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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (16)
 ANSWERING JEWISH OBJECTION #7
 (DDR #635)

Objection #7: “The fundamental problem with Christianity is that it is not Judaism. Therefore, all your so-called proofs from the Hebrew Scriptures are meaningless. They are simply your interpretation not ours.

Michael Brown’s short reply:

Who says Judaism is the faith that is in harmony with the Hebrew Scriptures? Who says Christianity (or Messianic Judaism) is not for Jews. Who says your interpretation is right? If Jesus is indeed the successor of Moses and the prophets, the Messiah spoken of in our Hebrew Scriptures, then the faith that acknowledges him is the proper faith for those who claim to adhere to those Scriptures. Of course, much that has been called Christianity through the years has hardly been either Christian or biblical—let alone Jewish. But there is an authentic Christianity that is thoroughly biblical and amazingly Jewish. Is it right faith—meaning right in the sight of God—for you and for every Jew without exception.¹

I think at this point you should challenge them to really look at the Hebrew scriptures to see what they say about the Messiah. Many Jews (like many Christians) do not read the Bible on their own and they should be challenged on this point. You might ask them, “How is it that you as a Jew don’t feel free to read the Bible on your own? Why are you dependent on someone else’s interpretation? Isn’t God able to lead you into the truth as you seek Him with an open mind?”

Furthermore, you should point out that both Judaism and Christianity believe in the authority and inspiration of Scripture, both believe in one God, both believe in the coming of a Messiah, and both believe in an afterlife with reward and punishment. History is filled with both

¹Michael L. Brown, *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus: General and Historical Objections*, 1ST ed. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2000), 18-20. In this work, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response, which is followed by a more detailed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response, after which you will find my comments. I highly recommend his book if you are interested in his detailed response (there is far too much material to include in the DDRs).

Judaism and Christianity rejecting the truth—Jews in the Old Testament and Christians in the New Testament. The issue is what does the Word of God say—period!

Permanently sealed in Christ by the Holy Spirit after simply listening to and believing in the gospel,

Ephesians 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

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