



### Scriptures

- **1 John 5:12**  
'<sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.'
- **Colossians 2:16-17**  
'<sup>16</sup>Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day- <sup>17</sup>things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.'
- **John 5:39-40**  
'<sup>39</sup>You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; <sup>40</sup>and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.'
- **1 Corinthians 7:18-20**  
'<sup>18</sup>Was any man called when he was already circumcised? He is not to become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? He is not to be circumcised. <sup>19</sup>Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is the keeping of the commandments of God. <sup>20</sup>Each man must remain in that condition in which he was called.'
- **John 15:16**  
'<sup>16</sup>You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.'

### Other Scriptures

- Luke 22:14-20
- Galatians 5:1-4
- Philippians 3:2-11
- John 8:36

### Main Points

- **Warning #1:** Don't become so romanced by the beauty of Judaism that you take your focus off of Jesus.
  - Life is not found in speaking Hebrew, it is found in Jesus.
    - Every tribe, nation, and tongue will bow and confess that Jesus is LORD!
  - Holy Days are shadows, but Jesus is the substance and fullness of our faith.
  - Don't focus on the letter (minutia)...but rather, the Spirit of The LORD!
- **Warning #2:** Do not try to find your identity in Jewishness.



- Don't look for comfort and security in being Jewish.
  - Knowing that we have been chosen by God, whether we are Jew or Gentile, should be more than enough for comfort and security.
- Many people have a deep need for identity, and that need can only be fulfilled by Jesus.

### Discussion Questions

1. What do you think are some of the reasons that God chose Paul to have such an impact for His Kingdom?
2. Why is it easy to stumble on finding identity in things that have clear cut, defined rules and laws (i.e. Judaism, Sports)?
3. Is it possible to idolize something, like Judaism or Hebrew roots, without being conscious of the fact that one is?
4. Why is it important to know the Hebrew roots of Christian faith?