

Study of Galatians 2
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Galatians 2:1-21

1 Then fourteen years after, I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.

As you can see, by Paul's own admission, it took a long time for him to be able to get all that he had learned of the traditions of the Fathers, the Jewish religion's man made oral torah, their man made doctrine, **out of his system**. He had to replace the **DUNG** (*Philippians 3:8*) that he had been taught through the oral torah of the Rabbis, with the pure unaltered Words of our heavenly Father's **TRUTH**, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of life; and when he was ready, he was prompted by the Holy Spirit to go to Jerusalem, and meet with the elders of **THE WAY**. Please understand that Paul did **NOT** meet with what the Roman Catholic church calls, Christians, for their were no Christians at that time, their were only thousands of Jews that believed and were zealous for the Torah, and some gentiles, that had chosen to surrender their hearts to our heavenly Father, and who had made the commitment to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father, that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai.

*Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What you mean you by weeping and breaking my heart? For I, Paul, am ready, **NOT** only to be bound, but also, to **DIE** at Jerusalem for the **name** the Shem, the reputation of our Master Yeshua, (the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh). 14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will YHVH be done. 15 And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem. 16 There went with us also certain of the disciples of Cæsarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge. 17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. 18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present. 19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things Elohim had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. 20 And when they heard it, they glorified YHVH, and said unto him, You see, brother Paul, **how many thousands of Jews there are who BELIEVE; and they are ALL ZEALOUS OF THE TORAH**: 21 And they have been informed, that you, Paul, teach **ALL** the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Mosheh (the Torah), saying, that they ought **NOT** to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. 22 What is it therefore? The multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that you Paul, are come. 23 Therefore do this, that we say to you: We have four men here, who have a vow on them; 24 Take them, and purify yourself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all people may **KNOW** that those things, whereof they were informed, concerning you, **ARE NOTHING; BUT THAT YOU YOURSELF PAUL, ALSO WALK ORDERLY, AND KEEP THE TORAH**. observe no such thing, save only that they keep*

The fact that Paul's second visit to Jerusalem was **fourteen** years later should **NOT** be shrugged off as unimportant, for the number **fourteen** in Scripture speaks of salvation, for the Lamb of Elohim was slain on the fourteenth of Aviv, therefore, I believe that we are to view this part of Paul's life, **AS HIS ROAD TO SALVATION, journey**. And please remember, that in *chapter 1*, Paul told us that he

stayed away from Jerusalem for *three* years prior to going to meet with Peter and James, Messiah's brother, and together, that makes *seventeen* years, and the number seventeen in Scripture, represents resurrection, for Messiah rose from the tomb on Saturday evening, just at the end of the 17th day of the month of Aviv. To me, this is a shadow picture of Paul's full and complete resurrection from the dead ways of his past life, when he was fully steeped in the oral torah of the man made religion of Judaism, **BUT** now, that he has totally surrendered His heart, to our heavenly Father, as Messiah did, and convinced Paul to do, Paul is filled with the Holy Spirit of YHVH, which means that he is fully prepared, to teach the Words of the Torah of YHVH, in the manner that YHVH wants him to teach it.

*Verse 2 And I went up **BY REVELATION** (Paul was prompted by the Holy Spirit to make this trip to Jerusalem), and communicated unto them (the elders of the Way) that Gospel (Truth, Torah, Ephesians 1:13) which I preach among the Gentiles, **BUT** privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.*

Paul was prompted by the Holy Spirit to journey to Jerusalem to meet with James, Peter and all the other Apostles to let them know that he was teaching Messiah's Gospel of **TRUTH**, and that that TRUTH was given to Him directly by Messiah Himself. Why do you think that the Holy Spirit prompted Paul to do that, why did He prompt Paul to go to Jerusalem, and tell **ALL** the Apostles what he was teaching? I believe that YHVH wanted to confirm to Paul that what had been revealed to him, by Messiah, was exactly the same thing that had been revealed to the Apostles, thereby encouraging Paul by letting him **KNOW** that he was on the right Path, and that he should continue doing what he was doing, and that of course **IS**, continue teaching the Word of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting Torah of Life.

Verse 3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:

What do you think Paul is telling us here when he says that Titus was **NOT compelled** to be circumcised? In *Galatians 1* Paul told the Galatians and us that the Judaizers who had infiltrated his ranks, were **insisting** that a man **HAD to be circumcised to be saved**, and Paul rebuked them because of that false teaching, for that is **NOT** at all what the Torah teaches. The Torah teaches that salvation **IS A GIFT** and there is absolutely nothing **WE CAN DO, OF, OR BY OUR OWN STRENGTH, TO BE SAVED, PERIOD**. And here we see that the Apostles in Jerusalem actually agree with Paul, for they too understood that salvation **IS A GIFT** and that there **IS NOTHING** that anyone could do **OF, OR BY THEIR OWN STRENGTH, TO GAIN SALVATION**, because **IT IS A GIFT** of YHVH, therefore they did **NOT INSIST** in any way that Titus should be circumcised; for that is a decision that every man **MUST** make for himself. But, as you are thinking about it, please remember that both Messiah and our heavenly Father have said, **IF you love me keep My Commandments**, and last time I checked, circumcision **IS** still a Commandment of YHVH.

*Verse 4 And that because of **FALSE** brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out **OUR LIBERTY, WHICH WE HAVE IN MESSIAH YESHUA**, that they might bring us into bondage: 5 To whom we **DID NOT** give place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the **TRUTH** of the Gospel might continue with you.*

Based on this *verse*, I believe that there are two questions that must be asked and answered, in order to better understand what Paul is communicating to us here?

- 1) What **IS** the **LIBERTY** that we have in Yeshua according to Scripture?
- 2) What **IS** the **TRUTH** of the Gospel?

First of **ALL** we have to understand that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, made flesh, therefore, when Paul speaks of the **LIBERTY** that we have in Messiah, he is actually speaking of the **LIBERTY THAT WE HAVE WHEN WE WALK IN TOTAL LOVING SURRENDERED OBEDIENCE TO ALL THE WORDS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S TORAH OF LIFE.**

Psalm 119:45 Gives us an idea of how we can actually do that: *And I will **WALK AT LIBERTY: WHY?***

*For I seek Your Precepts (Torah). 46 I will speak of Your Testimonies (Torah) also before kings, and I **WILL NOT** be ashamed.*

Here we see that **TO WALK IN LIBERTY one MUST FOLLOW** the Precepts and Testimonies of YHVH, which, of course are all part of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and we see that fact, in *1Kings 2:3*, for that is where David tells his son Solomon, what he has to do: *Keep the charge of YHVH your Elohim, (WHAT is the charge of Elohim?) You are to walk in His Ways, to Keep His Statutes, and His Commandments, and His Judgments, and His Testimonies, AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSHEH, WHY? So that you may prosper in ALL that you do, and wheresoever you turn yourself: 4 That YHVH may continue His Word which He spoke concerning me, saying, If your children David, take heed to their way, to walk before Me in **TRUTH** with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall **NOT** fail you (said YHVH) a man on the throne of Yisrael.*

Furthermore when one truly surrenders their heart to our heavenly Father as Messiah did, we are told by Messiah Himself what will happen, in *Luke 4:18*

*The Holy Spirit of YHVH is upon Me,
WHY?*

*Because He (YHVH) has anointed Me
To **preach** the Gospel, the **TRUTH** (Ephesians 1:13), to the poor
He has sent Me to **heal** the brokenhearted
To preach **deliverance** to the captives
To **recover the sight** of the blind
TO SET AT LIBERTY them that are bruised
To preach the acceptable year of YHVH.*

Here we are told that the Holy Spirit of YHVH was upon Messiah, to cause Him to Preach the Gospel,

(which according to *Ephesians 1:13* **IS** the **TRUTH**, and **TRUTH** in Scripture is defined in *Psalm 119:142* as the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life.

Now because Messiah willingly chose to surrender His heart to our heavenly Father, and obey **ALL** of the Words of His Torah of Life, our heavenly Father used Him mightily, for, through Messiah, our heavenly Father
Healed the brokenhearted,
Preached deliverance to those who were captives,

Recovered the sight of or healed the blind,

AND, He **SET AT LIBERTY** those that are bruised or damaged by the relentless deception of the enemy, satan.

In *Ezekiel 36:26-27* it says: *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put **MY HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, AND CAUSE** you to walk in My Statutes, and you shall Keep My Judgments, My Torah and do them.*

It is important for all of us to know, that it is the Holy Spirit of YHVH that **CAUSES** every willing surrendered contrite obedient heart, that will **ALLOW** Him, to believe, follow, obey and **DO ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, therefore, when Paul speaks in *verse 4* of the **LIBERTY** that we have in Messiah, he is actually speaking of the **LIBERTY** that we have, when we willingly choose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as Messiah did and taught us to do.

*John 8:32 You shall know the **TRUTH** and the **TRUTH** shall make you **FREE**, and Scripture makes it very clear that the **TRUTH**, IS the Words of the Torah of YHVH, and that when our heavenly Father's Words are obeyed with a loving surrendered, contrite obedient heart, **that LIBERATE the person that willingly chooses to believe follow and obey them.***

*Romans 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be **delivered** from the **bondage of corruption** into the glorious **LIBERTY** of the children of Elohim.*

Here, we see that Paul is speaking of the **OBEDIENT** children of Elohim, those who have willingly and lovingly chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and Paul says: **THEY WILL BE DELIVERED FROM THE BONDAGE OF CORRUPTION INTO THE GLORIOUS LIBERTY**, that **ALL** the obedient children of Elohim will experience, and the **ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN BECOME CHILDREN OF ELOHIM, IS** through willingly surrendering our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and making a commitment to **ALLOW** His Holy Spirit, to cause us to **OBEY** His Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

*1Corinthians 7:39 The wife **IS BOUND BY THE LAW** as long as her **HUSBAND** lives; but **IF** her husband **IS DEAD**, then she **IS AT LIBERTY** to be married to whom she will; only in YHVH.*

Here we have to understand that the husband in this story, **IS** a shadow picture of our **OLD MAN**, our sinful nature, and when we put that sinful nature, our old man **to death** in our lives, when we willingly and lovingly surrender our wills to our heavenly Father in loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN**, our old man, our sinful Torahless nature, **DIES**, and **THEN we are at LIBERTY** to be married to YHVH's **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah, and that **TRUTH** according to Scripture **SETS US FREE, IT LIBERATES US, THEREFORE WE CAN WALK AT LIBERTY.**

*2Corinthians 3:17 Now **YHVH IS THAT SPIRIT**: and where the Spirit of YHVH IS, **THERE IS LIBERTY.***

If YHVH has come to make His abode in **YOU**, because of your surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN**, according to Paul, **THERE IS LIBERTY IN YOUR LIFE**. otherwise you are still in bondage, whether you know it or not.

*Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore **IN THE LIBERTY WHEREWITH MESSIAH** (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh) **HAS MADE US FREE, and do NOT be entangled AGAIN with the yoke of bondage** (your old sinful man, your sinful nature).*

I know that I might sound like a broken record, repeating the same words over and over again, **BUT** this message **IS SO IMPORTANT**, that it should actually be shouted from **ALL** the rooftops of the world, and the message, that I believe **MUST** be shouted, **IS**, that Messiah **IS THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH** of our heavenly Father, made flesh, and **WHEN** we follow His example of total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **THEN, WE TOO ARE MADE FREE, WE ARE LIBERATED** from our old sinful nature, because, we have **NOW** chosen to walk in the very same **LIBERTY** that Messiah walked in, when He was here on earth with us, **THE LIBERTY** that can only be found in surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Directives for everlasting Life. His Torah of freedom.

James said it best, when he said in *James 1:25 But whoso looks into the Perfect Torah (Law) of **LIBERTY, AND CONTINUES THEREIN**, he being **NOT A FORGETFUL HEARER (SHEMAH), BUT A DOER** of the **WORK, THIS MAN SHALL BE BLESSED IN HIS DEED.***

And finally let us **NOT** forget that according to James we will be judged **BY THIS TORAH (LAW) OF LIBERTY**. *James 2:12 **SO SPEAK YOU, AND SO DO, AS THEY THAT SHALL BE JUDGED BY THE TORAH (LAW) OF LIBERTY.***

Now the second question is, What **IS** the **TRUTH** of the Gospel?

*Ephesians 1:13 In whom you also **TRUSTED**, after that you heard **THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL** of your salvation: in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.*

Here in Ephesians, Paul tells us, that the **GOSPEL which he preached, IS TRUTH** and in *Psalms 119:142* it says *Your righteousness **IS** an everlasting righteousness, and **YOUR TORAH IS THE TRUTH***; and in *John 17:17* Messiah Himself says, Father, *Sanctify them **THROUGH YOUR TRUTH: YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.***

Therefore based on Scriptural evidence, **THE GOSPEL, IS** the Torah of YHVH presented to the People of YHVH, His family, Yisrael, **BY** Messiah Himself, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.

OK, NOW that we are armed with the **KNOWLEDGE** that **THE GOSPEL AND THE WORDS OF YHVH'S TORAH, ARE ONE AND THE SAME ENTITY, THEY ARE HIS, EVERLASTING TRUTH** and that the Holy Spirit of YHVH is tasked by YHVH Himself, to **CAUSE** every, surrendered contrite obedient heart that will allow Him, to *believe, follow, obey and DO* all the Words of the Torah, let us continue with the rest of what Paul has to say in *Galatians 2*.

Verse 6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it makes no matter to me: Elohim accepts no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me.

Here Paul is talking of the people that professed to be followers of the Way, and he says that even though he talked with them, they did **NOT** tell him anything that he **DID NOT ALREADY KNOW, THEY DID NOT ADD TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, BUT** he says in *verse 7* **But contrariwise, when they** (meaning the leaders of the Way and their followers who were in Jerusalem) *saw that the* **GOSPEL OF THE UNCIRCUMCISION WAS COMMITTED UNTO ME, AS THE GOSPEL OF THE CIRCUMCISION WAS UNTO PETER; 8** (For He, (YHVH) that wrought effectually in Peter to the **APOSTLESHIP OF THE CIRCUMCISION, the same (YHVH) was mighty in me TOWARD THE GENTILES:)**

Here Paul confirms that both he and Peter are receiving their instructions from the very same source, the Holy Spirit of YHVH, and that they both are teaching the exact same Words, they are both teaching the Words of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, the Words of His Torah of Life, which, as I said above, they both received from the Spirit of Messiah. You might ask, how can I be so sure that both Paul and Peter were teaching the very same thing? Paul himself says, that both he and Peter were following **THE PROMPTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, who is given **BY YHVH** to every willing surrendered contrite obedient heart, to **CAUSE** them to *believe, follow, obey and DO* All the Words of the Torah of Mosheh.

Verse 9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the GRACE that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the RIGHT HANDS OF FELLOWSHIP; that WE should go unto the heathen, and THEY unto the circumcision. 10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

Here Paul is saying that the leaders of the movement called **THE WAY**, which the Christian church has *erroneously labelled as Christianity*, for Christianity **IS** a man made religion with man made doctrines, that, in many cases, actually contradict the Words of the Torah of Mosheh on a regular basis, by teaching that most of the Torah has somehow been either, changed in part or totally done away with, which of course **IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE**, for **ALL** of YHVH's teaching and instructions **ARE** inerrant and everlasting, and the movement called **THE WAY OF YHVH, IS** a lifestyle choice, which leads all of its adherents to *believe, follow, obey and DO* what our heavenly Father has instructed **ALL** of us to do, in the Words of His Torah of Life, and it definitely **IS NOT A RELIGION**, man made or otherwise, it is a way of Life, a code that YHVH has declared He wants all of His children to walk by.

Paul is saying that these leaders of the movement called the Way, offered him the right hand of fellowship, which means that **THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT PAUL LIVED BY, AND TAUGHT THE TORAH OF MOSHEH, AS THEY DID.**

Verse 11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I Paul withstood him to the face, WHY?

Because Peter was to be blamed. 12 For, before that certain came from James, HE DID EAT with the Gentiles: BUT when they (the Jews) were come from James, Peter withdrew, and separated

himself, **FEARING** them which were of the circumcision (Jews). 13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

Here Paul says, that when Peter came to visit him in Antioch, that he actually took the time to sit with the gentiles and shared meals with them and Paul, on a regular basis, which is something that is strictly forbidden in the orthodox religion of Judaism. But, since Peter and his followers were supposedly walking in obedience to the **written Torah made flesh**, our Messiah and His teachings, they **SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT ANY OF THE TRADITIONS OF THE FATHERS OF JUDAISM**, or any man made ordinances found in their man made religion of Judaism. **HOWEVER**, when Peter heard that there were some other Jews that were coming from Jerusalem to Antioch, to join them, he chose **TO STOP EATING WITH THE GENTILES** because of the visit by these Jews from Jerusalem, and Peter's **hypocritical** behaviour caused other Jews that were in Antioch, along with Barnabas, who had actually been sharing meals with the gentiles on a regular basis, **it caused them to also stop** that practice, because of Peter's hypocritical behaviour.

Next we see that Paul chastises Peter and his followers including Barnabas, for their **hypocritical** behaviour and he says in Verse 14 **But when I saw that they did NOT walk uprightly, according to the TRUTH of the Gospel** (the Words of the Torah), **I said unto Peter before them ALL, IF you Peter, being a Jew, live after the manner of Gentiles, and DO NOT DO AS THE JEWS DO, THEN WHY DO YOU COMPEL the Gentiles to live as DO THE JEWS?**

Please understand that the Jews that Paul is talking about that influenced Peter's decision to stop sharing meals with the gentiles, are the Jews that James talks about that had not yet gotten all of the man made doctrines of Judaism, what Paul called **DUNG**, out of their system, out of their minds and hearts, and many of them, still clung to some of the traditions of the Fathers of Judaism, found in their man made oral torah, which states that Jews **ARE NOT TO EAT WITH GENTILES. WE TOO HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW ANY MAN MADE DOCTRINES TO CREEP** into our understanding of Scripture, as some of the Judaizers doctrine had infiltrated the camp of the followers of Messiah, the people of the Way. Any and all man made doctrines are **an abomination to YHVH**, and we are **NOT** to even consider them, **BUT**, instead, we are to turn to the Words of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of life, and rely strictly on what is found therein.

Verse 15 **WE WHO ARE JEWS BY NATURE, and NOT sinners of the Gentiles, 16 KNOW that a man IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE TORAH (LAW), BUT a man IS JUSTIFIED BY the BELIEF (faith) OF YESHUA MESSIAH, even WE have believed in Yeshua Messiah, that we might be justified BY the BELIEF (faith) OF MESSIAH, and NOT BY THE WORKS OF THE TORAH (LAW): FOR BY THE WORKS OF THE TORAH, BY TRYING TO KEEP THE LAW BY OUR OWN STRENGTH, SHALL NO FLESH BE JUSTIFIED.**

This quite clearly shows us, that **IF** we have **NOT** willingly chosen to surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly, then we are **NOT** filled with His Holy Spirit, and since the Holy Spirit is **NOT** within us, then there is no way that we can allow Him to **CAUSE** us to believe follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and without that loving surrendered relationship to our heavenly Father, it is impossible to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life, as we are mandated and commanded to do.

As we continue to read *verse 16* it becomes quite clear that **WE MUST** learn to live by **THE BELIEF, THE FAITH, OF YESHUA MESSIAH**, even we who have believed in Yeshua Messiah, that we **MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED BY THE BELIEF OF MESSIAH**.

Here in this *verse* and in many others, we see that **THE ONLY WAY TO BE JUSTIFIED, IS BY WILLINGLY AND TOTALLY SURRENDERING OUR HEARTS, MINDS, SOULS AND STRENGTH TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**, who in turn, according to Scripture, **FILLS US** with His Holy Spirit, who then causes every willing contrite obedient heart, **that will ALLOW Him**, to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Living Torah, our Messiah, **AND, IF** anyone chooses to continue in a surrendered state of obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life **THEN**, that person **IS ACTUALLY LIVING BY THE BELIEF, THE FAITH** of the Son of Elohim, the One who willingly and lovingly **KEPT ALL** of the Father's Word, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, the One that is called the second Adam, in the Book of *1 Corinthians 15:45*, perfectly. Let me show you a few *verses* that tell us **THAT MESSIAH OBEYED OUR HEAVENLY FATHER COMPLETELY AND WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS:**

Deuteronomy 18:18-19 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto you Mosheh, and I **WILL PUT MY WORDS** in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them **ALL THAT I SHALL COMMAND HIM**. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will **NOT** hearken (*Shema*) unto **MY WORDS** which He shall speak in **MY NAME, I WILL HOLD THAT PERSON ACCOUNTABLE**.

These *verses* of course speak of our Messiah, whom Elohim sent to be a propitiation for our **SIN**, our Torah transgressions (*1 John 3:4*).

John 6:38 For I am come down from heaven, **NOT TO DO MY OWN WILL, BUT TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME**.

John 5:30 I can of Myself **DO NOTHING**: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment **IS** righteous; **WHY?**
BECAUSE I DO NOT SEEK MY OWN WILL, BUT I ONLY SEEK THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME.

John 12:44-50 And Yeshua cried and said, He that believes Me, **DOES NOT ONLY BELIEVE ME, BUT HE BELIEVES HIM THAT SENT ME**. 45 And he that beholds Me, beholds Him that sent Me. 46 I am come to be a **LIGHT** into the world, that whosoever **BELIEVES ON ME (the words of the Living Torah made flesh), MAY NOT ABIDE IN THE DARKNESS, IN SIN, IN THEIR TORAH TRANSGRESSIONS**. 47 And **IF** any man hear My sayings, and **DOES NOT KEEP THEM**, I do **NOT** judge him: for I did **NOT COME TO JUDGE** the world, **BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD**. 48 He that **REJECTS ME**, the Words of Living Torah made flesh, and **DOES NOT** receive My sayings, **HAS ONE** that Judges him: **THE WORD, THE TORAH, THE TRUTH THAT I SPOKE**, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49 For **I DID NOT** speak from Myself; **BUT THE FATHER, WHO SENT ME, HE HAS GIVEN ME A COMMANDMENT, WHAT I SHOULD SAY, AND WHAT I SHOULD SPEAK**, (same theme as *Deuteronomy 18:18*). 50 And I, Messiah, **KNOW THAT HIS COMMANDMENT IS LIFE ETERNAL**: the things therefore which I speak, **EVEN AS THE FATHER HAS SAID UNTO ME, THOSE ARE THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK**.

Here we see that Messiah Himself, who Scripture tells us, **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, obeyed and followed **ALL** the Words of the Torah of Mosheh perfectly, for He was without **SIN** and Scripture makes it very clear, **THAT SIN, IS TRANSGRESSION OF THE TORAH, AND MESSIAH SAYS QUITE EMPHATICALLY, THAT HE KNOWS, THAT THE FATHER'S COMMANDMENTS, the FATHER'S TORAH, IS ETERNAL LIFE TO THOSE WHO WILLINGLY CHOOSE TO OBEY AND DO IT.**

Since Messiah says that the Father's Commandments are **LIFE ETERNAL** when obeyed, and since the Commandments **ARE** the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN** that means that the Torah made flesh, **IS OUR EVERLASTING SALVATION.**

*John 15:9-10 Even as the Father has loved Me, I also have **LOVED YOU: ABIDE YOU IN MY LOVE.***

Then Messiah proceeds to tell us **HOW WE CAN ABIDE IN HIS LOVE.** Verse 10 **IF YOU KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS** (which are the very same Commandments as the Father's Commandments, for Messiah **ONLY** spoke what the Father commanded Him to speak), **YOU SHALL ABIDE IN MY LOVE;** even as **I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER'S COMMANDMENT, AND ABIDE IN HIS LOVE.**

In *Galatians 3:10* Paul quotes *Deuteronomy 27:26* when he says: *For as many as are of the **WORKS of the Torah (Law), without BELIEF (Faith),** (people that are legalistic, and try to keep the Words of the Torah, the Law by their own strength, without a loving surrendered obedient relationship with Messiah, whom Scripture quite clearly points out, **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh) are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that **DOES NOT CONTINUE** in all things **WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE TORAH (LAW) TO DO THEM,** (Read *Deuteronomy 27:15-26*).*

So here, Paul is telling us that **WE ARE CURSED IF WE DO NOT CONTINUE IN ALL THINGS THAT ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE TORAH,** and in the same breath he says, in *verse 11* that the Torah alone **DOES NOT JUSTIFY US.** Verse 11 **But that no man IS JUSTIFIED BY THE TORAH (Law) in the sight of Elohim, it is EVIDENT: for, The JUST SHALL LIVE BY BELIEF.**

The word **JUST, IS** the Hebrew word *Tzadiq*, צַדִּיק, and it means *to be just, be righteous, was made righteous, virtuous, right, correct, reliable, he spoke the Truth, declared innocent, acquitted, justice, salvation, deliverance, victory.*

Therefore when Paul speaks of the **JUST,** he means people that are **righteous, virtuous, PEOPLE WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO TO LIVE BY AND SPEAK THE TRUTH,** which means that they are people that live right, because they live by the Words of Yahweh's Commandments, the Words of His Torah of Life.

In *Deuteronomy 4:5-8* it says: *Behold, I have taught you Statutes and Judgments (the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life), even as Yahweh my Elohim Commanded me, that you should **DO** so in the land where you go to possess it. **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. For what nation is there so great, who has Elohim so near unto them, as Yahweh our Elohim **IS** in all things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great, that has Statutes and Judgments (Torah) **SO RIGHTEOUS AS ALL THE WORDS OF THIS TORAH (LAW)**, which I set before you this day?*

*Deuteronomy 6:24-25 And YHVH Commanded us **TO DO ALL** these Statutes, to **FEAR** Yahweh our Elohim, **FOR OUR GOOD** always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And **IT SHALL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL THESE COMMANDMENTS** before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has Commanded us.*

*Then in verse 12 of Galatians 3 Paul says And the Torah (Law) **IS NOT OF FAITH: BUT, THE MAN THAT DOES THEM, (THAT IS THE MAN THAT BELIEVES, KEEPS, FOLLOWS AND OBEYS THE WORDS OF THE TORAH), HE SHALL LIVE IN THEM.***

*Paul never ever spoke out against the Torah of Mosheh, he only spoke out against the **FALSE TEACHING** of the Judaizers, who taught that any and all believers, absolutely **NEEDED TO KEEP THE TORAH TO BE SAVED.***

*Finally Verse 17 But **IF, WHILE** we seek to be **JUSTIFIED** by Messiah, we ourselves also are found sinners, transgressors of the Words of the Torah of Mosheh, **IS THEREFORE MESSIAH. THE MINISTER OF SIN, THE MINISTER OF TORAHLESSNESS?** Elohim forbid. 18 For **IF I build again the things which I DESTROYED**, (my old man, my sinful nature) I make myself a transgressor of the Words of Yahweh's Torah. 19 For I, through the Torah (Law) am **DEAD** to the Torah (I have put my old man to death), that I might live unto Elohim.*

*What on earth is Paul saying here when he says that *I through the Torah* (the Words of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of Yahweh, the Law of Mosheh) **am dead to the Torah (Law)**, that I might live unto Elohim.*

*Paul is saying that **IT IS** through the instructions found in the Torah, that we learn that **WE ARE TO BE DEAD TO SELF**, which means that through Words found in the Torah, we are instructed **TO PUT OUR LUSTFUL SINFUL FLESH TO DEATH**, and give control of our lives over to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah. Now this might sound confusing until we realize that the **TORAH OF LIFE IS** the Words of our heavenly Father made flesh, our Messiah, therefore when Paul says: I am dead to the Torah, it means that he has fully surrendered his heart, mind soul and strength to Messiah, the Words of Living Torah made flesh, and that **NOW, IT IS NO LONGER PAUL THAT LIVES, BUT IT IS THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH MADE FLESH, OUR MESSIAH, THAT IS LIVING IN HIM, AND CONTROLLING AND DIRECTING HIS LIFE;** and, as long as he, Paul, remains in that state of being, as long as he remains **DEAD TO SELF and surrendered to YAHWEH, HE WILL NOT TRANSGRESS ANY OF THE WORDS OF THE TORAH, HE WILL NOT SIN, AND, IF HE IS NOT SINNING, THEN, THAT MEANS THAT HE IS LIVING UNTO ELOHIM.***

*We have to understand, that when we willingly and lovingly put our old man to death, it means that we have chosen to crucify our flesh, which in turn means that we *are crucified with Messiah: nevertheless we live;* **BUT** we also have to understand that when we are in that state of total*

surrender to Yahweh, ***IT IS NO LONGER WE THAT LIVE, BUT IT IS MESSIAH, THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH, WHO IS LIVING IN US*** (and when we are in that state, it means that we have willingly chosen to give ***FULL CONTROL OF OUR LIVES OVER TO THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH, made flesh***, our Messiah): *and the* (Torah obedient) ***LIFE, WHICH WE NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH, WE LIVE BY THE BELIEF, THE FAITH OF THE SON OF ELOHIM, who loved US, and gave Himself for US. THEREFORE I DO NOT FRUSTRATE THE GRACE OF ELOHIM*** by surrendering my heart to the Living Torah, I actually ***CONFIRM*** and or ***ESTABLISH*** His ***GRACE*** by accepting it with a loving surrendered contrite obedient heart.

Paul goes on to say: ***FOR IF RIGHTEOUSNESS COMES BY THE TORAH (LAW), THEN MESSIAH IS DEAD IN VAIN***. Although the Words of the Torah of Yahweh ***IS*** indeed ***RIGHTEOUS*** according to the Scriptures, ***OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS*** however comes from willingly surrendering our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life made flesh, and, ***WHEN*** we do that, ***WHEN*** we actually choose to surrender our hearts to our heavenly Father, our gracious heavenly Father ***THEN FILLS US WITH*** His Holy Spirit, who ***IS*** specifically tasked with ***CAUSING*** every contrite surrendered obedient heart, that will ***ALLOW*** Him, to ***believe, follow, and obey*** the Words of the Father's Torah, and ***THAT SURRENDERED OBEDIENCE MY FRIENDS, IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS***. *Deuteronomy 6:24-25* ***And Yahweh COMMANDED US TO DO ALL THESE STATUTES, to fear Yahweh our Elohim, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. 26 And IT SHALL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL THESE COMMANDMENTS BEFORE YHVH OUR ELOHIM, AS HE HAS COMMANDED US.***

May you learn to love all the Words of the Father's Torah, as much as Yahweh Himself loves it, for He has elevated His Word, His Torah even above His Holy Name, as the Psalmist tells us in *Psalm 119:89* that Yahweh 's ***WORD is For ever established in heaven. Amein***

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Shalom Alechem. Amein*