

To Life

Before we go further I just need to make 2 remarks about what you're about to read:

1. I do not believe Christians should be participating in Jewish customs as we live under grace and not under the law, and those customs are mostly unscriptural, my only interest is in how this word translates for Christians.
2. Although I do not judge those that have an occasional drink, I myself do not partake in any alcohol and am not promoting a "drinking cheers" here; again my only interest is how it can translate for Christians.

L'cha-im is a Hebrew word used in making a toast to life in general or on someone's life. When it is used in general it means "To Life", in relation to a person it means "To your life, to your health, to your prosperity".

My interest here is in the general meaning of it..

You see Jewish cheer "To Life" (**L'cha-im**) to say whatever life brings in which ever direction we celebrate it and accept it as God's will.

But there is another meaning for me that the Jewish nation (except for Messianic Jews) do not understand yet, this we can point out by quoting John 14:6

John 14:6 MSG Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, <u>also the Life</u> . No one gets to the Father apart from me.

You see when you are saying **L'cha-im** "To Life" you are actually saying "To Christ" for Christ is Life. I think that the Jewish nation has hold of something that we as Christians don't fully understand yet; they see everything in relation to God. They never separate God from their everyday lives and although they do not know Christ as Messiah yet I think we can learn from this.

How much better would we be off, how much negativity would we let go off, how much more would we be in touch with and aware of the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of Christ if we started "toasting" **L'cha-im** "To Life", "To Christ"..

Interesting thing, Christ never blessed food while He walked the earth, He blessed God for the bountiful food and ate, blessings do not go for food ext, they go to God for what He so bountifully supplies. The custom of praying over food to "bless" the food we have all fallen into as Christians is not just pointless but totally unscriptural, the only "blessing" we should do at meals is to bless God for what He provides for us.

How much more would you enjoy meals, get meaning out of shared moments, get depth out of taking communion ext if all was dedicated as "To Christ" ..

I cannot help but feel allot of people would start realizing just how close the Holy Spirit really is if they start focusing more on Christ in their everyday lives instead of trying to keep God in one "box" and our "general lives" in the other...

So here's a challenge to all of us..

Let us start dedicating our meals, our cheers, our communion "To Christ", for He is after all the centre of it all and we need to start remembering it more often..

L'cha-im

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