

Study of of Ephesians 3

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Ephesians 3:1-21

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner (bondman) of Yeshua Messiah for you Gentiles,
Here Paul tells us that he willingly became a bondservant of Yeshua the Messiah, and as a bondservant, he was charged with the task of preaching the Gospel, the **TRUTH**, the Torah, to the Gentiles so that they would have the opportunity to turn to and surrender their lives to our heavenly Father, through the Messiah, the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Life giving Torah made flesh.

*Verse 2 If you have heard of the **dispensation** (Stewardship) of the grace of Elohim **WHICH IS GIVEN ME TOWARD YOU:***

Before I can go ahead with this teaching I want you to understand what the **CHURCH FATHERS ARE TRYING TO DO** when they wrongly translate the Greek word oikonomia as **dispensation**. This Greek word Oikonomia is Strong's number **G3622**, οἰκονομία, oikonomia, *oy-kon-om-ee'-ah*, From **G3623**; **administration** (of a household or estate); it is from the Greek word Oikos meaning house, and nomos meaning Law, and therefore it means management or administration of the property of others, specifically a (religious) economy; it also means **stewardship**.

This definition of the word oikonomia which in essence means **THE LAW OF THE HOUSE** brings to mind some *verses* in *Ezekiel 43:10-11* *You son of man, show the **HOUSE** (the tabernacle) to the **HOUSE** (the people) of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities (their Torahlessness): and let them measure the pattern (תִּכְנִיתָ, Tachanit, to weigh, examine, to estimate). 11 And if they are ashamed of all the iniquity, the Torahlessness that they have done, show them:*

*The **FORM** (צִוְיָהּ, does mean form but also means rock, solid foundation) of the **HOUSE***

The fashion (תִּכְנִינָתוֹ, Tachunato, from תִּכְנִינָה, Tachunah, which means arrangement, disposition, quality, character) thereof

The goings out thereof

The comings in thereof

And all the forms thereof

And all the ordinances thereof

And all the forms thereof

And all the Laws thereof

And write it in their sight,

THAT THEY MAY KEEP THE WHOLE FORM THEREOF, AND ALL THE ORDINANCES THEREOF, AND DO THEM.

This tells us that our heavenly Father has wanted us to Keep the *form, the fashion, the character, the solid foundation* of His House, which of course is His Torah of life, from the very beginning of time. He has wanted us to Keep and Do His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, which reflects His character, His essence, His Holiness, because He has commanded us to be Holy as he is Holy, and the Torah is His blue print on how we are to be Holy as He is Holy..

Now let us look at the Christian use of the word Oikonomia which they wrongfully translated as the word dispensation in *verse 2*. What follows is a definition of what the Church fathers **CALL DISPENSATIONALISM** according to Wikipedia. I have posted only two of the many man made possible different *dispensational* theologies, for their is an array of definitions depending on whom you listen to and or believe; in other words, they **ARE THE AUTHORS OF CONFUSION**, unlike our heavenly Father who tells us in *1Corinthians 14:33* that He **IS NOT the author of confusion, BUT the author of peace, as in all churches of the saints.**

Now let's look at a few different definitions of this **MAN MADE THEOLOGY OF DISPENSATION** as taught by the Church fathers, and please understand that according to these church fathers, once a particular dispensation has happened, then it is over and done with, and it never comes back again, so they have to rely on another, then another, and another dispensation from YHVH.

Seven dispensational periods theory.

Dispensationalism seeks to address what many see as **OPPOSING THEOLOGIES** between the **Old Testament** (Hebraic Scriptures) and **New Testament**. (Apostolic Scriptures) Its name comes from the fact that it sees biblical history as best understood in light of **A SERIES OF DISPENSATIONS** in the Bible. Most dispensationalists cite seven dispensations although this **IS NOT** a critical or foundational factor to the theology:

- the dispensation of innocence (*Gen 1:1–3:7*), prior to Adam's fall,
- the dispensation of conscience (*Gen 3:8–8:22*), Adam to Noah,
- the dispensation of government (*Gen 9:1–11:32*), Noah to Abraham,
- the dispensation of patriarchal rule (*Gen 12:1–Exodus 19:25*), Abraham to Moses,
- the dispensation of the Mosaic Law (*Exodus 20:1–Acts 2:4*), Mosheh to Christ,
- the dispensation of grace (*Acts 2:4–Rev 20:3*—except for Hyperdispensationalists and Ultradispensationalists), the longest dispensation, is the current church age, and
- the dispensation of a literal, earthly 1,000-year Millennial Kingdom that has yet to come but soon will (*Rev 20:4–20:6*).

John Nelson Darby did not consider the Garden of Eden to represent a dispensation, and listed only six.

Each one of these dispensations **IS SAID TO REPRESENT A DIFFERENT WAY IN WHICH ELOHIM DEALS WITH MAN**, specifically a different test for man. These periods are marked off in Scripture by some **CHANGE** in Elohim's method of dealing with mankind, in respect to two questions: of sin, and of man's responsibility, explained C. I. Scofield. Each of the dispensations may be regarded as **A NEW TEST** of the natural man, and each ends in judgment—marking his utter failure in every dispensation.

Marc's comments: Let me show you what Elohim thinks of **CHANGE**. *Proverbs 24:21-22 My son, fear you YHVH and the king: and meddle NOT WITH THEM THAT ARE GIVEN TO CHANGE: 22 For their CALAMITY shall rise suddenly; and WHO KNOWS THE RUIN OF THEM BOTH?*

Why do you think YHVH warns us about following those who want to **CHANGE** things? It is because He told us in *Malachi 3:6 For I am YHVH, I CHANGE NOT; therefore you sons of Jacob are NOT consumed; the sons of Jacob IS ISRAEL. IT IS ONLY MAN THAT WANTS TO*

CHANGE THINGS, BUT YHVH created everything **PERFECT IN THE BEGINNING**, and throughout Scripture, **HE IS CONSTANTLY ADMONISHING US TO RETURN TO HIS ANCIENT PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, HIS TORAH OF LIFE**. My friends, rest assure that YHVH **IS NOT** telling us to **CHANGE**, He is telling us throughout Scripture **TO RETURN** to His **WAYS**, His **WAYS**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His torah of Life, were perfect from the beginning and are **STILL PERFECT TODAY**.

Now back to the church father's views: Viewing the flow of biblical history as a series of **dispensations** may be seen in some works that predate Darby's dispensationalism. Joachim of Fiore proposed that human history would be divided into the **three ages** of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The term **dispensation** is drawn from Calvinist (**man made**) theology, as in the Westminster Confession, to describe the different forms of divine **WORSHIP AND LAW PRACTICED IN** Judaism and Christianity. Some writers, such as *L'Économie Divine* by Pierre Poiret (1646–1719), listed **MULTIPLE DISPENSATIONS**. However, these earlier works did **NOT** include the unique testing/failure **motif** described by Scofield or any hint of the four underlying tenets of classic dispensationalism listed below.

Four dispensational periods (Marc's comments: this is yet another one of man's definition, of what **man, in his very finite understanding believes** the dispensations of Elohim are, and please understand that **THIS IS NOT MY POINT OF VIEW, FOR I BELIEVE THAT ALL** of this so called dispensationalist teaching **IS** man made **AND THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE TEACHING**).

An alternative to the above *seven-dispensations* approach derives from the question: How and by whom **IS** Elohim evangelizing lost men and women at any given time? A pattern can be traced through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. **FIRST**, through various **GENTILE NATIONS**; **SECOND**, through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the progenitors of the nation of Israel; **THIRDLY**, through Jesus Christ; **FOURTHLY**, through **the Church**, the Body of Christ. (**Then Yisrael BECOMES the focus of divine dealings (the Law, the Torah) again after the RAPTURE for 7 more years**). This is followed by the Second Coming proper and the instituting of the millennial kingdom.

- the dispensation or age of Gentile nations (*Gen 1-11*), from Adam to Abraham's Call;
- the dispensation of Israel (*Gen 12–Acts 1*), from Abraham's Call to Pentecost in *Acts 2*; **Marc's comments: after this period, and according to the dispensationalists, Elohim is done with Israel**;
- the dispensation of the Church (*Acts 2 – Rev. 2*), the longest one, from Pentecost in *Acts 2 to the end of the Church age*;
- the dispensation of the (missionary) tribulation of Israel (*Rev. 6-19*), A yet-future seven-year period;
- the dispensation of a literal, earthly 1,000-year millennial kingdom that has yet to come but soon will (*Rev 20:4–20:6*).

Basic tenets of dispensationalism

Progressive revelation

One of the most important underlying theological concepts for dispensationalists **is progressive revelation**. While some non-dispensationalists start with progressive revelation in the New Testament and refer this **revelation** back into the Old Testament, dispensationalists begin with progressive **revelation** in the Old Testament and read forward in a historical sense. Therefore there is

an emphasis on *discontinuity* as seen in Scripture. ***BIBLICAL COVENANTS ARE INTRICATELY TIED TO THE DISPENSATIONS. When these Biblical covenants are compared and contrasted, the result is a historical ordering of DIFFERENT DISPENSATIONS.*** Also with regard to the different Biblical ***COVENANT PROMISES, dispensationalists*** place more emphasis on whom these promises were written for, the original recipients. This has led to certain fundamental ***dispensational beliefs, such as a DISTINCTION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH.***
Historical-grammatical interpretation

Another important theological concept is the emphasis on what is referred to as the historical-grammatical method of interpretation. This is often popularly referred to as the ***LITERAL*** interpretation of Scripture. Just as it is with ***progressive revelation***, the historical-grammatical method ***IS NOT*** a concept or practice that is exclusive to dispensationalists. However, a ***dispensational*** distinctive is created when the historical-grammatical method of interpretation is closely coupled with an emphasis on ***progressive revelation*** along with the historical development of the covenants in Scripture.

Distinction between Israel and the church

All dispensationalists ***PERCEIVE a clear distinction between Israel and the church***, particularly ***AS DIFFERENT GROUPS WHO RECEIVE A DIFFERENT SET OF PROMISES.***

Dispensationalists hold that God provided the nation of Israel with specific promises which ***WILL BE fulfilled AT A FUTURE TIME IN THE JEWS.*** The ***Church*** has received ***A DIFFERENT SET OF PROMISES THAN THAT OF ISRAEL.*** Most dispensationalists also ***recognize membership overlap*** between Israel and the Church. ***Jewish CHRISTIANS such as PAUL, PETER AND JOHN are in this category.*** While most do not believe that Israel and the church are ***mutually exclusive*** groups, there is a small minority of past and present ***DISPENSATIONALISTS WHO DO.*** Those who do hold that Israel and the church are ***mutually exclusive*** include some classical dispensationalists and virtually all ultradispensationalists.

Marc's comments: IF these statement were in any way True, that would mean that our infinite unchanging and everlasting heavenly Father, has a ***DIFFERENT SET OF RULES*** for Israel than He does for the Gentiles. ***WHAT KIND OF JUST ELOHIM WOULD HE BE THEN, IF HE INDEED JUDGED ONE PEOPLE GROUP BY ONE SET OF RULES AND ANOTHER PEOPLE GROUP BY A DIFFERENT SET OF RULES?*** My friends Scripture emphatically states that our heavenly Father ***DOES NOT CHANGE (Malachi 3:6)*** and that we are ***ALL CREATED EQUAL*** in His eyes, ***HE IS NOT A RESPECTER OF PERSONS***; therefore to believe the ***FALSE PREMISE*** that our omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent Elohim would have ***A DIFFERENT SET OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE IS TANTAMOUNT TO BLASPHEMY***, because that would be blatantly ***UNFAIR, and UNJUST.*** ***YHVH HIMSELF told us in Scripture in Exodus 12:49 ONE LAW shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourns among you. Numbers 5:16 ONE LAW and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourns with you. Numbers 15:29 You shall have ONE LAW for him that sins through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourns among them.***

The dispensationalists ***CLAIM THAT PAUL, PETER AND JOHN ARE CHRISTIANS***; However, Christians as a general rule believe that the Torah the Law of Moses has somehow been done away with and cast aside for their man made doctrines, and Yet Paul himself tells us in ***Acts 24:14 But this***

*I Paul confess unto you, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the Elohim of my fathers, **BELIEVING ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAW AND IN THE PROPHETS.***

Furthermore in *Acts 21:15-25* we read what the leaders of the Way, thought of Paul: *And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem. There went with us also certain of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge. And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and **ALL THE ELDERS WERE PRESENT** (including John and Peter). And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things Elohim had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. And when they heard it, **THEY GLORIFIED YHVH**, and said unto him, you see, brother, how many thousands of Jews (**NOT CHRISTIANS**) there are **WHO BELIEVE; AND THEY ARE ALL ZEALOUS OF THE TORAH (LAW)**: And they are (**wrongfully**) informed of you Paul, that you teach **ALL** the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, **SAYING** that they ought **not to circumcise** their children, neither should they walk according to the customs. What is it therefore? The multitude absolutely **MUST** come together: for they will hear that you Paul are come. Do this therefore, that we say to you: We have four men who have a vow on them; Take these men, and purify **YOURSELF** with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and **ALL MAY KNOW THAT THOSE THINGS, WHEREOF THEY WERE INFORMED CONCERNING YOU PAUL, ARE FALSE, THEY ARE NOTHING; BUT THAT YOU YOURSELF PAUL, ALSO WALK ORDERLY, AND KEEP THE TORAH (LAW).***

It is emphatically **CLEAR** in Scripture that there **IS ONLY ONE LAW, ONE TORAH FOR EVERYONE**, Jews, non Jews, converted Gentiles (sojourners) and the peoples of the World that willingly choose to align themselves with the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, His Torah of Life made Flesh. To teach anything else is simply **JUST FALSE**. **SCRIPTURE COULD NOT MAKE IT ANY CLEARER, Paul and ALL the Disciples were NOT CHRISTIANS, for they were ALL ZEALOUS FOR THE TORAH**, and Christianity believes and teaches that the Torah of Mosheh has somehow been done away with in whole or in part, and furthermore, **MAINSTREAM CHRISTIANITY** also teaches that **IF** anyone attempts to Keep the Torah of YHVH, as we are Commanded to do by YHVH Himself, **THEN**, that person, according to their understanding, is working for his salvation, and that means that that person is in bondage to the Torah.

Other proposed distinctions: law and grace

Classical dispensationalism teaches that LAW, TORAH and GRACE ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE CONCEPTS. Statements made by Scofield and other early classic **dispensationalists** teach **A RADICAL LAW – TORAH - GRACE DISTINCTION**. In other words, they teach **that Law contains NO GRACE**, and **THAT ELOHIM's GRACE IS NOT CONDITIONED ON KEEPING THE TORAH, LAW**. This does not mean that **GRACE** was missing from the **dispensation of Law**, only **THAT THE LAW ITSELF WAS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO GRACE**, which operated by other means (such as promises and blessings). Some modern **dispensationalists** disagree with making such a radical distinction. In fact, Daniel Fuller, a non-dispensationalist, stated in his book *Gospel and Law (Torah)* (p.51) that *Although today's dispensationalism explains the relationship between Law, Torah and GRACE in wording that is different from that of covenant theology, there is no substantial difference in meaning.*

Marc's comments: Paul would VEHEMENTLY DISAGREE with the premise that LAW AND GRACE ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE CONCEPTS and FURTHERMORE Paul would

absolutely disagree that the Law, the Torah, CONTAINS NO GRACE. Paul actually teaches **THAT THE LAW, THE TORAH IS GOOD, THE LAW IS SPIRITUAL, THE LAW IS JUST, PERFECT, SURE, PURE AND TRUE,** and that furthermore **IT IS FILLED WITH YHVH's GRACE** and therefore according to Paul, **THE LAW, THE TORAH AND GRACE ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE, BUT THAT RATHER, THEY ARE ARE SYNONYMOUS TERMS.**

As you can see for yourself, these church fathers have done what our heavenly Father has **COMMANDED ALL OF US NOT TO DO** in Deuteronomy 4:1-2 *Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments (Torah), which I teach you, for to DO them, THAT YOU MAY LIVE, and GO IN AND POSSESS THE LAND which YHVH Elohim of your fathers gives you. 2 You shall NOT ADD UNTO THE WORD (the Torah) which I Command you, NEITHER SHALL YOU DIMINISH FROM THE TORAH, that you may KEEP the Commandments of YHVH your Elohim which I command you.*

Dispensational theology **IS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO, AND IN ACTUAL CONFLICT** with the Ways of YHVH as defined in Scripture in Deuteronomy 4, therefore the only conclusion that anyone can come to **BASED ON SCRIPTURE,** and not on man made doctrines or theology, **IS THAT DISPENSATIONALISM THEOLOGY IS MAN MADE THEOLOGY AND DOES NOT IN ANY WAY CONFORM TO THE PURE WORD OF ELOHIM,** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

Now let's see what else we can learn from the rest of chapter 3 of Ephesians. Verse 3 *How that by revelation He made known unto me THE MYSTERY; (as I wrote before in few words, 4 Whereby, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Messiah) 5 Which in other ages was NOT made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.*

What is **THE MYSTERY** of Messiah? Colossians 1:27 *To whom Elohim would make known what is the riches of the glory of this MYSTERY among the Gentiles; which IS MESSIAH IN YOU, the hope of glory; 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all WISDOM; that we may present every man perfect in Messiah Yeshua.*

Now that we know that the mystery **IS MESSIAH IN YOU,** it would be very important for us to know and understand who and what Messiah **IS, SINCE HE IS, THE MYSTERY IN US.** John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim; and in John 1:14 it says And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and TRUTH.*

These verses tell us that Messiah **IS the WORD of Elohim,** therefore **IT IS** equally important that we understand what the **Word of Elohim IS** according to Scripture so that we can better understand who and what Messiah **IS.** In John 17:17 we are told *Sanctify them through Your TRUTH: Your WORD IS TRUTH. Psalm 119:160 Your WORD IS TRUE from the beginning: and every one of Your righteous judgments ENDURES FOR EVER.* Now in these verses, both Messiah and the Psalmist establish and confirm that the **Word of Elohim IS TRUTH,** therefore we have to understand what **TRUTH IS** according to Scripture in order to truly understand who Messiah **IS.** Psalm 119:142 *Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your Torah (Law) IS the TRUTH. Psalm 119:151 You art near, O YHVH; and ALL Your commandments are TRUTH.*

OK, let's recap what we have just read, Scriptures establishes for us that Messiah **IS THE WORD OF ELOHIM MADE FLESH**, and Scripture also tells us that the Word of Elohim **IS** Elohim's **TRUTH**, and Scripture elaborates even further and tells us that **TRUTH IS** YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life. This therefore is the equation that best describes the definition of who Messiah **IS**:

Messiah IS the Word of Elohim

Messiah IS the **TRUTH**

Messiah IS the Torah of YHVH given to Moses at Mount Sinai, **NOW MADE FLESH**,

THEREFORE when Paul says in *verses 4 and 5 of Ephesians, Whereby, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the MYSTERY OF MESSIAH) 5 Which in other ages was NOT made known unto the sons of men, as IT IS NOW REVEALED* unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; Paul is telling us that the mystery of Messiah **IS** actually **THE MYSTERY OF THE TORAH** and the Torah according to what Paul tells us in *Ephesians 1:13 In whom you also trusted, after that you heard the Word of TRUTH, THE GOSPEL of your salvation; IS* what we are to put our **TRUST IN**.

I know that I have taken you on a little ride through the Scriptures and that some might find it a bit confusing, **BUT IT IS** absolutely imperative that we **ALL** understand that **Messiah IS** the Word of Elohim made flesh, and that the Word of Elohim that was made flesh **IS TRUTH**, and that that **TRUTH IS** YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **IN ORDER FOR US TO TRULY GRASP THE MEANING OF ALL OF PAUL, THE APOSTLE'S AND MESSIAH'S LETTERS, EPISTLES AND TEACHINGS AND UNDERSTAND HIM**. To truly understand Scripture, we must follow Paul's advice that he gave to Timothy in *2 Timothy 2:15 STUDY TO SHEW YOURSELF APPROVED UNTO ELOHIM, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of TRUTH, the Torah*.

Verse 6 That the Gentiles should be FELLOW HEIRS, and of the SAME BODY, and partakers of Elohim's promise in Messiah by the Gospel (the Truth, the Torah, Ephesians 1:13): 7 Whereof I Paul was made a minister, according to the gift of THE GRACE of Elohim given unto me by the effectual working of His power.

Here Paul tells us that those who were once Gentiles and have learned to willingly and lovingly surrender their wills to our heavenly Father, become **FELLOW HEIRS** and **OF THE SAME BODY** which of course **IS THE BODY OF MESSIAH**, and therefore become partakers of **ALL** of Elohim's promises. Please **NOTE THAT THESE NEW FELLOW HEIRS DO NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF THE ISRAELITES (JEWS), BUT THEY BECOME FELLOW HEIRS WITH THEM** in the promises of Elohim, for Elohim, my friends, **HAS BUT ONE FAMILY AND THAT FAMILY IS THE RESTORED HOUSE OF ISRAEL, JUDAH AND EPHRAIM, ALSO KNOWN AS JACOB**. *Luke 1:30-33 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for you have found favour with Elohim. 31 And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call His name YESHUA. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and YHVH Elohim shall give unto Him the throne of his father David: 33 And He shall reign over the house of Jacob FOR EVER; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

We have to understand that our heavenly Father has **ONE FAMILY**. There *isn't a Jewish family and Christian Family or any other family for that matter. THERE IS ONLY ISRAEL* and when

we accept the Living Torah made flesh **AS OUR MASTER AND SAVIOUR, WE ARE ADOPTED INTO HIS ONE FAMILY.** YHVH Himself says: **ISRAEL IS MY FIRSTBORN** Exodus 4:22 *And you shall say unto Pharaoh, Thus says YHVH, ISRAEL IS MY SON, EVEN MY FIRSTBORN:* and in Jeremiah 31:9 *They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I YHVH will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: FOR I AM A FATHER TO ISRAEL, AND EPHRAIM IS MY FIRSTBORN.*

Verse 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Messiah; 9 And to make all men SEE what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in Elohim, WHO CREATED ALL THINGS BY YESHUA MESSIAH:

Paul speaks of himself as one of the worst of all sinners, and he says that except for the **GRACE** of Elohim, he would have been lost forever. Why did YHVH **call Paul to draw near to Him?** Paul was to become a preacher of righteousness, a preacher of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Life giving Torah, also called the Gospel, to the Gentiles. Now I want you to picture this, Paul who says of himself that he is a Pharisee of Pharisees and yet when YHVH touched His heart and drew him near to him, Paul **WAS NOT SENT TO HIS OWN PEOPLE** to convey Messiah's message, he was sent to the Gentiles of the world. **IT IS A BIT OF IRONY** when you think that Paul was **raised in the very STRICT RELIGION** of Biblical Judaism, and now **EVERYTHING** that he learned **as a disciple and proponent of Judaism, BECOMES AS FILTHY RAGS OR DUNG TO HIM**, and he has to be taught the Ways of YHVH, the **TRUE** meaning of the Words of Elohim, His actual **PURE** Torah all over again, and **THEN, Paul IS NOT COMMANDED TO GO BACK TO HIS OWN PEOPLE TO EXONERATE HIMSELF, he is commanded to go to the Gentiles of the world, a group of people that Paul ONCE DESPISED AND BELIEVED THEM TO BE THE FILTH OF THE WORLD, and now he is commanded BY YHVH to preach the Gospel to them.** Quite a paradigm shift for Paul, and **YET BECAUSE OF THE LOVE** that Paul had for the Word of Elohim, and His Torah of life, he willingly and joyfully accepted and carried out the task that YHVH had set before him. Can you say that **YOU ARE CARRYING OUT THE TASK** that Elohim has set before you? **DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT TASK IS?**

Let me show you where you can begin to know what YHVH wants from you. **FIRST**, you have to acquiesce and surrender your heart in loving obedience to YHVH, and decide to do what YHVH expects of **YOU, THEN** I believe YHVH will show **YOU** the path that He wants you to walk. **Deuteronomy 5:29** *O that there were such a heart in Israel (My Family), that they would fear Me, and Keep ALL MY Commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!*

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 *And now, Israel, what does YHVH your Elohim REQUIRE OF YOU, BUT to fear YHVH your Elohim, TO WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS, and TO LOVE HIM, and to serve YHVH your Elohim with ALL YOUR HEART and with ALL THY SOUL, To keep the Commandments of YHVH, and His Statutes, which I command you this day for your good?*

Micah 6:8 *He has showed you, O man, WHAT IS GOOD; AND WHAT DOES YHVH REQUIRE OF YOU, BUT TO DO JUSTLY, and to LOVE MERCY, and to WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR ELOHIM?*

In essence, YHVH wants every member of His Family to learn to lovingly believe, follow, obey and **DO** His Torah of Life and to help us to accomplish that, He has given us His Holy Spirit who **IS**

TASKED by YHVH Himself to **CAUSE** every willing heart, to follow and obey the Torah of Moses (*Ezekiel 36:26-27*).

*Verse 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heaven might be known by the church the manifold **WISDOM** of Elohim,*

Paul wanted his charges, the converted ex-gentiles, to know and understand *the manifold wisdom of Elohim*. Let me ask you a question, **DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF ELOHIM IS?** *Deuteronomy 4:5-8 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as YHVH my Elohim commanded me, that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and DO them; for this IS your WISDOM and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a WISE and understanding people. 7 For what nation is there so great, who has Elohim so nigh unto them, as YHVH our Elohim is in all things that we call upon Him for? 8 And what nation is there so great, that has Statutes and Judgments so righteous as all this Torah, which I set before you this day?*

If the **MANIFOLD WISDOM** of Elohim **IS** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, as Scripture quite emphatically states, **THEN PAUL IS ADMONISHING US TO KNOW, LEARN, BELIEVE, UNDERSTAND, FOLLOW, OBEY AND DO THE TORAH OF MOSES.**

*Verse 11 According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Messiah Yeshua our Adonai: **IF WE STAY TRUE TO THE BIBLICAL DEFINITIONS OF THE WORDS USED IN THIS VERSE, THEN** the eternal purpose that our heavenly Father **PURPOSED FOR US, IS THAT HE WANTS US TO BE IN MESSIAH**, and since Messiah **IS** the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, His Torah of Life made flesh, **THEN** that means that our heavenly Father's purpose, which **HE PURPOSED FOR US, IS** that we would *Hear, Listen, Believe, Understand, Follow, Obey* and willingly and lovingly **DO** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of **LIFE**. That, my friends **IS THE MESSAGE OF ALL OF THE PROPHETS, ALL OF PAUL'S LETTERS, ALL OF THE APOSTLE'S MESSAGES AND ALL OF MESSIAH'S TEACHINGS.***

*Verse 12 In Whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the Belief (faith) of Him. The Belief (faith) of **WHO?** The Beliefs of Messiah, *Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Messiah: nevertheless I live; **YET NOT I, BUT** Messiah **LIVES IN ME:** and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live **BY THE BELIEF** of the Son of Elohim, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.* Furthermore it says we are to have boldness and access. Access to **WHAT?** Access to the power that **IS EMBEDDED IN BEING WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY OBEDIENT** to YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **WHICH WHEN OBEYED DOES GIVE US BOLDNESS** to carry out the Word of Elohim, His inerrant and everlasting Torah of Life with confidence.*

*Verse 13 Wherefore I desire that you **FAINT NOT** at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. Paul does **NOT** want any one to give up hope, because of his trials and tribulations, **BUT** instead, he wants **ALL PEOPLE** including all of us here today and all of your reading this teaching, to become overcomers, and run the race with zealousness to the end, so that like Paul, **WE TOO CAN WIN THE PRIZE**, and **THAT PRIZE MY FRIENDS, IS ETERNAL SALVATION.** I know that many of*

you believe that you **ARE SAVED AS SOON AS YOU ASKED MESSIAH TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE, BUT** that teaching **IS NOT FOUND ANYWHERE IN SCRIPTURE, IT IS A MAN MADE DOCTRINE.** What Paul teaches is a very different message, Paul says in *Philippians 3:10 – 13* *That I may know Messiah Yeshua, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; IF by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 NOT AS THOUGH I HAD ALREADY ATTAINED, either were already perfect: BUT I FOLLOW AFTER, IF that I MAY apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Messiah Yeshua. 13 Brethren, I count NOT MYSELF TO HAVE APPREHENDED: BUT this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind,* (the old man, that died on the Road to Damascus) *and reaching forth unto those things which are before,* (walking in obedience to the Father's Torah of Life) *14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in Messiah Yeshua, which of course is salvation, life everlasting in the Father's house, as the bride of Messiah.*

Verse 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Adonai Yeshua Messiah, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Paul tells us that we are **ALL** named after the Father, and therefore since we bare His name, we ought to obey our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah, His directives for everlasting Life, for He gave **IT TO US, BECAUSE** of His great and infinite love that He has for us, and sine He is omniscient, **HE KNOWS THAT IF WE WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY CHOOSE TO FOLLOW AND OBEY THE TORAH OF MOSHEH, IT WILL SHOW US THE NARROW RIGHTEOUS PATH THAT HE HAS SET FOR US, AND IF EVERY WILLING HEART CHOOSES TO STAY ON HIS PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, IT WILL LEAD US TO HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM AND ETERNAL SALVATION.**

Verse 16 That He would grant you, (we have to understand that every single individual that has ever been created, has and or will be given this opportunity to willingly surrender their will to the Father) according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Holy Spirit in the inner man; (Ezekiel 36:27)

The riches of His Glory **ARE ALL HIS PROMISES,** the Land of Israel, His Covenants and **ALL** of His blessings, that are embedded in His Torah and which are automatically manifested and activated through loving surrendered obedience to His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah.

*Verse 17 That Messiah (also known as **the Living Word, the Truth, the Gospel, the Torah**) may DWELL in your hearts by **BELIEF**; that you, being rooted and grounded in **LOVE**, 18 May be able to **COMPREHEND with all saints** what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the **LOVE** of Messiah, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of Elohim.*

The **fullness of Elohim IS found in Messiah** and as we have learned, Messiah **IS THE LIVING TORAH MADE FLESH,** therefore, please understand that the Scriptures are telling each and every one of us that has an ear to hear, an ear to Shemah, an ear to hear, listen, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Torah, that the **FULLNESS OF ELOHIM WHICH CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN HIS INERRANT AND EVERLASTING TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH HE**

GAVE TO MOSES AT MOUNT SINAI, SO THAT IT COULD, IN TURN BE GIVEN TO A FALLEN WORLD THAT IS DESPERATELY IN NEED OF IT.

I believe that *verse 20 IS A VERY APPROPRIATE WAY FOR PAUL TO ENCOURAGE EVERY BELIEVER TO SURRENDER THEIR WILLS TO YHVH*, whom Paul says ***IS THE ONE AND ONLY ONE, WHO IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS IN US***, (that power my friends ***IS*** YHVH's Holy Spirit, Ezekiel 36:27) *21 Unto Him be glory in the church, ekklesia, qahal, the assembly by Messiah Yeshua throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein