

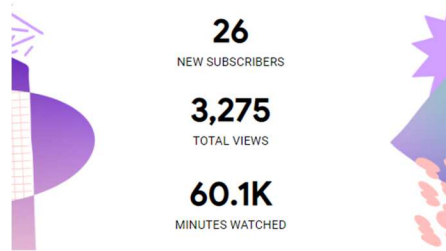
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Letter to the Messianic Jews 11:1-3
Trusting, the Foundation



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here's how your channel did last
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Do you have any idea how hard it is to find a Jewish zebra?



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I was hunting big game deep in Kruger National Park in the wilds of South Africa. This was a one-in-a-million photo op.
Oops. I meant Photoshop.

A new Israeli invention



<https://youtu.be/8wDVwwuBAss>

3-minute video –

The future is like that.

We don't know what's coming, what's on the other side of the wall of time.

[Danger, doom, prosperity, health, love ...]

The present is like that.

- We don't know WHY things are happening, what purpose.
- We don't know what is in people's minds; why people do what they do, or how to love them in a way that will be received.

[Their minds and hearts are walled off to us. Life's purposes are veiled to us.]

MJ 10 closes with the exhortation:

So don't throw away that courage of yours, which carries with it such a great reward. For you need to hold out; so that, by having done what God wills, you may receive what he has promised... **The person who is righteous will live his life by trusting.**

Hebrew/Tanakhic source:

Hab 2.2.4 "the righteous shall live by *Emunah* אמונה Faith."

צָדִיק בְּאֱמוּנָתוֹ יִחְיֶה.

Tsadeek beh-emunato yikhyeh

Faith is G-d's mode for us to see into life: past, present, future.

[Originally written by when questioning the horrific Babylonian conquest and destruction and exile.]

Ro.1.16-17 For in it [the message of Yeshua] is revealed how God makes people righteous in his sight; and from beginning to end it is through trust — as the Tanakh puts it, "But the person who is righteous will live his life by trust."

[Shaul quotes this as the foundational concept of faith in presenting salvation to Israel and the Nations.]

Gal 3.10-11 For all who rely on the deeds of Torah are under a curse—for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not keep doing everything written in the scroll of the Torah." It is clear that no one is set right before God by Torah, for "the righteous shall live by *Emunah* אמונה Faith."

[Here it is the decisive concept to keep us from legalism.]



Mes Jews/Hebrews 11.01-03 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of realities not seen. For by it the elders received commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen did not come from anything visible.

[Amy Jill Levine: Faith carries overtones of endurance, trust, and insight into spiritual reality. Insight into invisible things, beyond the walls.]

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[Faith is the means by which we see through the walls of time and circumstances.

Righteous: saved eternally, righteous in community

- *By his faith: not by himself, his strength, by his social and family support, but by faith in the atoning death and resurrection of the Messiah Yeshua*
- *Live: strength, joy, dependence GIVE not from spouse, from kids, from community]*

Consider the Greek ...

Faith/*pistis* is always a gift from God, and never something that can be produced by people...It is "God's *divine persuasion*" -

pistis *elpizomenōn*
πίστις ἐλπίζομένων
faith of [things] hoped for

and therefore distinct from human belief (confidence), yet involving it.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5287.htm> That is, we exercise it, but G-d by the Ruakh responds and empowers it. So, penetrates time and circumstances.

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[the] assurance	of things	[the] conviction	not	being seen

hypostasis: a support, substance, steadiness, hence assurance (lit: an underlying), (a) confidence, assurance, (b) a giving substance (or reality) to, or a guaranteeing, “title of possession” evidence

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to see, observe suggests “to see something physical, with spiritual results (perception).” It carries what is seen into the non-physical (immaterial) realm so a person can take the needed action (respond, beware, be alert).

[We don't see the purpose in this difficulty!!!
Involves surrender.
We'd like to understand, to control. By faith.]

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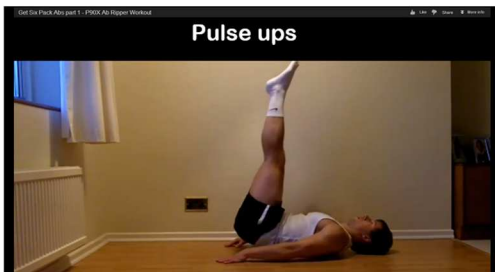
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Tsadeek beh-emunato yikhveh

1. If you have uncertainty, fear about eternal life, you receive it by repentance and faith in the resurrected Messiah.
2. If you have fears about finances, government, sickness, people, family [say each time.]



In the Temple and Mishkan/Tabernacle, ornate robes except all cohnanim/priests barefoot. Why barefoot? Perhaps ~Moshe before the bush. Surrender our control, our power. Comfort and protection of footwear. Yom Kippur Day of Atonement whites



Human interest rabbi trail ... I had cold feet, literally, and couldn't ever wear sandals, until I started doing an exercise. This is the exercise. No guarantees that it will help your cold feet, but it should help your abs.



Also difficult on, therefore good for, your triceps.

Ultimately, faith is NOT about us and our needs. It's about the mystery of the Holy One, and our barefoot (self-abandoning) surrender to HIM. What did Messiah say about such absolute surrender? *[To see beyond the wall of life's mystery]*

Mtt 10.29-32 Aren't sparrows sold for next to nothing, two for an assarion? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's consent. As for you, **every hair on your head has been counted.** *[assarion: a very small coin; according to them it contained four grains of silver; was the ninety sixth part of a "sela", or shilling Maimon. in Misn. Peah, c. 8. sect. 1.*

not one of them is taken in a snare, or killed with a stone, or shot flying, or sitting, but by the will of God: from whence it may be strongly concluded, that nothing comes by chance; that there is no such thing as contingency with respect to God, though there is to men, with respect to second causes; that all things are firmly ordained by the purpose of God, and are wisely ordered by his providence: Just like we can't grasp the HOLINESS of G, we can't grasp his purposes in all things. But we can worship!! In ALL circumstances!!]

Mtt 10.29-32 So do not be afraid, you are worth more than many sparrows. Whoever acknowledges me in the presence of others I will also acknowledge in the presence of my Father in heaven.

Ro 8.28-29 Furthermore, we know that God causes **everything** to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with His purpose; because those whom he knew in advance, *[The whole purpose of life is to Know G-d, revealed in Yeshua. If we ignore a message, and choose to complain, whine, get bitter, rather than praise Messiah and grow, He sends a louder one. Our task to discern Yeshua's loving message to us, not to sink into frustration, anger, depression!!]*

Ro 8.28-29 he also determined in advance would be conformed to the pattern of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers *[Hebrew term is Tikkun, soul correction, to correct ourselves!!]*

Yn 16.33 "I have said these things to you so that, united with me, you may have shalom. In the world, you have tsuris. But be brave! I have conquered the world!"

[Tsuris: Trouble; aggravation. A Yiddish phrase for worries, stress, or hassle.

Does it look like it's conquered? Everyone has troubles. Robin Hood is based on lack of understanding the ways of G-d. If we have faith, poor and rich are by the will of G-d. So is Marxism. Confiscatory taxes in UK. How has He conquered? Joy IF we trust HIM!! Don't like rejection, disputes, shortfalls, health problems.]

T'hilim Ps 25.4-5 Make me know your ways, ADONI, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God who saves me, my hope is in you all day long. *[My truth is to have life easy. YOUR truth is to perfect me through all.]*

To be continued on Shabbat, March 5 ...