and Rest with God**. Those of the law period did not receive the promise. "*God having provided some thing better for us, (those in Christ Jesus) that they without us should not be made perfect.*"¹⁰

Bible Quote: "*Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down.....follow peace with all men and holiness.....for ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest.....But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the Living*

⁵ Exodus 20:8-11.

⁶ Galatians 3:21-29

⁷ Hebrews chapters 8 to 10.

⁸ Hebrews 10:1-26.

⁹ Romans 13:10.

¹⁰ Hebrews 11:39-40.

God, **THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM**, and to an innumerable company of angels, and to God the Judge of all (Jew & Gentile) and to the spirits of just men made perfect.”¹¹ End of quote.

We (Jew & Gentile) who believe have now been made one (UNITY) in Christ Jesus who are born again by the Spirit of the Living God. The Gospel spoken by Jesus in John 3:1-8 is; Death Burial and Resurrection into His Eternal Spiritual Kingdom as written in Romans 6:1-11.

The Unity of the Gospel



Through this NEW AND LIVING WAY we all can become the temple of God, His dwelling place. We are to keep this temple Holy, a continual daily, twenty four - seven days a week Sabbath. Bible Quote: *“And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”*¹² End of quote.

God dwells in eternity, in a realm beyond change and time. He Himself told His prophet in Malachi 3:6, **“For I am the LORD, I change not;and He rested”** **Genesis 2:2** Serenity and tranquility are therefore a part of God’s nature.

We enter into **UNITY & TRANQUILITY**, that is, **HIS REST BY HIS SPIRIT**. This was prophesied to come in Isaiah. Bible Quote: *“For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to His people. To whom He said; THIS IS THE REST where with ye may cause the weary to REST; and this is the REFRESHING: yet they would not hear.”*¹³ End of quote:

Many today, both Jew and Gentile claim to have the true rest and unity with God by their continued observance of traditions. However, the door into the **TRUE REST** and **UNITY** is now open and the old is done away with. **There is no inner Sabbath without God who is our peace which cleanses our conscience.** We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the Righteous.

Aryeh Kaplan also writes; “The Zohar tells us that the **MYSTERY OF THE SABBATH IS UNITY.**”¹⁴ The scripture proclaims this true Sabbath of **UNITY** by saying; Jesus Praying, Bible Quotes: *“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be ONE IN US: That the world may believe that thou hast sent Me. And the Glory which thou gavest Me I have given to them; THAT THEY MAY BE ONE, EVEN AS WE ARE ONE: I IN THEM, AND THOU IN ME, THAT THEY MAY BE PERFECTED INTO ONE:*”¹⁵ “But he that is joined to the Lord is ONE SPIRIT.”¹⁶ End of quotes.

JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH!

Bible Quote: *“At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that*

¹¹ Hebrews 12:12-29.

¹² 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ezekiel 36: 22-28.

¹³ Isaiah 28:11-12.

¹⁴ Zohar 2:135b.

¹⁵ John 17:21-23.

¹⁶ 1st Corinthians 6:17.

*which is not lawful to do upon the Sabbath day. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungered, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you, That in this place is one (JESUS) greater than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. **For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.**"¹⁷*

When man observes this true Sabbath by being **'IN'** Christ Jesus, he too is heir and partakes of God's eternity. He enters into a state of harmony with both God and the world He created. Man is then 'in' a state of peace with all creation. By entering into this **REST** it gives us a deeper insight into how the work of God in our heart has truly given us true freedom. Freedom from our pagan practices of self approval that took on many forms with no rest with or in God. Bible quote: *"Where the Spirit of the LORD is there is liberty."*¹⁸



We can now build up ourselves daily, praying in the Holy Ghost, keeping ourselves **"IN"** the Love of God. Jude 17-21. One can therefore observe the Mitzvah (law) of keeping the Sabbath Literally every second of every day, even while sleeping. All that is required is to be full of the Spirit of the Living God Almighty!

Aryeh Kaplan also writes¹⁹ *"THE GREAT HOPE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IS THE MESSIANIC AGE WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF UNIVERSAL HARMONY, THE MILLENNIUM."* In the Talmud (Tamid 7:4) the Messianic age is called; ***"Yom Shekulo Shabbos—DAY WHEN ALL WILL BE SABBATH."***

Sadly, the Jews as a Nation of old wrote about this great Messianic Sabbath which we now enjoy, but as Isaiah said; ***"yet they would not hear."***²⁰ Their

¹⁷ Matthew 12:1-8.

¹⁸ 2 Cor. 3:12-18.

¹⁹ Sabbath Day of Eternity, Page 23.

²⁰ Isaiah 28:12.

religious leaders rejected Jesus the Messiah and His Sabbath, but not many of the common people of that day.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem because they knew not the peace that belonged unto them. How well the Apostle Paul, a Jew blameless of the law proclaim; Bible quote: ***“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; But the BODY is of Christ.”***²¹

Today, when we enter into the Spirit through prayer, we are partaking of God’s rest and have entered into Sabbath, the highest rest that man can attain in this age. Apostle Paul wrote; *“whether in the body....or out of the body, I cannot tell.....caught up to the third heaven”*²² We are just prior to His coming a second time, which will bring a higher and more glorious eternal without the restraints of our flesh. But today we go in and out of that pasture restoring our soul through the power of the Holy Ghost. John 10:9. We actually enter into the Holy of Holies by this new and living way through His Blood and Spirit, ceasing from our labors. The Spirit prays through us with groanings, our bodies becoming a living rest. We do not know what we have need of, but the Spirit praying through us not only edifies our spirit and inner man, but hears and answers our prayers.

Every one of man’s physical skills went into the building of the tabernacle made with hands. When we pray and walk in the Spirit we do not use our intellect or abilities. We pray with our heart, submitting our will in praise and singing, entering into His presence and we walk by faith and not by sight. This is **TRUE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT.**



Our bodies, God’s tabernacle today represents man’s partnership, i.e., **UNITY WITH GOD** in bringing the world toward its final goal. Thus, in a sense, our temple parallels God’s act of creation by its building. “Behold, we are new creatures in Christ, all things become new, old things pass away.”²³ Today we present our bodies to God, a tabernacle for the **“Word and Spirit”** of God to dwell in. This allows God to fulfill His purpose in creating us. There is no higher attainment or **UNITY**

²¹ Colossians 2:16-17.

²² 1 Corinthians 12:1-4.

²³ 2 Corinthians 5:17.

that man can achieve in this life. *'It is Joy unspeakable and Full of Glory.'* 1 Peter 1:8

Exodus 25:8 says; *"They shall make Me a sanctuary, and I will dwell among them."* This is truly fulfilled now in the Messianic Age as spoken to the Church, Christ's Body. 2 Corinthians 6:16

"YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD"

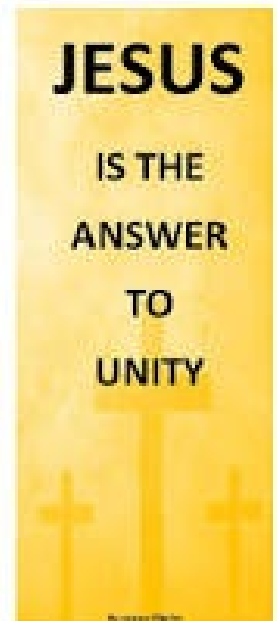
The sum of the things written in this paper can be read in Hebrews 3:1 to 4:16. There was a rest given unto the people of God in all ages of time, yet many would not enter into it because of lack of faith. Therefore a promise was left off unto them. Without the rest we see that many are overcome in their wanderings.

The Holy Ghost given to us today with the evidence of speaking in 'Other (not learned) Tongues' as the Spirit gives utterance is not only God's seal of acceptance of our repentance and act of faith by baptism into Christ Jesus, by being buried with Him in a watery grave, but it is the only way that Jesus Christ can be Lord of all our heart. For the scripture proclaims; *"no man can call Jesus Lord but by the Holy Ghost."* 1 Corinthians 12:3.

My friend, the Holy Ghost that is given by God with the evidence of speaking in 'Other Tongues' **is not an accessory to salvation**. Search the book of Acts and you will find in chapters 2, 8, 10 & 19 that the evidence of receiving the Spirit of the Lord was manifested not only to the believer but to all around by the speaking of Tongues.

Jesus Himself said in John 3:8 that there would be a language spoken by the receiver of the Spirit of God through the believer who was born of the Spirit. In the King James 1611 Bible the word '**sound**' is used, however, when we look in a Greek dictionary or Lexicon we find that the original Greek text was, '**language.**' Let not a promise be left off you through lack of faith to seek the living God as did the Jews.

A more accurate translation of what Jesus said in John 3:8 is; *"The Spirit goes where it wants to, and thou hearest the language thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; **SO IS EVERY ONE THAT IS BORN OF THE***



SPIRIT. You will speak an unlearned language when the fullness of the Spirit enters you! It is more than feeling and being led of the Spirit to this wonderful blessing you are yet to receive.

Acts 2:4 *“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

Acts 8:17 *“Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the Apostles hands the Holy Ghost was given”...*

Acts 10:44 *“While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that **ON THE GENTILES ALSO WAS Poured OUT THE GIFT OF THE Holy Ghost. FOR THEY HEARD THEM SPEAK WITH TONGUES**”*

Acts 19:6 *“And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they **SPAKE WITH TONGUES, AND PROPHESED.**”*

‘In the fullness of time, God has gathered together in one all things in Christ, both which are in Heaven and in Earth, that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the Praise of His Glory.’²⁴

To God, Jesus Christ our Messiah be Praise and the Glory forever.

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To God our Lord Jesus be the glory.

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²⁴ Ephesians 1:9-14.