



Statement of Faith
Messianic Unity - Together in Messiah
Western Australia

Authority of Scripture

At Messianic Unity Western Australia, we firmly believe in the Bible's absolute authority and divine inspiration. Our faith is rooted in the Bible, which includes the Tenach (Holy Scriptures) and the later writings known as the B'rit Hadasha (New Testament/Covenant). We regard the Bible as the infallible and ultimate word of Elohim (GOD), completely trustworthy and free from any errors in its teachings or guidance. Accepting its teachings as the guiding light for all matters of faith and practice. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 3:1-6; Psalms 119:89, 105; Isaiah 45:12-16; Romans 8:14-17, II Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17).

ELOHIM (GOD)

At Messianic Unity Western Australia, we hold the belief that the Shema, found in Deuteronomy 6:4 – 'Hear O Israel, the Lord our Elohim (GOD), the Lord is one,' teaches us that Elohim (GOD) is 'Echad,' as declared—a unified one, a composite unity, eternally existing in plural oneness (Genesis 1:1, where 'Elohim' refers to Elohim (GOD); Genesis 1:26, 'Let Us make man in Our image'; Genesis 2:24, where Adam and Eve are created to be as one flesh, 'basar echad'). We affirm that Elohim (GOD) is a personal deity who fashioned us (Genesis 1 & 2), and that He eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as reflected in passages such as Romans 8:14-17 (Father, Spirit, and Messiah – Son) and Matthew 28:18-20 (baptising in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

Elohim (GOD) the Father

He is Our Heavenly Father, the loving Creator and sustainer of all, as abundantly demonstrated in the sacred texts:

- John 6:27b, where His divine guidance nourishes our souls.
- 1 Corinthians 1:3, showcasing His grace and peace bestowed upon us.
- Galatians 1:1, recognising His authority and calling in our lives.
- Revelations 3:5 and 21 reveal His promise to overcome adversity and grant us eternal life.
- Jeremiah 3:4 and 19, portraying His unchanging love and forgiveness.
- Malachi 1:6, emphasising His rightful position as our Father.
- Matthew 6:9 and 32, teach us to revere Him in prayer and trust in His provision.
- Luke 10:21-22, unveiling His profound wisdom and revealing the Father through Jesus.
- John 1:14, 4:23, 5:17-26, and 6:28-46, narrating His divine nature and purpose through Christ.
- Romans 8:14-15 affirming our adoption as His children through the Spirit.

Elohim (GOD) the Son

Elohim (Elohim (GOD)) indeed has a Son, who was, is, and will return, as affirmed in Scripture:

- Psalm 2, where His Son's divine authority is proclaimed.
- Proverbs 30:4-6 (cf. Hebrews 1), highlighting the Son's supreme nature.
- Luke 12:35-37, foretelling His glorious return.
- John 1:29-34, 49; 3:14-18, illustrating the Son's role in salvation.

This Son, named Yeshua (Jesus), meaning 'salvation,' entered our world through a virgin birth, fulfilling Isaiah 7:14 (cf. Luke 1:30-35).

The Son is both fully Elohim - Elohim (GOD) (Deity) and is worshipped as Elohim (Elohim (GOD)). His eternal existence is evident in the following:

- Psalm 110:1 (cf. Hebrews 1:13).
- Isaiah 9:6-7.
- Matthew 28:18-20.
- Philippians 2:5-11.
- Colossians 1:15-19.
- Revelation 3:21 (Hebrews 1, worshipped by angels).
- Revelation 4:8, 5:5-14.

He is the promised Mashiach (Messiah) of Israel, foretold in:

- Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1.
- Daniel 9 (especially verses 20-26).
- Isaiah 53.
- John 1:17, 40-41, 45, 49; Mark 8:29.

He is the root and offspring of David, the bright and morning star (Numbers 24:17; Revelation 22:16). He is our Passover, the Lamb of Elohim (GOD) (1 Corinthians 5:7; Revelation 5; John 1:29).

Elohim (GOD) is Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit)

In Genesis 1:2b, it's written, "The Spirit of Elohim (Elohim (GOD)) hovered over the waters." In the Tenach, the Spirit came upon figures like Moses, David (II Samuel 23:1-3), and the Prophets for specific purposes.

In the New Covenant, Messiah Yeshua promised His disciples the arrival of "the Comforter," the Spirit of Truth (John 14:17, 26), who dwells in and guides believers (John 16:13-15). He empowers us (Acts 1:8), seals us (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30), and signifies belonging (Romans 8:9). He leads and teaches (Romans 8:14-17), enabling Elohim (Godly) living. Acts 2:38 exhorts: "Repent, be immersed, and receive Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit).

Man, and Sin

Men and women are created in Elohim's (GOD's) image (Genesis 1:26-27), but due to disobedience, humanity fell from grace, leading to separation from Elohim (GOD) (Genesis 2:17; 3:22-24). Thus, all are born with a sinful nature, as Scripture reveals (Psalm 14:1-3; 49:7; 53:13; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:9-12, 23; 5:12).

Our sole path to redemption lies in Messiah's atonement (Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 53; Daniel 9:24-26; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Hebrews 9:11-14, 28; John 1:12, 3:36), leading to rebirth by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5), known as the new birth (John 3:3-8). We're saved by grace through faith, a divine gift (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Gender

We at Messianic Unity Western Australia affirm that Elohim (GOD), in His wonderful and unchanging design, creates every individual as male or female. These two unique and complementary genders collectively mirror the image and essence of Elohim (GOD), as revealed in Genesis 1:26-27. Rejecting one's biological sex equates to rejecting the divine image of Elohim (GOD) inherent within that individual.

Marriage

We uphold the belief that the term 'marriage' has a singular definition: the joining of one man and one woman in a committed, exclusive partnership, as outlined in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). We affirm that God's design for sexual intimacy is reserved solely for a man and a woman within the bounds of marriage. It is our conviction that God commands against any intimate sexual activity outside the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman.

Redemption for all Men

At Messianic Unity Western Australia, we believe in Elohim's (God's) desire to redeem all humanity (2 Peter 3:9). Through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Messiah, Yeshua (Isaiah 53), we find atonement for our souls (Lev. 17:11).

Yeshua declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Salvation is received through faith in Yeshua and God's grace (Ephesians 2:4-8), not by works (Romans 3:23; 6:22, 23; 10:8-13).

We believe in the unity of Jews and Gentiles in the body of Messiah, with no division (Ephesians 2:11-18; Romans 10:11,12). In Him, we are one new creation, reconciled to God and each other.

Elohim's (GOD's) Gifts

We believe that the Ruach Hakodesh (God's Holy Spirit) bestows spiritual gifts upon believers. However, it's important to note that not every believer receives the same gift.

As described in 1 Corinthians chapters 12, 13, and 14:

- There are diverse gifts, but they all originate from the same Spirit.
- These gifts serve the common good and are distributed individually as the Spirit wills.
- We are all unified in one body by the Spirit, regardless of our backgrounds.
- Love is the supreme virtue, surpassing all spiritual gifts.

In this unity of Messiah's body, God appoints various roles, including apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, helpers, administrators, and those with various kinds of tongues. But above all, love is paramount—love that is patient, kind, not jealous, not arrogant, and that rejoices in truth.

While faith, hope, and love are vital, the greatest of these is love.

Messianic Believers Life

"Messianic Jewish Life - The Torah is a divine gift to Israel and serves as the constitution of both the Jewish people and the Messianic Jewish community, representing Israel's eschatological first fruits. While the Torah provides spiritual nourishment and universal moral principles, its role differs for Messianic communities among the nations. It must be applied in each generation, aligning with the New Covenant (Matthew 5:17-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 7:17-20).

Forgiveness of sins, spiritual renewal, union with Messiah, and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit are available to all—Jews and Gentiles—who believe in Yeshua, follow His teachings and join His Body through immersion and remembrance (Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 24:46-48; John 14:6; Romans 6:22, 23; 1 Corinthians 11:23-27).

Messianic Unity Western Australia believes that Messiah Yeshua will return to Jerusalem in glory to establish an eternal reign on David's throne. This return will culminate in the restoration of Israel, the

resurrection of the dead, the judgment of the wicked, and the final reconciliation of Israel and the nations under Messiah's rule, resulting in everlasting joy and mutual blessing (Isaiah 9:4-5/5-6; Romans 8:18-19; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-4).

ISRAEL and the Jewish People

Israel in Prophecy - We firmly hold to Elohim's (God's) end-time plan for both the nation of Israel and the entire world (Gentiles). At the heart of Messianic Judaism/Hebraic roots lies our unwavering belief in the physical and spiritual restoration of Israel in complete accordance with the teachings of Scripture. Witnessing the re-establishment and rebirth of the State of Israel as prophesied (Ezekiel 34:11-31; 36-39; Hosea 3; Amos 9:11-15; Zechariah 12-14; Isaiah 11; 43; 54; 60-62; 66; Romans 11:1-34) stands as one of the most remarkable miracles of our time.

The Jewish People – Elohim (God) has chosen the Jewish people and established an eternal covenant with them. They are intended to serve as the pioneers of a renewed humanity, spreading blessing and restoration to all nations. Out of His boundless love, God bestowed upon Israel the sacred Torah as a covenantal way of life and granted them the holy Land of Israel as both an inheritance and a promise of the blessings in the World to Come (Genesis 12:1-3; Jeremiah 31:31-37; Romans 11:28-29).

In Messianic Unity, Together in Messiah, Western Australia, we affirm these core beliefs as the foundation of our faith. We seek to grow in our understanding of these principles, to live them out in our daily lives, and to share the message of Messiah with love and compassion, welcoming all who seek to walk in the ways of our Elohim (God). Through our faith and unity, we hope to bring honour and glory to the name of our one Elohim, YHVH, now and for generations to come. Amen.

Promoting Life in Messiah

In Messianic Unity Western Australia, we are dedicated to promoting and living out our faith in Yeshua, the Messiah. Our belief in the eternal love of God, the redemptive work of Yeshua, and the empowering presence of the Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit) inspire us to embrace the sanctity of human life and cultivate a community of prayer, worship, and discipleship. Together, we eagerly anticipate the return of our Messiah, Yeshua, and we endeavour to be a shining example of His life-transforming love in Western Australia and beyond.