

God the Father, and His Son, Jesus the Christ, are running a business on earth. What is their business? Their business is to SAVE THE WORLD! But what does the world need to be saved from?

First, let's define the word "world". The "world" means every human being that has ever existed from Adam and Eve until Christ returns. Secondly, let's define the word "save". To "save" means to rescue from death and to give life. Now we can begin to understand that the phrase "SAVE THE WORLD" means to rescue from death and to give life to every human being who has ever and will ever exist!

With this in mind I'm going to repeat my question: what does the world need to be saved from? Answer: the world needs to be saved from death and everything that contributes to death. Then, and only then, can the world have life and have it more abundantly. No one can save the world except God. This is God's business; this is what God is working towards. You're probably familiar with this scripture I'm about to read, but perhaps you've never thought about it in the context of God running a business on earth. This scripture perfectly states the mission statement of God's business. (Joh 3:16-17) "God loves the world so much that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Yahshuah will not perish but will have everlasting life. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to SAVE THE WORLD through His Son."

Notice what Jesus the Christ (Yahshuah ha Messiah) said about His own responsibility in the business. (Joh 4:31-34) "Jesus' disciples asked Him if was He going to eat. But He said to them, I have food to eat which you do not know about. Therefore the disciples said to one another, No one brought Him anything to eat? Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who *sent Me* and *to finish His WORK*."

Did Yahshuah finish His work? Yes and no. Yes, Yahshuah has finished His work as God in the flesh because He did live a sinless / righteous life, meaning He kept His Father's commandments perfectly in the letter and spirit of the Law; and He did die to pay the penalty for humanity's sin. No, Yahshuah has not finished His work as God the firstborn from the dead because He has yet restored all things to its original sinless / perfect state. (Act 3:18-21) "But the things which God announced by the mouth of all his prophets, that Messiah should suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, so that there may come times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Yahshuah ha Messiah, who was ordained for you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God spoke long ago by the mouth of his holy prophets."

### **RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS**

For a deeper understanding of the phrase "restoration of all things", please read (1Co 15:3-4, 20-28) "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again after the third day and night in the grave according to the Scriptures; ... Christ stands risen from the dead, the first one offered in the harvest of those who have died. Since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also came through a man. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be made alive. However, this will happen to each person in the proper order: first Christ, then those who belong to Christ when He comes. Later the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has done away with every [recalcitrant] ruler and [antagonistic] authority and [perverted] power. For He must rule until God puts all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be done away with is death, for "God has put everything under His feet." Now when Christ says, "Everything has been put under Him," this clearly excludes the Father who put everything under Christ. But when everything has been put under Christ, then the Son Himself will also become subject to the One who put everything under Him, so that God may be all in all."

#### I'M EMPLOYED BY GOD

Not only is Christ still working in the family business, God the Father and God the Son have also hired other employees into the company. These employees are called "disciples". (Mat 9:35-37) "Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion on them, because they were tired and scattered like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Notice in the next verse that God wants to expand his company. God is advertising for job openings. (Mat 9:38) "Therefore *pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will send out more LABORERS into His harvest.*"

Would you like to work for God? You can become a professional Disciple of God. Your official job title would be Christian. As a Christian you would have 3 primary responsibilities --- I call these the "3 P's of our Profession. The 3 P's of our Profession are: Preaching; Preparing; and Providing.

- 1. Preaching the Gospel throughout all the world
- 2. Preparing disciples to be the best they can be
- 3. Providing for people in need

We can find these 3 P's of our Profession mentioned in a verse we already read. (Mat 9:35) "Jesus went about all the cities and villages, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, teaching in their synagogues, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

Whether you are a prospective employee or a new hire or a veteran co-worker, we can all benefit from an in-depth look at the 3 P's of our Profession.

### PREPARING DISCIPLES TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> P of our Profession is *Preparing disciples to be the best they can be.* 

(Eph 4:7-16) "To each one of us grace has been given according to the measure of Christ's gift. (11) And it is Messiah who gifted some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, and still others to be pastors and teachers, (12) for the purpose of perfecting the saints, and doing the work of ministry, and building up the body of Christ (13) until all of us are united in the faith and in the full knowledge of God's Son, and until we attain complete maturity and the full standard of development in Christ. (14) Then we will no longer be little children, tossed like waves and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, or by clever strategies that would lead us astray. (15) Instead, by speaking the truth in love, we will grow up completely into the one who is the head, that is, into Christ, (16) in whom the whole body is united and held together by every ligament with which it is supplied. As each individual part does its job, the body's growth is promoted so that it builds itself up in love."

#### **PRAYER**

(1Ti 2:1-8) "First of all, then, I exhort *that* supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, (2) for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. (3) For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, (4) who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (5) For God *is* one, and *there is* one Mediator of God and of men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, (6) who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. (7) To this I am ordained a preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie), a teacher of *the* nations, in faith and truth. (8) Therefore, I desire that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

(2Ti 2:15-18) "Study earnestly to present yourself approved to God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. (16) But shun profane, vain babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. (17) And their word will eat like a gangrene; among whom are Hymeneus and Philetus, (18) who have erred concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past, and who overthrow the faith of some. (2Ti 2:23-26) But avoid foolish and unlearned questions, knowing that they give birth to strife. (24) But the servant of the Lord must not strive, but to be gentle to all, apt to teach, patient, (25) in meekness instructing those who oppose, if perhaps God will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, (26) and that they awake out of the snare of the Devil, having been taken captive by him, so as to do the will of that one."

### **FELLOWSHIP**

(Heb 10:24-25) "Let us consider one another, to provoke to love and to good works, (25) not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

#### PERSONAL CONDUCT

1Th 5:21-23 "Test everything; hold fast to that which is good; (22) abstain from every form of evil. (23) May the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be guarded completely, without blame at the coming of our Adonai Yahshua the Messiah."

Mat 5:17-28 "Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy but to fulfill. (19) Therefore whoever shall relax one of these commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven. But whoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven. (20) For I say to you that unless your righteousness shall exceed *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven. (21) You have heard that it was said to the ancients, "You shall not kill" (22) But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be liable to the judgment. And whoever shall say, Fool! shall be liable *to be thrown* into the fire of hell. (27) You have heard that it was said to the ancients, "You shall not commit adultery." (28) But I say to you that whoever looks on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Mat 22:36-40 "Master, which *is* the great commandment in the Law? (37) Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. (38) This is the first and great commandment. (39) And the second *is* like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (40) On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Rom 13:8-10 "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves another has fulfilled the Law. (9) For: "Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not lust;" and if *there is* any other commandment, it is summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (10) Love works no ill to its neighbor, therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the Law."

Mat 19:16-19 "And behold, one came and said to Him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? (17) And He said to him, Why do you call Me good? *There is* none good but one, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments. (18) He said to Him, Which? Jesus said, You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, (19) honor your father and mother, and, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jam 2:8-11 "If you fulfill the royal Law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. (9) But if you have respect to persons, you commit sin and are convicted by the Law as transgressors. (10) For whoever shall keep the whole Law and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. (11) For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." But if you do not commit adultery, yet if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the Law."

### **God Defines Love By His Law**

"Love" self | Abuse Drugs & Alcohol

"Love" wife | Commit Adultery

"Love" kids | Beat them senseless for making a B in school

"Love" God | Murder your brother

1Jo 4:20-21 If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar. For if he does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? (21) And we have this commandment from Him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

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#### **Not Under The Law**

The Law is good, so why do people think it's bad?

Rom 6:14-15 Sin shall not have dominion over you, for <u>you are not under Law</u>, but under grace. (15) What then? Shall we sin because <u>we are not under Law</u>, but under grace? Let it not be!

"Under the Law" is a phrase describing a way of worship; and rules for relationships. But the phrase "Under Grace" also describes a way of worship; and rules for relationships. It's just that the "worship" and the "relationship" are different. For example ...

Gal 4:4-5, 21-26 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, (5) in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as his children. (21) Tell me, those of you who want to live under the law: Are you really listening to what the law says? (22) For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. (23) Now the son of the slave woman was conceived according to the flesh, but the son of the free woman was conceived through a promise. (24) This is being said as an allegory, for these women represent the two covenants. The one woman, Hagar, is from Mount Sinai, and her children are born into slavery. (25) Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to present-day Jerusalem, because she is in slavery along with her children. (26) But the heavenly Jerusalem is the free woman, and she is our mother.

#### **Old Covenant**

Deu 9:7-14 "Remember, and do not forget, how you provoked Yahweh your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you departed out of the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against Yahweh. (8) Also in Horeb you provoked Yahweh to wrath, so that Yahweh was angry with you to have destroyed you. (9) When I had gone up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which Yahweh made with you, then I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water. (10) And Yahweh delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them according to all the words which Yahweh spoke with you in the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. (11) And it happened, at the end of forty days and forty nights Yahweh gave me the two tables of stone, the tablets of the covenant. (12) And Yahweh said to me, Arise! Get down quickly from here, for your people whom you have brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted. They have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them. They have made them a molten image. (13) And Yahweh spoke to me saying: I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people. (14) Let Me alone, so that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under the heavens. And I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they."

Deu 4:12-14 "Yahweh spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the voice of the words, but saw no likeness, only a voice. (13) And He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, ten commandments. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone. (14) And Yahweh commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments so that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it."

#### **New Covenant**

Heb 8:6-10 "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, and He is also the Mediator of a better covenant, which was built upon better promises. (7) For if that first *covenant* had been without fault, *then* no place would have been sought for *the* second. (8) For finding fault with them, He said to them, "Behold, days are coming, says *the* Lord, and I will make an end on the house of Israel and on the house of Judah; a new covenant *shall be*, (9) not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day I took hold of their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt," because they did not continue in My covenant, and I did not regard them, says the Lord. (10) "For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My Laws into their mind and write them in their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Eze 36:26-27 "I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit 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 Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments and do *them*."

### **Both Covenants**

2Co 3:2-6 "You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men, (3) *it* having been made plain that you are the epistle of Christ, ministered by us, not having been written with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not on tablets of stone, but in fleshly tablets of *the* heart. (4) And we have such trust through Christ toward God, (5) not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* of God; (6) who also has made us able ministers of the new covenant; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit makes alive."

#### **Differences Between The Covenants**

Written on 2 Tables of Stone	Written on 2 Tables of our Heart & Mind
Written with the Finger of God	Written with the Holy Spirit
Israel was weak in the flesh	Israel will be strong in the Spirit
Israel continued not in the covenant	Israel will continue in the covenant
Israel earned death by the Letter of the Law	Israel will be given life by the Spirit of Grace

### **Practical Applications Of Old & New Covenants**

1. Given forgiveness of sins: No guilty conscience

Heb 9:6-14 The priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle to perform their duties. (7) But only the high priest went into the second part, and then only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins committed by the people in ignorance. (8) The Holy Spirit was indicating by this that the way into the Holy of Holies had not yet been disclosed as long as the first part of the tabernacle was still standing. (9) This is an illustration of the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered could not make the conscience of the worshiper perfect, (10) since they deal only with food, drink, and various washings, which are required for the body until the time when things would be set right. (11) But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that was not made by human hands and that is not a part of this creation. (12) Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood he went into the Holy of Holies once for all and secured our eternal redemption. (13) For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are unclean purifies them with physical cleansing, (14) how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works so that we may serve the living God!

2. Given righteous: No trying to measure up

Rom 10:1-5 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on behalf of the Jews is that they would be saved. (2) For I can testify on their behalf that they have a zeal for God, but it is not in keeping with full knowledge. (3) For they are ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God while they try to establish their own, and they have not submitted to God's righteousness.

(4) For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness for everyone who believes. (5) For Moses writes of the righteousness that comes from keeping the Law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

But nobody should choose living by the Law as their measure of righteousness because they can never measure up to 100% sinlessness! So how do we receive 100% righteousness?

Rom 5:15-16 But God's free gift is not like Adam's offense. For if many people died as the result of one man's offense, how much more shall many people be made righteous through the kindness and the free gift given of one man, Jesus Christ! (16) The sentence that followed one man's offense brought condemnation, but the sentence that followed one man's righteousness brought justification, even after many offenses.

### 3. Given God's Nature: No bondage to badness

Rom 6:1-13 What should we say, then? Should we go on sinning so that grace may increase? (2) Of course not! How can we who died as far as sin is concerned go on living in it? (3) Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into union with Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore, through baptism we were buried with him into his death so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too may live an entirely new life. (5) For if we have become united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. (6) We know that our old selves were crucified with him so that our sinful bodies might be rendered powerless and we might no longer be slaves to sin. (7) For the person who has died has been freed from sin. (8) Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him, (9) for we know that Christ, who was raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has mastery over him. (10) For when he died, he died once and for all as far as sin is concerned. But now that he is alive, he lives for God. (11) In the same way, you too must continually consider yourselves dead as far as sin is concerned, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (12) Therefore, do not let sin rule your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. (13) Stop offering the parts of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness. Instead, offer yourselves to God as people who have been brought from death to life and the parts of your body as instruments of righteousness to God.

4. Given eternal life: No fear

Mat 10:28 Stop being afraid of those who kill the body but can't kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell.

If you are doing right, don't fear man because God's got your back ... He'll bring you back to life. If you are doing wrong, then don't fear man because God's got your ticket to hell --- from which there's no coming back.

If you are doing right, i.e. accepting by faith that you're free from sin and you're righteous and you're having the Law written on your heart and mind, then you will have this perspective ...

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment. He who fears has not been perfected in love." (1Jo 4:18). Now if you are being perfected in love, then look at the attitude of the One Who IS Perfect Love.

Joh 3:14-17 Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, (15) so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (16) "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. (17) For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

1Jo 5:11-13 This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is found in his Son. (12) The person who has the Son has this life. The person who does not have the Son of God does not have this life. (13) I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

You have eternal life NOW! What is there to fear? No death, no Fear!

- 5. Peace: We are loved.
- 6. Joy: We have hope.
- 7. Love: We have God IN Us!
- 8. We are NOT promised Health & Wealth in the hear and now
- 9. The Church is NOT an *earthly nation* 
  - It's okay to follow OT Statutes & Judgments, but it's not required
  - I don't recommend serving in politics
  - I don't recommend serving in the military
- 10. The Church IS a *spiritual nation* 
  - It's necessary to follow the NT Commandments
  - I do recommend teaching people God's policies
  - I do recommend fighting against wicked spirits in high places
- 11. Yahshua ha Messiah, King of kings, and Lord of lords: He will establish Utopia!

#### Free From The Law?

"Free from the Law" means we are free from the wrong perspectives and wrong uses of the Law.

- Forgiveness of sin in the Law (Justification)
- Righteousness in the Law (Sanctification)
- Life in the Law (Glorification)

What is the correct perspective and use of the Law?

- By the power of the Holy Spirit we should keep the Law in the Newness of Spirit
- There is knowledge of sin in the Law
- The Law can't transform us --- only God can

Rom 7:6-25 "We have been set free from the Law, having died to that in which we were held, so that we serve in newness of spirit and not in oldness of the letter. (7) What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Let it not be said! I did not know the definition of sin except through the law. I did not know lust except the law said, You shall not lust. (8) But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, worked in me all kinds of lust. For apart from law sin was dead. (9) For I was alive without the law once. But when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. (10) And the commandment, which was ordained to life, was found to be death to me. (11) For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. (12) So indeed the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good. (13) Then has that which is good become death to me? Let it not be! But sin, that it might fully manifested as sin, works death in me by that which is good, in order that sin might become exceedingly sinful by the commandment. (14) For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. (18) For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwells no good thing. For to will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good I do not find. (19) For I don't do the good that I desire; but the evil that I don't want to do, I end up doing. (22) I delight in the Law of God according to the inward man; (23) but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin being in my members. (24) O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (25) I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then with the flesh I serve the law of sin, but with the mind I serve the Law of God."

#### **Christ Transforms Us**

Rom 5:12 Even as through one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, so too has death passed onto all men because all have sinned.

Eph 2:2-3 We once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience; (3) among whom we also had our way of life in times past, in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were *by nature the children of wrath*, even as others.

2Pe 1:4 God has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that by these we might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Rom 8:1-10 "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (2) But the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. (3) For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; (4) so that the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (5) For they who are according to the flesh mind the things of flesh, but they who are according to the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace (7) because the carnal mind is hostile against God, for it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can it be. (8) So then they who are in the flesh cannot please God. (9) But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. (10) And if Christ is in you, indeed the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."

### **Christian Living**

Eph 4:17-32 "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should not walk from now on as other nations walk, in the futility of their mind, (18) having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. (19) For they, being past feeling, have given themselves up to lust, to work all uncleanness with greediness. (20) But you have not so learned Christ. (22) For you ought to put off the old man (according to your way of living before) who is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, (23) and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. (24) And you should put on the new man, who according to God was created in righteousness and true holiness. (25) Therefore putting away lying, let each man speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. (26) Be angry, but do not sin. Do not let the sun go down upon your wrath, (27) neither give place to the Devil. (28) Let him who stole steal no more, but rather let him labor, so that he may have something to give to him who needs. (29) Let not any filthy word go out of your mouth, but if any is good to building up in respect of need, that it may give grace to the ones hearing. (30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you are sealed until the day of redemption. (31) Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and tumult and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. (32) And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." Eph 5:1-28 Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children. (2) Walk in love, even as Messiah also loved you, and gave himself up for us. (3) When it comes to sexual immorality, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be mentioned among you, but live a holy life; (4) Don't give in to filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not appropriate; but rather give in to the giving of thanks. (5) Know this for sure, that no sexually immoral person, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Messiah and God. (6) Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things, the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience. (7) Therefore don't be partakers with them. (15) Therefore watch carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise; (16) redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (18) Don't be drunken with wine, but be filled with the Spirit, (19) speaking to one another in spiritual songs, and singing praises in your heart to the Lord; (20) giving thanks always concerning all things in the name of our Lord Yahshuah the Messiah, and to God our Father. (22) Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife, and Messiah also is the head of the Church, being Himself the savior of the body. (24) Just as the assembly is subject to Messiah, so let the wives also be to their own husbands in everything. (25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the Church, and gave himself up for it; (26) that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, (27) that he might present the Church to himself gloriously, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (28) Even so husbands also ought to love their wives as their own bodies. (Eph 6:1-24) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (2) "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise: (3) "that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth." (4) You fathers, don't provoke your children to wrath, but nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (5) Servants, be obedient to those who according to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Messiah; (6) not in the way of service only when eyes are on you, as men pleasers; but as servants of Messiah, doing the will of God from the heart. (9) You masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with him. (10) Finally, be strong in the Lord --- in the strength of His might. (11) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. (17) Use the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; (18) and pray at all times. (23) Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Yahshuah the Messiah. (24) Grace be with all those who love our Lord Yahshuah the Messiah with incorruptible love. Amen.