

## Introduction to the New disciple postings

The following lists of letters are postings to a distant friend who is interested in Messianic Judaism. I haven't "discipled" him in any particularly systematic way. Instead I have answered his questions as they came up, and occasionally threw in a question of my own to test his knowledge. I have included bits of Jewish culture and history because he has an interest in those things, not because I thought they were or are the most important issues. If some of the letters seem to be dealing with very divergent topics it is because those are the topics Ori was interested. I believe that the best way to disciple is to deal with people where they are, even if I feel there are more important things to cover. When I have shown the courtesy to answer his questions, I believe that the learner will be more willing to answer mine.

Some very important points to make before you read:

1. I generalize what Messianics believe. If you know Messianics who disagree with me that is going to happen, but this is what I have experienced in a general way.
2. I also generalize other beliefs as I contrast Messianic teachings to teachings he is familiar with. I do not intentionally misrepresent other groups ideas but I am sure I don't do them complete justice. If I have misrepresented your group please forgive me and remember that even if you are a "Baptist" whom I have misrepresented, there are probably some Baptist that believe exactly what I wrote. Most movements are quite diverse.

I hope that you enjoy these letters and perhaps they can help you or someone you know in their walk with the Lord. Please feel free to politely comment, I value feed back immensely.

Shalom, Gary Gardner