

Sukkot Iowa 2011

Tabernacle with Messiah

Yochanan 1:14 "And the Torah became flesh and tabernacled with us."

Guest Speaker

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My parents raised me in the Catholic Church and I grew up believing that as long as I went to confession on Saturday night and mass and communion on Sunday and was basically a good person, I was going to go to heaven. I knew who Jesus Christ was but I did not know Him. I believed there was more to being religious and started searching. The next step in my search was with the Church of Christ. It was at this Church that I learned there was more to being a "Christian" than to know about Jesus and who He was. However, my search was short lived and I fell victim to the attack of the enemy and succumbed to the ways of the world.

I was very much into drinking, drugs and partying. I would drink a 5th of peppermint schnapps through the day to get ready to party at night. I would then hit the drugs, more alcohol and beer. I thought it was normal to wake up with a hangover and start drinking all over again, a bit of the hair of the dog that bit you. I did this 7 days a week for 7 years

There was a boat I wanted and I prayed to the Lord to bless me with it and He did. Instead of being grateful, I used the boat to expand my involvement in the world. God had been trying to reach me, He had something better for me but I just did not listen. God had to do something drastic to get my attention, and He did. Me and three of my friends were on the Detroit River at night and hit a submerged sea wall. The boat was totaled we were bleeding and dying in the middle of the river with no one around, or so I thought. A man came to our rescue; he just happened to be a paramedic and had a radio to get the Coast Guard to take us to hospital. This just does not happen; it was God getting my attention.

I realized this was a miracle and that God was calling me. I quit the drugs, alcohol and life style cold turkey and started to search again for my relationship with Jesus. I was baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit through the Assemblies of God. My accident happened in 1987 and I have been following our Lord and Savior ever since.

I picked up my guitar again and was part of a Christian band that would visit churches ministering in Christian music and I would share a word of God and do an alter call to reach out to those who needed the Lord. This ministry lasted 4 years and our band broke up. I joined the praise and worship team of my church and have been a part of music ministry ever since.

I joined Adat Adoni and the praise and worship team, a Messianic Judaic congregation under Rabbi Schneider in January of 2002. Shortly after joining Adat Adoni, I became a part of Shalom Ministries, again under Rabbi Schneider. We would visit churches and share the Jewish roots of Yeshua and provide praise and worship with messianic music. The congregation at Adat Adoni a few years back financed a TV program on our local Christian station called Discovering the Jewish Jesus. The program exploded in growth and is now broadcast around the world. As our ministry grew and more and more churches requested ministry on the Jewish roots of Jesus, Rabbi Schneider choose and appointed three additional ministers to be envoys representing Shalom Ministries, Discovering the Jewish Jesus. As a minister under Rabbi, I have been trained by Rabbi and my messages are all approved by him. Our goal in this ministry is to teach the Jewish roots of Jesus and everything we teach is biblical, rooted in Yeshua and based on the Word of God.

I look forward to the opportunity to visit your congregation as your brother in Christ.