

Question 2:

Are Messianic/Hebraic/Israelite Believers a Christian congregation/assembly?

Answer 2:

No!

Because of the true meaning and definition of the words *christian* or *christianity* we do not fit these descriptions.

The word *christ* derives from the Greek word *christos* which means “anointed one”. If that was the true origin of the word it would possibly be an acceptable term that might be appropriate to use for one who is a Set- Apart One unto Yahuah (Father) through Yahusha (Son) but this does not appear to be the case.

In all likelihood the word *christos* derived from the word *krista* whose origin is from one of the oldest Indo-European languages known as Sanskrit and the word *krishna* is derived from the word *krista*.

Now we all have heard of krishna who is a supreme hindu god and the word krishna means “all attractive”.

Let us take a look at those deeds and traits that were attributed to krishna:

- 1) Often described as an infant or young boy playing a flute.**
- 2) A youthful prince giving direction and guidance.**
- 3) Krishna's childhood and youth tell how he became a cow herder.**
- 4) Krishna is said to have killed the demons like putana, sent by kamsa for krishna's life.**
- 5) Krishna overthrew and killed his uncle, kamsa, after avoiding several assassination attempts from kamsa's followers.**
- 6) Krishna married rukmini, the princess of vidarbha, by abducting her from her wedding on her request.**
- 7) Krishna was married with only 16,108 wives, of which eight were chief—collectively called the *Ashta Bharya*.**
- 8) Krishna's wives are believed to be forms of the goddess lakshmi—consort of vishnu, or special souls who attained this qualification after many lifetimes of austerity.**
- 9) The sons and grandsons of lord krishna's children numbered in the tens of millions. Sixteen thousand mothers gave rise to this dynasty.**
- 10) At a festival, a fight broke out between the yadavs who exterminated each other. His elder brother balarama then gave up his body using Yoga. Krishna retired into the forest and sat under a tree in meditation. While the mahabharata narrates the story that a hunter named jara mistook his partly visible left foot for a deer and shot an arrow wounding him mortally; while krishna's soul ascended to heaven, his mortal body was cremated by arjuna.**

As you can see from the above description of the origin of christ that it is not possible to use a name which is attributable to a pagan deity.

The term *HaMashiach* (The Messiah) is the Hebrew term for “The Anointed One” and as such a more correct terminology would be to call Set-Apart Ones Mashiachians or Messianites, which means “those that are connected to or belonging to The Messiah (Anointed One).”

What was the need of changing the correct word usage for the Messiah to an incorrect word usage which was not representative of Divine and Holy Scripture? It is apparent that throughout history the evil one hasatan (the devil) has made every attempt to corrupt even the very description of Yahusha (Son) with other gods which are pagan and we are forbidden to even speak their names. So, in observing these practices which have become part of the traditional church world, they have replaced who He truly was and who we are to become with an incorrect concept and understanding.

We realize that there are those who are unaware of these discrepancies because they were never given the correct information or were denied this information to keep them in darkness and from finding the truth.

This is one of the main purposes of hasatan (devil) to try and keep us from truly understanding who Yahuah (Father) and Yahusha (Son) are and the correct manner in how we are to address Elohim and to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Once people have received this information and realize the correctness and truth of what is being said, it would seem that it would be impossible not to re-evaluate their use of incorrect terminologies and to start using the correct terms when speaking of themselves and who they truly are and should be.

So, as was stated at the beginning of this teaching, the answer is “NO” to the question, “Are we a christian congregation/assembly?”

Act 11:25-26

Then Barnabāh went to Tarsos to seek Sha’ul, and having found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came to be that for an entire year they came together in the assembly and taught large numbers. And the taught ones were called ‘Messianites’ first in Antioch.

We suggest that you review our Statement of Faith for clarification of what we as Messianic/Hebraic/Israelite Believers believe.