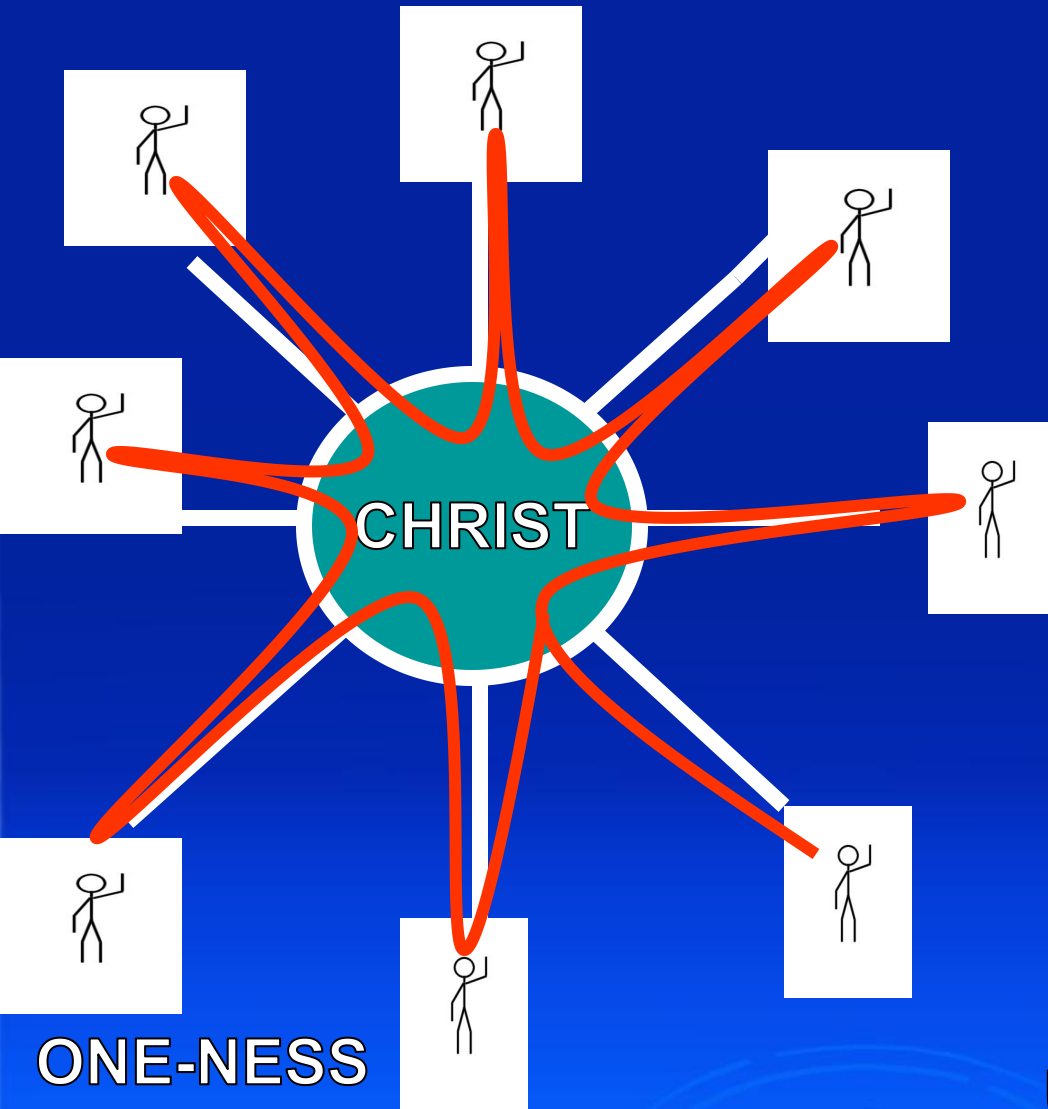


UNITY THRU CHRIST



ONE-NESS

MAN TO CHRIST TO MAN

UNITY AMONG MEN



UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT

MAN TO MAN TO MAN

A NEW AND SEPARATE ORDER



- Division, election, and separation is a co-operative venture
- Separating is our part and duty
- John 17:11
- Rev. 18:4
- Luke 14:26
- We are NOT to be isolated or cultish
- We are to be separate spiritually and behaviorally
- Fellowship with the like-minded

BELIEVERS ARE EQUAL IN STATUS

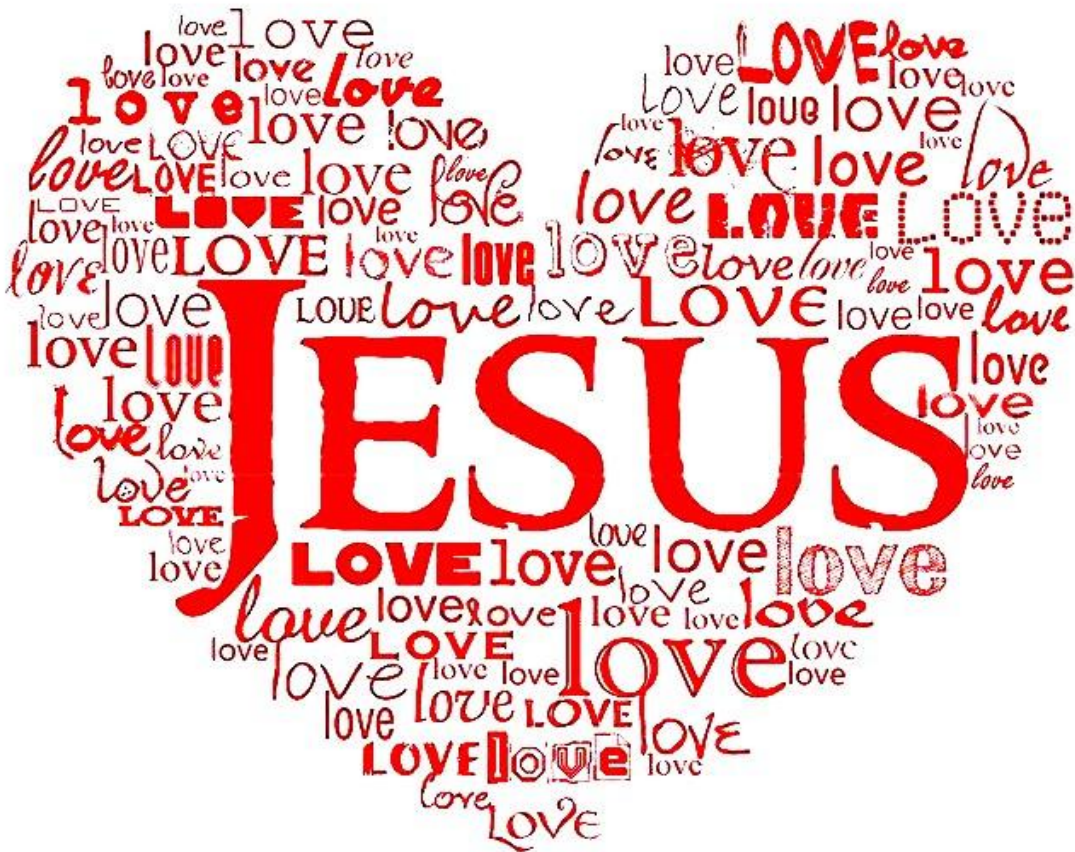
- Yeshua says don't use Rabbi, Father, or Leader to structure the new Believers' community
- Scribes and Pharisees the examples of the wrong way to do things
- Kingdom of Heaven operates in a reversal of the way the world operates
- Not all Scribes and Pharisees were bad examples; some were kind and merciful





- The biblical faith was turned into a system of behaviors devised by the Synagogue leaders
- Matthew 5:17 – 20
“righteousness” meant nearly sarcastically
- True righteousness is obeying the Torah & Prophets
- 7 woes, some Bibles add an 8th taken from Mark 12

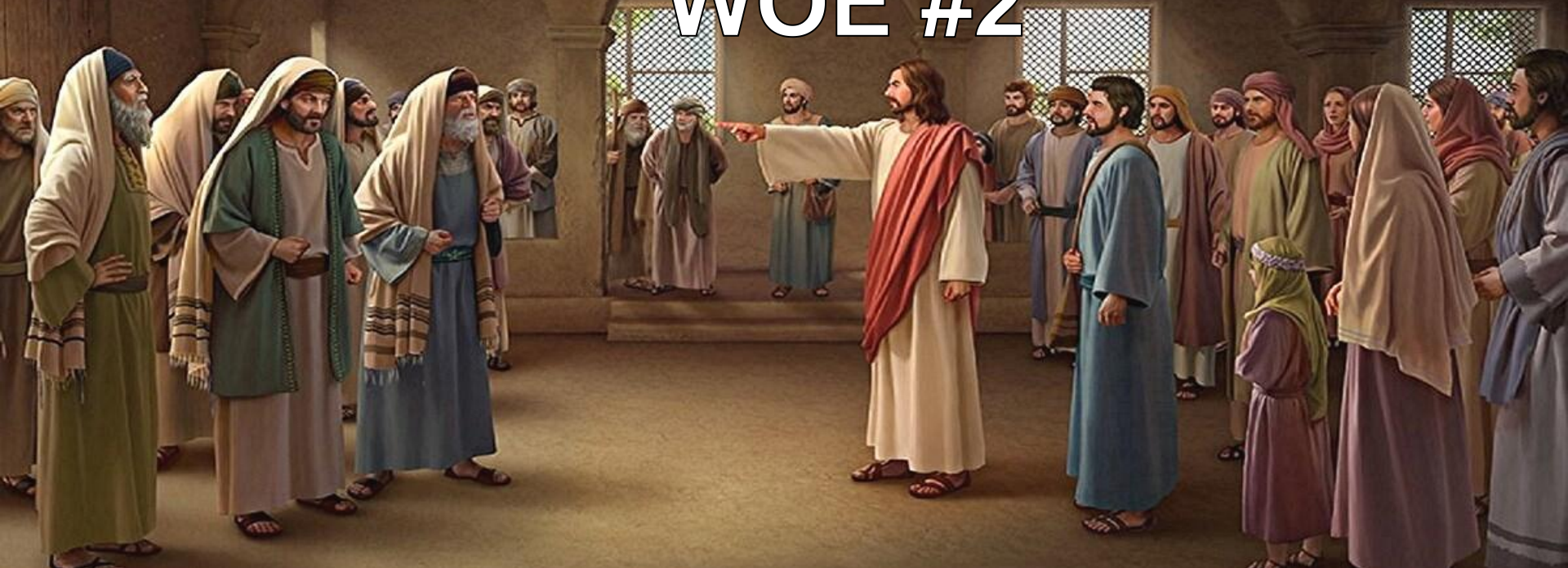
WOE #1



WOE ≈ PLAGUE

- “If you’ve seen Me you’ve seen the Father” means Christ must have similar attributes
- B. Witherington III
- “Most people...like to have a user-friendly Jesus..”
- Hypocrites was a common epithet used in that era
- Yeshua deeply offended the religious leaders

WOE #2



- Pharisees proselytizing Jews or gentiles?
- Likely this is connected by the fear of “judaizing” within the Church
- Nearly certainly this proselytizing was of marginal Jews in the Diaspora to adopt Pharisaical doctrines
- ***Gei-Hinnom*** = Gehenna Does NOT mean Hell

HALAKHAH of TEMPLE RITUAL

- THE 3RD WOE
- Matt. 23:16 -22 are actual Traditions, not exaggerations
- Oaths regularly used within Jewish society, especially in business transactions
- Pharisees built-in loop-holes to make some oaths non-binding
- A taboo since the 4th century B.C. against saying God or His name
- If the Pharisees were Torah experts instead of *Halakhah* experts they would have known their error
- An object contacting holiness becomes holy



PROTECTING HOLINESS



- Numbers 16 **Korach** rebelled against Moses
- **Korach** and 250 men, even the incense burners (fire pans) were burnt up
- God alone controls who and what can be holy
- Tradition said swearing by the Altar can be renounced, but swearing by the offering (sacrifice) can't. **WRONG!**
- Ex. 29:37 The Altar makes whatever touches it holy

SWEARING BY HEAVEN



- Tradition said swearing by Heaven wasn't binding
- Heaven was a way to refer to God, but not say "God"
- **Book of Matthew:**
- Kingdom of GOD 5 times
Kingdom of Heaven 40 times
- **Mark and Luke:**
- Kingdom of Heaven is used ZERO times, ONLY Kingdom of GOD is used
- Matthew a Jew, but Mark and Luke were gentiles
- Yeshua did NOT adhere to the taboo against saying God