

**Study of Romans 5**  
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**Romans 5:1-21**

In *Romans 4* we discussed the word faith, and concluded that it would be best to translate the word **FAITH EITHER AS BELIEF OR FAITHFULNESS**, for **IT IS** impossible to separate the action of **OBEDIENCE FROM OUR BELIEF SYSTEM**. To believe that one can be separated from the other, **IS TO BELIEVE A HALF TRUTH**. We also discussed the **FACT** that Abram followed and obeyed YHVH for ten plus years before **HIS BELIEF (faith)**, which as I said **IS** better described as his **FAITHFULNESS AND OBEDIENCE** to the instructions that YHVH had given him, were counted unto him as **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. The pattern set in Scripture by our father of **BELIEF**, Abraham, **IS** that first we must believe and act on that belief and when our **BELIEFS ARE** put in action, then **IT WILL BE COUNTED ONTO US AS RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

*Romans 5* begins with the words, *Therefore being JUSTIFIED BY BELIEF (faith)*. We have to stop here and again explain what it means to be **JUSTIFIED BY BELIEF (faith)**. We now understand from the actions of our father of Belief, Abraham, that to be **JUSTIFIED BY BELIEF (faith)** means that we are justified by being **FAITHFUL** to carry out the instructions that YHVH has given us, and **AS** we carry out YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, His Torah, we realize that what He has told us would happen **IF WE OBEYED HIM, DOES INDEED COME TO PASS**, and **BECAUSE** it does come to pass, **OUR BELIEF (faith) AND TRUST IN HIM IS INCREASED EXPONENTIALLY**, as it was in our father of **BELIEF (faith)**, Abraham.

What about the words being justified? Through our study of the Scriptures we have learned **HOW TO BE JUSTIFIED**, but what does it mean to be **JUSTIFIED**? Strong's concordance defines the word justified this way.

**H6663**, צדק, tsâdaq, tsaw-dak', A primitive root; to be (causatively **make**) **right** (in a moral or forensic sense): - cleanse, clear self, (be, do) just (-ice, -ify, -ify self), (be, turn to) **righteous (-ness)**. **G1344**; δικαιόω; dikaiōō; dik-ah-yo'-o; From **G1342**; to **render** (that is, *show* or *regard* as) **just** or **innocent**: - free, justify (-ier), **be righteous**.

In Scripture it is translated into many words and therefore has many meanings, *just, justice, justly, righteous, righteously, righteousness, charity, justification, justifying*

Therefore **TO BE JUSTIFIED IS TO BE MADE RIGHTEOUS** according to Strong's concordance and also according to how the word is used in Scripture. Well that's great, we now know that being **JUSTIFIED MEANS TO BE MADE RIGHTEOUS** but that **IS** still an abstract term and we are no further ahead in our understanding of what being **MADE RIGHTEOUS MEANS**, unless there **IS** some concrete way to understand and determine **WHAT BEING MADE RIGHTEOUS MEANS**. Therefore let us go to the Scriptures and find out what the Scriptures have to say about **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and what it means to be righteous.

*Deuteronomy 4:5-8 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, (Torah) 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, (the Torah); 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 have 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 (Law), which I set before you this day?**

**Deuteronomy 6:25** And it shall be our **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, **IF** we observe to do **ALL** these Commandments before YHVH our Elohim, as He has Commanded us.

Here in *Deuteronomy*, YHVH, through Moses, tells us that His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions **ARE RIGHTEOUSNESS**, therefore when we willingly surrender our hearts to YHVH and begin to believe and faithfully follow YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **IT WILL BE COUNTED UNTO US AS RIGHTEOUSNESS** in the same manner that **RIGHTEOUSNESS WAS IMPUTED UNTO ABRAHAM**, because of his **FAITHFULNESS** to YHVH's ways. So please indulge me and let me reread the first few verses of *Romans 5* with our new understanding.

*1 Therefore being justified (as Abraham was) by faithfulness, (Faithfulness to what? Faithfulness to YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah) we have peace with Elohim through the Living Torah, our Messiah: 2 By whom also we have access by BELIEF, by FAITHFULNESS into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of Elohim. 3 And not only so, but we GLORY in tribulations, in adversity also: knowing that these adversities and tribulation WORKS patience within us; 4 And patience, when carried out with a surrendered heart turns into experience; and experience, turns into HOPE: 5 And HOPE makes not ashamed; BECAUSE the love of Elohim IS SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS BY the Holy Spirit which is given unto us, as prophesied in Ezekiel 3:27. I YHVH, will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall KEEP My judgments, My Torah and DO them.*

As you can see Paul says that a faithful, surrendered obedient heart **IS** what gives us **HOPE**, because that kind of heart **KNOWS** beyond a shadow of a doubt that YHVH loves us and that it is His wish that **NOT** even one person perishes.

Next we are told in *verses 7-9* For **SCARCELY FOR A RIGHTEOUS MAN** will one die: yet peradventure **FOR A GOOD MAN** some would even dare to die. **BUT** Elohim commends his love toward us, in that, **WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, MESSIAH DIED FOR US.**

This is a testimony of Messiah's love for us. These verses tell us that some people might put their life at risk for a **RIGHTEOUS** man, and they might also put their life at risk for a good man, **BUT FEW IF ANY** would put their life at risk for a person that sins, or breaks the law on a regular basis, and **YET** Paul tells us that Messiah willingly sacrificed His Life **AND DIED FOR US WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS**, for **ALL** have sinned and come short of the glory of Elohim. *Romans 3:23*. Since Messiah willingly died for our salvation, the Scriptures go on and tell us that we are now *justified by His blood, and that BY His blood we shall be saved from wrath through Him*. That all sounds very beautiful, but what does **JUSTIFIED BY MESSIAH'S BLOOD**, mean? How can physical blood have any redeeming qualities?

In *Leviticus 17:11* we are told that the *life of ALL flesh IS IN THE BLOOD*. We are also told in *John 1:14* that the Word of YHVH, His Torah, became flesh and dwelt among us. Therefore this verse in *Romans 5* **IS** speaking of **THE LIFE THAT MESSIAH LIVED** while He was here on earth, **HIS TOTALLY SURRENDERED TORAH OBEDIENT LIFE**, and **THAT LIFE** my

friends, **MESSIAH'S TORAH OBEDIENT LIFE IS WHAT JUSTIFIES US**, for Messiah, the Living Torah, obeyed perfectly **ALL** of the Torah Commandments that applied to Him as a man, and furthermore, by His Torah obedient life, He, by example, **HAS TAUGHT US THAT THE TORAH OF MOSES**, given to Moses by YHVH on Mount Sinai **APPLIES TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT ETERNITY**. *John 5:46 -47 For had you believed Moses, you would have believed Me: for he wrote of me. 47 But **IF you DO NOT** believe his writings, the Torah, **HOW shall you believe My words?***

We have to understand that it was Messiah's Life, the Torah obedient life that He led while He was here on earth with us, that **JUSTIFIED HIM BEFORE THE FATHER**, and when we willingly and lovingly choose to surrender our wills to our heavenly Father and **FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEP'S** of Messiah's fully surrendered obedient life to the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **IT ALSO JUSTIFIES US**. We are admonished in the Scriptures in *1John 2:6 He that says he abides in **MESSIAH, OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO SO TO WALK, EVEN AS MESSIAH WALKED***. It cannot be put any more succinctly, we are to follow in Messiah's footsteps and obey **ALL** of YHVH's Commandments, and **NOT** pick and choose what we want to keep, and or those that we want to throw away.

*Verse 10* tells us that Messiah was our Corban, our offering, our sacrifice that permitted us to draw near to the Father. *Verse 10 For, **IF, WHEN** we were enemies of Elohim, we were **RECONCILED** to Elohim **BY THE DEATH** of His Son, how much more, **NOW BEING RECONCILED, SHALL WE BE SAVED BY HIS (TORAH OBEDIENT) LIFE**. 11 And not only so, **BUT** we also joy in Elohim **THROUGH** our Adonai Yeshua Messiah, the Living Torah, by whom we have **NOW received the atonement**.*

This is a very, very profound statement. First, we have to understand that like Abraham we are **RECONCILED** to YHVH; by belief in and faithful obedience to His Word, His Torah of Life, **THEN** the Scriptures tell us that we **SHALL** be saved by His life, the Torah obedient Life that Messiah willingly and lovingly lived while He was here on earth. What does that mean? Well it means exactly what it says in *1John 2:6* quoted above, *He that says he abides in **MESSIAH, OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO SO TO WALK, EVEN AS MESSIAH WALKED***. Messiah's Torah obedient life **IS WHAT SAVES US, IF WE WILLINGLY CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE** and surrender our hearts in loving obedience to our heavenly Father, and do what Messiah did, and that **IS OBEY AND KEEP** the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **THEN** we too will be resurrected with Him onto eternity.

Who are the enemies of YHVH? The enemies of YHVH are **ALL** those who willingly choose **NOT** to follow His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, which **IS** where all of mankind begins. Please keep this in mind, that at one time in our lives, we were **ALL** enemies of YHVH, so that **NO ONE** can boast about a privileged birth, however we can be thankful, **IF** we have been born into a household that loves and fears YHVH, as Paul mentions in *Romans 3:1-2*. Now through Messiah's selfless loving sacrifice, **ALL** of mankind **IS** given an opportunity to spiritually reconnect with our heavenly Father, which **IS** the way that YHVH created us in the very beginning, before Adam's fall into sin and disobedience.

The word, **CONCILIATE**, means *to make peace, pacify, appease, placate, resolve differences*. Which means that mankind was at peace with our heavenly Father at one time, it means that there were no differences between us and our heavenly Father, and that we were living together in

harmony, which is hardly a description you would use to describe an enemy. Yet, the Scriptures tell us that while we were still enemies with YHVH, He gave us the opportunity to **RECONCILE** with Him, by the sacrificial death of the Living Torah, Messiah in the flesh. The word **RECONCILE** means that at one time we were at peace with YHVH and that **WE, OF OUR OWN FREE WILL CHOSE TO WALK A DIFFERENT PATH**, and **BECAUSE** of His infinite love, grace, mercy and compassion for us, He has offered **ALL** of mankind a **GIFT**, a **GIFT** that allows us to willingly choose to be **RECONCILED** with our Creator, to be **ONE** with Him. That, my friends, **IS THE DEPTH** of the love that our heavenly Father has for each and every one of us, His created beings.

*Verse 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death (sin) passed upon ALL MEN, for that all have sinned:*

Here in this verse **IT IS** quite clear that **ALL** people have sinned and fallen **SHORT** of the **GLORY** of YHVH. In this context what does it mean to fall short of the **GLORY** of YHVH, and what **IS** the glory of YHVH? First of all we have to answer what the glory of YHVH **IS**, before we can understand what it means to **FALL SHORT** of that **GLORY**. The Glory of YHVH **IS HIS** inerrant and everlasting teaching and instruction made flesh, the ultimate being, the entity that **IS** without Sin, and that entity my friends **IS** Messiah, the Father's Torah of Life made flesh. And *John 1:1* tells us, *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, Torah; therefore Messiah THE LIVING TORAH, IS THE GLORY* of our heavenly Father.

Therefore to **FALL SHORT of the GLORY of ELOHIM**, means that we are **NOT OBEYING HIS INERRANT AND EVERLASTING TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONS, HIS TORAH OF LIFE, MADE FLESH**. So **IF** as Paul says, **ALL** have sinned, that would mean that at one time in each and everybody's life they **TRANSGRESSED THE TORAH** of YHVH, and were **ENEMIES** of YHVH, *Matthew 12:30 He that IS NOT with Me is against Me; and he that gathers NOT with Me scatters abroad.*

*Verse 13 For until the Law, the Torah, sin was in the world: but sin IS NOT IMPUTED when there IS NO Law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*

According to the Scriptures, **SIN IS TRANSGRESSION OF THE TORAH**, *1John 3:4*. **THEREFORE YOU CANNOT SIN IF THERE IS NO LAW, NO TORAH**, and yet this verse tells us that **SIN** was in the world until the Law, the Torah, sin **WAS** in the world. Since **SIN** is described as transgression of the Torah and Paul says that until the law, sin **WAS** indeed in the world, **THEN we MUST** conclude that the Law, the Torah was from the beginning, or else there could not have been **ANY SIN IN THE WORLD**. The only way that sin would **NOT** be imputed to someone, **IS IF** there was no Law, no Torah to follow and therefore there would be **NO** Law to break, and **IF THERE IS NO LAW TO BREAK, THEN** sin cannot be imputed to anyone, it cannot be charged to their account. The Scriptures tell us that the wages of sin **IS DEATH** and here we are told that death **REIGNED FROM** Adam to Moses. That means that after Adam sinned through to the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, where YHVH expanded on His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the world was a place of lawlessness, filled with sinful people, a world without obedience to the Word of YHVH, to His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

I know that everyone that believes in Elohim believes that He **IS A JUST** Elohim. However **IF** you believe that the Law was only given at Mount Sinai and not from the beginning of time, then that means that until the Law came or was given to us at Mount Sinai, that Elohim judged people by two different standards, one standard before the Law was given and another standard after the Law was given and **THAT IS SIMPLY NOT THE TRUTH**. Elohim **IS A JUST** Elohim and judges all people **IN THE EXACT SAME MANNER**, and **IF** that is the case, and we all know that **IT IS, THEN the LAW, the TORAH** had to be from the very beginning or else we would have to conclude that Elohim **IS NOT JUST**, because He would have had to judge people who lived before the Law was given and those that lived after the Law was given by two different standards. To confirm that the Patriarchs obeyed the Torah, the Law, let us go and read *Genesis 26:3-5 Sojourn in this land Isaac, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for unto you, and unto your seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto your seed all these countries; and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham OBEYED My voice, and KEPT My charge, My Statutes, My Commandments, AND MY TORAH (Laws)*. All of Scripture confirms that the Torah, which **IS** the Word of Elohim that eventually became flesh, **WAS FROM the BEGINNING**.

These next verses compare the physical realm with the spiritual realm. *Verse 15 But not as the offence, so also is the FREE GIFT. For IF through the offence of one (Adam) many be dead, much more the grace of Elohim, and THE GIFT by grace, which is by One man, Yeshua Messiah has abounded unto many. 16 And NOT as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the FREE GIFT is of many offences unto JUSTIFICATION. 17 For IF by one man's offence DEATH reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (the Living Torah) shall reign in life by One, Yeshua Messiah. 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon ALL MEN TO CONDEMNATION; even so by the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF ONE, THE FREE GIFT came upon ALL men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous.*

Adam sinned, and through that sin, his spiritual connection to YHVH, the Elohim of the universe was severed, and from that point on, since Adam had chosen to do things his own way, by his own understanding, YHVH stepped back and let him fend for himself, and therefore all the children that were born to him and all their descendants, after that point, were born with the same condition of not being spiritually connected to our heavenly Father, we are all born spiritually dead, and that is why we have to be born again.

Messiah's sacrifice was done in the spiritual realm at the beginning of time, but was not manifested until He physically came to earth and was crucified for our sins, and rose again for our salvation. Therefore, since Messiah's sacrifice was already done in the spiritual realm, those that surrendered their wills in loving obedience to YHVH, before the physical manifestation of Messiah's sacrifice, could look forward through the Spirit of YHVH and know with **CERTAINTY** that **IF** they surrendered their lives to our heavenly Father in total loving obedience to His Word, then His Living Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, that was eventually made flesh, would give them everlasting life. Now we, that came after the physical manifestation of Messiah's sacrifice can, through the very same Spirit of YHVH, look back and have the same confidence, and that **IS** that His **GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE IS** for us also.

I hope you can see that through Adam we had no choice, we could **NOT** choose to be born with or without sin, that choice **WAS MADE FOR US WHEN ADAM SINNED**, but our heavenly Father **IS A JUST** and loving Father, and has offered every individual ever born, the opportunity of becoming **ONE** with Him. Just like Adam was the first to **SIN** and by his sin, he infected the whole world, for we were all born from and through Adam's loins, so through the righteous sacrifice of Messiah who was the firstfruit, we are given the opportunity to be *born again* as the seed of Messiah, the opportunity to be reconnected to our heavenly Father. With Adam's sin we had no choice, we simply inherited it, but our heavenly Father's love for us is so great that He made a **JUST** way for all of mankind to be **RECONCILED** to Him, and that was by giving us the ultimate gift of the life of His Son, as an atonement for our fallen nature, and all we have to do, **IS ACCEPT THIS GIFT** of everlasting life through **BELIEF** (faith) and learn to faithfully obey His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, best known and described as **FAITHFULNESS TO HIS TORAH MADE FLESH, OUR MESSIAH**.

*Verse 20 Moreover the Torah (Law) entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin has reigned unto death, even so might GRACE reign through RIGHTEOUSNESS (Torah, Deuteronomy 6:25) unto eternal life by Yeshua Messiah our Adonai.*

This final verse explains the long suffering forgiving nature of our heavenly Father. He knows what we are like, and through His awesome and infinite love for us, He has made it possible for each and every one of us to be with Him for eternity. Messiah's sacrifice and the Father's grace can and does change men's hearts, **IF** we will surrender our wills to His and allow Him into our lives. My admonition to all of you here today and all of you that will be reading this teaching in the future, **IS TO FULLY SURRENDER YOUR HEARTS** to our heavenly Father and His Son, the Living Torah, and allow them to come and make their abode within you, and you will be a changed person and guarantee yourself, eternal life. *Matthew 11:28 Come unto Me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light. 2John 1:9 Whosoever transgresses, and does NOT abide in the DOCTRINE of Messiah, does NOT have Elohim. He that DOES abide in the DOCTRINE of Messiah, he has both the Father and the Son.*

*John 7:16 Yeshua answered them, and said, My DOCTRINE is NOT My own, BUT it is the DOCTRINE of Him that sent me. 17 If any man will do the Father's will, he shall know of the DOCTRINE, whether it be of Elohim, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaks of himself seeks his own glory: BUT he that seeks the GLORY of Him that sent him, the same is TRUE, and there is NO unrighteousness (Torahlessness) in him. 19 Did NOT Moses give you the Torah (Law), AND YET NONE OF YOU KEEP THE TORAH (LAW)? Why do you go about to kill Me? Proverbs 4:2 For I YHVH give you GOOD DOCTRINE, DO NOT FORSAKE MY TORAH (LAW) Deuteronomy 6:25 And it shall be our RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF we observe TO DO ALL these Commandments before YHVH our elohim, as He has COMMANDED US. Amein!*

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*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*