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Hebrew roots, or heavenly glory?

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love".

Ephesians 3:17

Our roots are in Christ and we need to put those roots down further. Our roots are not in the Hebrew language or pretending to be Israel, but our roots are in Christ. "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:6-7).

No doubt the Christian faith had its beginnings in Israel, they are the natural branches. our Saviour is the Messiah of Israel, predicted by the Hebrew prophets, and born of the seed of David according to the flesh. That is all very true. But our spiritual sustenance, our growth in the truth, is putting our roots deep in Him. Fascination and occupation with the Hebrew language – which can be profitable in its proper context, as is the New Testament Greek as well – is not "Holding fast to the Head" (Colossians 2:19), from where we get our spiritual nourishment.

For there is neither Jew nor Gentile, but one body in Christ. The Christian is heavenly in both origin and in destiny. Israel will still have a place in a future day, but the sphere of the Church is heavenly – not on earth. "That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him" (Ephesians 1:10). This verse is showing the system in the fullness of times, that is the Millennium. Christ will be Head over all things on earth and in heaven, but His glory in heaven will be in connection with the Church (Eph. 1:21-23), as it is even now.

So it is wrong for us who were "sinners of Gentiles" to go back to Judaism; put your roots deep in Christ, be occupied with His heavenly glory and you will be transformed (see 2 Corinthians 3:18).

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