

WHAT IS LOVE?

One of the most misunderstood words in the English language is love.

Ahava #157 (Hebrew), means to have a lot of affection for. Back in ancient times those who were obedient to their king were told they loved him. Our King has explained this concept in many ways throughout the scriptures. Those who truly are born again and love Him, are obedient to His Word, it's as simple as that (John 14:15). One can talk all day about love but until your actions show your obedience and respect for something/someone, in this case, the King of Kings, your words mean nothing.



All adults have been in love at one time or another. We all know that we can tell our spouse or girlfriend we love her all day, but until we prove our love with ACTIONS that are appropriate, our words mean nothing. If we love Yeshua we will keep His word, how much more simple can it be?

Exod. 20:6 *but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*” Showing mercy to those who love me and keep my commands.

Deut. 10:12-13 *“Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the LORD’S commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?”* To love Him, to observe, to serve Him, Israel, walking in His ways. He **defines Israel** as those who walk in His ways. If we have invited Him into our hearts, we serve Him, we keep His commands, and in return He blesses us immediately and perhaps even for eternity.

Deut. 11:1 *“You shall therefore love the LORD your God, and always keep His charge, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments.”* Love and keep His rules always.

Deut. 30:6 *“Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.”* Will circumcise your hearts so you will love Him. If you don't love Him and keep His commands your heart is not circumcised, it is a heart of stone.

Josh. 22:5 *“Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”* Love Him is to keep His commands, this is the scripture Yeshua was referring to in John 13:34 when He said to “serve Him with

all your heart and soul”.

Ps. 119:97 *O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.*” Oh how I love thy law, David explains what he thinks love is.

Ps. 119:127 *Therefore I love Your commandments, Above gold, yes, above fine gold.*” Love the commandments above gold.

Prov. 10:12 *Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions.*” Love covers over all wrongs. This quote is used in the Renewed Testament also (1Cor. 13:4-8, 1Pet. 4:8).

John 15:10 *“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”* If you keep my commands you shall abide in love. Yeshua proved His love for Yahveh by doing the exact same thing He commanded us to do IF we love Him.

Rom. 13:8 *Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.*” Love one another, love is what the torah is all about.

1John 5:2 *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.*” By this we know we love Him.

1John 2:3-4 *By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;”* If we keep His commands we love Him, if not we are liars. Do you see now why the so-called christian church is NOT His church? They do not keep His commands, therefor they simply do not love Him. They simply pay lip service. Their actions speak louder than their words.

1John 5:3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.*” His commands are not burdensome, they are the way to freedom from bondage to the things of the world. His commandments give us freedom. For this is the love of Yah, and IF we love Him He will reveal Himself to us.

John 14:21 *“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”*

2John 1:6 *And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.*” This is love, if we keep His commands.

Conclusion

If you truly LOVE Him you will follow Him, not them. **John 14:15** (written in red) *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments”*. What others tell you about love is irrelevant, His Word says love is “KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS (Torah/ instructions)”

Love is doing for someone else what we know will please them. Being obedient to His commands is proof of our never ending love. There is only one way to love Yah, that is to heed His commandments. Only AFTER you do so will He reveal Himself to you. Keep this in mind the next time someone that doesn’t keep His commandments, tells you that Yah has revealed something to him. That person may have learned or even had something revealed to him, but it was not by Yah’s Spirit.

Our Adonai is “agape” love in its 100% pure form. Love needs no knowledge, wisdom, time, etc.. Love is all. **John 1:1** *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Yah, and the Word was Yah.”* Yah is love, the word is love. The word

(torah) became flesh. Yeshua was the word. The Torah was Yeshua, the word which was, and is, love. **1John 4:8-12** ***“The one who does not love does not know Yah, for Yah is love. By this the love of Yah was manifested in us, that Yah has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved Yah, but that He loved us and sent His Son {to be} the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if Yah so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has beheld Yah at any time; if we love one another, Yah abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.”***



The true love of Yah flows down the channel, or riverbed, of the Ten Commandments.

Love is a demonstration, not just an illustration.

Love is an “ACTIVE VERB”. For those who say they love Elohim, the question is; how do they show their love for Elohim. Also found in **1John 3:18** ***“Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.”***

1John 3:14 ***“We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.”***

If we love the world and the things in it we are not in love with Yah. **1John 3:17** ***“But whoever has the world’s goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of Yah abide in him?”***

Many say His law has been replaced by love, but His law teaches us how to love. His law (word) is love. Whenever we fail His law, He gives us mercy. Mercy is a part of the law, one of the weightier things of the law, as described in **Matt. 23:23** ***“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.”***

The Ten Commandments are called the apple of our eye in **Prov. 7:2** ***“Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye”*** The commandments are known to Hashem as “the apple of our eye”, therefore those who don’t keep them, are sticking their finger in their own eye.

Those who show their love for Hashem receive a crown of life. Each and every promise of Yah is built upon four foundations: namely, Yah’s righteousness, Yah’s holiness, Yah’s grace, and Yah’s truth. Yah’s righteousness keeps us from being unfaithful; Yah’s holiness keeps us from being deceitful; Yah’s grace, from being forgetful; and Yah’s truth, from being changeful.

Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee connection

When we look at the geography of Israel we should notice something very

strange about it. There are two seas in Israel, one is called the Sea of Galilee and one is called the Dead Sea. The Sea of Galilee is teeming with life, containing twenty seven species of fish, some found no-where else in the world. Its shores are full of birds and lush vegetation. The Dead Sea on the other hand, eight times saltier than the ocean, and dying; disappearing at a rate of about one yard per year, contains no life at all. It is toxic and bitter. Yet they are both fed by the same Jordan river.

How can two seas fed by the same river be so different?

The answer: The Sea of Galilee receives water at one end and gives out water at the other. The Dead Sea receives water but has no outlet. It keeps it all to itself. So it is with life (torah): If you only receive but do not give, you do not live.

John 5:42-47 ***“but I know you, that you do not have the love of Yah in yourselves. “I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him. “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the {one and} only Yah? “Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. “But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”***

Rom. 13:10 ***“Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of {the} law.”*** Here the word fulfillment is misunderstood again. If it meant what most say it means in Matt. 5:17 then love is no longer required, as stated in this verse. Love is the subject of this verse, not fulfillment. It takes real love to follow Yeshua as commanded, from our new circumcised heart.

Eph. 3:14-21 ***“For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; so that Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith; {and} that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Messiah which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of Yah. Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him {be} the glory in the church and in Messiah Yeshua to all generations forever and ever.”*** Love surpasses all knowledge.

1Cor. 16:22 ***“If anyone does not love Sar Shalom, let him be accursed. Maranatha.”*** ALL those who do not love Him are cursed.

WORLDLY LOVE--CONDITIONAL LOVE

The love of the godless society, conditional love is “phileo” in Greek; “You scratch mine, I’ll scratch yours”.

Worldly love falls under many headings:

1) Sexual fascination--Many are simply sexually attracted, and call this love. When they get tired of the sex, or the emotions slow down, the conditional love dissipates to nothingness and separation happens, whether it be over a period of a few hours, days, or years. Lust is your main sin here and it is Satan’s best know secret. Sex is something all require and Satan knows it. Sex is something all enjoy and Satan knows

it. Satan uses sex to trap many into submission to him, and plants his “secret agents” when they let their fleshly desires take over.

2) Companionship--Many people simply want a companion to share their lives with. There is nothing wrong with this, but it is conditional. As long as they meet the conditions of the agreement they remain together, in love.

3) Monetary support--Many people have an agreement of monetary support for each other, even though in most cases it is not openly discussed. As long as they are supported by finances, they appear to be happy. This, again, is a condition of their love.

4) Physical attractiveness--Many people are together because they are physically attracted to each other and have a spirit of pride. As long as they remain pretty, or handsome, all is well, but the moment their bodies start maturing and changing, the condition of their love agreement changes and they depart.

5) Material love--Many find that they require material things to replace the void that is in their hearts from not knowing Yah. These types of people spend their lives BUYING a type of satisfaction that actually stems from pride, the same thing that took Satan down.

6) Activity type love--Many people like others who enjoy the same type of activity as they do, whether it be music, sports, arts, etc.. When their enjoyment changes or they mature, they find themselves in an unhealthy relationship, and simply do what most of the world does, they apply for divorce.

As you can see, worldly love can be classified under many headings. The above are a basic way of distinguishing them from one another. The simple truth is, none of these kinds of “worldly loves” can compare to the agape love that comes from Yah, and flows through those who truly follow in His ways. There can be no comparison between the two, and in most cases, those of the world never get to experience agape love. This can only happen of course if they truly ask Yeshua to be their Messiah and Savior. Some of us have found this out the hard way, and some have had the privilege of knowing agape love most of their lives. That fact alone is what can make or break our enjoyment of life on planet earth.

AGAPE LOVE--SELFLESS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Yeshua tells us that a sure sign of the end, is that the love of many will grow cold. Most "Believers" have very little, if any idea, of the love that Yeshua was talking about; when you can tell who the REAL Believers are because they love each other.

Let us look at some scriptures. Maybe we can see the love that the Bible describes as agape love. A sign of True Faith is a very specific kind of love. So specific, in fact: that unless one is a born-again child of Yah, he cannot show any of this love.

1John 4:7-8 *“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from Yahveh; and everyone who loves is born of Yahveh and knows Yahveh. The one who does not love does not know Yahveh, for Yahveh is love.”*

Do you believe that the Bible is the inspired word of Yah? Do you believe that Yah has seen to it that a reasonably reliable record of Revealed Truth has been given to us and preserved for us? If you say, yes: then you must concede that there is no "mistake" here; and yet, the Apostle John "appears" to contradict Yeshua, Who said, The world will love his own. Something much more specific than "selfless service" has to be in view. The love that John is talking about can ONLY be shown by those who

are born of Yah. A further description of the love that the Apostle is referring to is found in verse 10. **1John 4:10** ***"In this is love, not that we loved Yah, but that He loved us and sent His Son {to be} the propitiation for our sins."***

1John 4:11 *"Beloved, if Yah **so** loved us, we also ought to love one another."* The word "so", may also include the idea of how much love we ought to show, and the context suggests this. However; this word "so", is "houtus", which means, "after this manner". What we ought to do here, is love one another in the same way that Yah loves us. The love that is being described here is a particular kind of "selfless service". It is a love that, originating from Yah, embraces us, and cures the sin problem. If we love one another in the same way that Yah loves us, we will be curing each other's sin problem. We must love one another with Yah's love, which proceeds from Yah, and not from us, for you and I cannot cure anyone's sin problem. If you have received Yah's love, you are conscious of the fact that that kind of love does not justify sins or grant any license to commit sin. Only if you have received that love, are you able to "duplicate" it, or pass it on. The conclusion is; if the love that you show is not a cure for the sin problem, you have not loved in the same way that Yah loves.

All of this detail is to prove something that is plainly obvious anyway. If loving someone is to do the very best we can for them; and if the best thing we can do for them is to help them see the truth that can save them and set them free: then anything called "love" that does not reinforce and proclaim the saving and eternal Truths of the Bible is not love at all. The "love" that reassures an unbeliever on his deathbed that, "Everything will be alright, just because Yah loves you", is not only not love according to Yah; but is actually The Devil's best form of lie. El Shaddai so loved the world (John 3:16)...but millions are going to hell anyway, because they refuse the intention of that love; that we should be conformed to the image of His Son, Yeshua Messiah (Rom.8:29).

The term: "this is love", implies that a defining example of love is about to be given. Remember: AGAPE is a love that does something, not just an "affectionate disposition", and here we see what Yah did to show His love for us. Yah sent His Son to be the cure for our sin problem. This gives us a big clue about the kind of love that is altogether lacking in Christendom today. The words, "Not that we loved Yah, but that He loved us"; make a distinction between love that comes from us, and the love that comes to us from Yah. The love with which the world loves its own is not Yah's example of love. Even if a man does "selfless service" for another "because" he "loves" Yah, he may still fail to show forth the particular love that is being discussed here. That we are obliged to show others the same kind of love that Yah Himself has shown to us is implied in the next verse.

To give reassurances to anything that is not in accord with Yah's Truth from the Bible is to do the devil's work for him. Most of what people now like to call "loving", can be described as soothing them into hell. It ought to be obvious to you by now that "sentimental reassurances" are not that love, without which, the Bible says: we knoweth not Yah. Consider how this next Scripture defines love in a way that is completely at odds with the popular notion of what love is. **1John 5:2-3** ***"By this we know that we love the children of Yah, when we love Yah and observe His commandments. For this is the love of Yah, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome."*** Have you noticed that there is not so

much as one word in these Scriptures about **HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER**. If we love Yah, or if we love our brother; we do so BY keeping His commandments. Yeshua Messiah says exactly the same thing: **Matt. 22:37-39** "And He said to him, "**YOU SHALL LOVE Yahveh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and WITH ALL YOUR MIND.**" "This is the great and foremost commandment. "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'"

Don't start whining: "But there is nothing in the 10 Commandments about telling a poor old dying granny that she is going to hell if she doesn't believe the right things about Yeshua. . . WRONG!

The 2nd Commandment forbids you to bow (Exod. 20:5), that is, do obeisance, or make concessions, to any other than the True and Only Yahveh.



If you grant assurances that there is any other way to escape hell and go to heaven, except through Yeshua Messiah, and the way that He has described; you have both made Him out to be a liar, and disobeyed the 2nd Commandment. It is because Adonai anticipated conflicts like this, that He said. If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters....he cannot be My disciple. **Luke 14:26** "**If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.**" At first glance this verse seems scary, but Yeshua is not saying we are to hate our family, but that we are to hate our LIFE and the LIFE of our family members if He is not leading them. The key to Yeshua's warning here is the phrase "and his own life". The theme here is not alienation from our family, but rather the COST of discipleship: nothing, not love for father or mother or even ones own life, is to take precedence over loyalty to Yah and

His Messiah. One must renounce all that he has (verse 33), acknowledging that if Yah is to be primary in his life, possessions and even social relationships, in and of themselves, must be secondary. **Luke 14:33** ***"So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions."*** Being a messianic servant of Yah is more than merely acknowledging facts about Yeshua.

In verse 28, it continues about the COST of building a tower. **Luke 14:28** ***"For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?"*** We must be prepared for what something is going to cost us, before we decide to go ahead and pursue it. It is easy to relate this to being spirit filled because when we do get spirit filled it is our duty to use that boldness that Yah gives us, to further teach, correct, and promote the truth of the word. We must be BOLD when we speak about the written word.

Nobody should stop a person from telling granny that, Messiah died for sinners, He died on the stake, they buried Him, and He rose again from the dead. Anybody that will not admit that they are a sinner will go to hell. Yeshua said in Matt., Mark, and Luke - ***"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance"***.

The summary of the matter is this: We can only love our neighbor by loving Yah. If we do love Yah; we will keep His commandments. If we keep His commandments, we shall end up loving our neighbor. What the Godless world teaches however, is the exact opposite: that if we are careful not to rebuke, offend, or condemn our neighbor by bringing up the truth, that we are "loving" them, and thereby also "loving" Yah. Under the cover of this "sloppy agape", what there really is, is the unwillingness to endure any persecution (Matt. 13:21) for The Truth's sake: and that is because they are not really sure about the doctrines they are so ready to assert when there's no risk or cost involved.

THE LOVE THAT IS ALWAYS SELFLESS

Lest anyone should think that all they have to do to fulfill Yah's command to love one another is to "preach" to them; Yah has given us this clear testimony of the necessity of doing something for our brothers and sisters in the Family of Yah.

1John 3:18 ***"Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth."***

While we are reminded that the love we are to show should be more than a matter of preaching; we are still reminded that truth must be the source, center, and guide of that love. But by no means, does a willingness to preach to everyone dismiss you from the need to prove your love by deeds. **James 2:14-17** ***"What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for {their} body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, {being} by itself."*** The words, "Can faith save him?" bear directly on what was quoted before from **1John 4:7** ***"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from Yahveh; and everyone who loves is born of Yahveh and knows Yahveh."*** The man who says he has "faith", but does not love his brother cannot be saved by that "faith"; and he that loveth his brother does not say, "Good luck, but get lost" to his brother or sister in their time of need. **1John 4:8** ***"The one who does not love does not know Yah, for Yah is love."*** It couldn't be more clearly stated than it is here. If one is truly

born of Yah, they will have the love that is spoken of here. This love is a selfless service that always confirms the Truth, and causes the one who has received that love to contemplate their relationship with Yah. Yeshua Messiah says the same thing: **Matt. 5:16** *“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”* If you fail to let that light so shine (the light of Truth), then when men see your good works, they will not glorify your Father, which is in heaven. Instead, they will just come to appreciate YOU: and you will end up confirming their faith in human nature, or luck, or in their own self-righteousness.

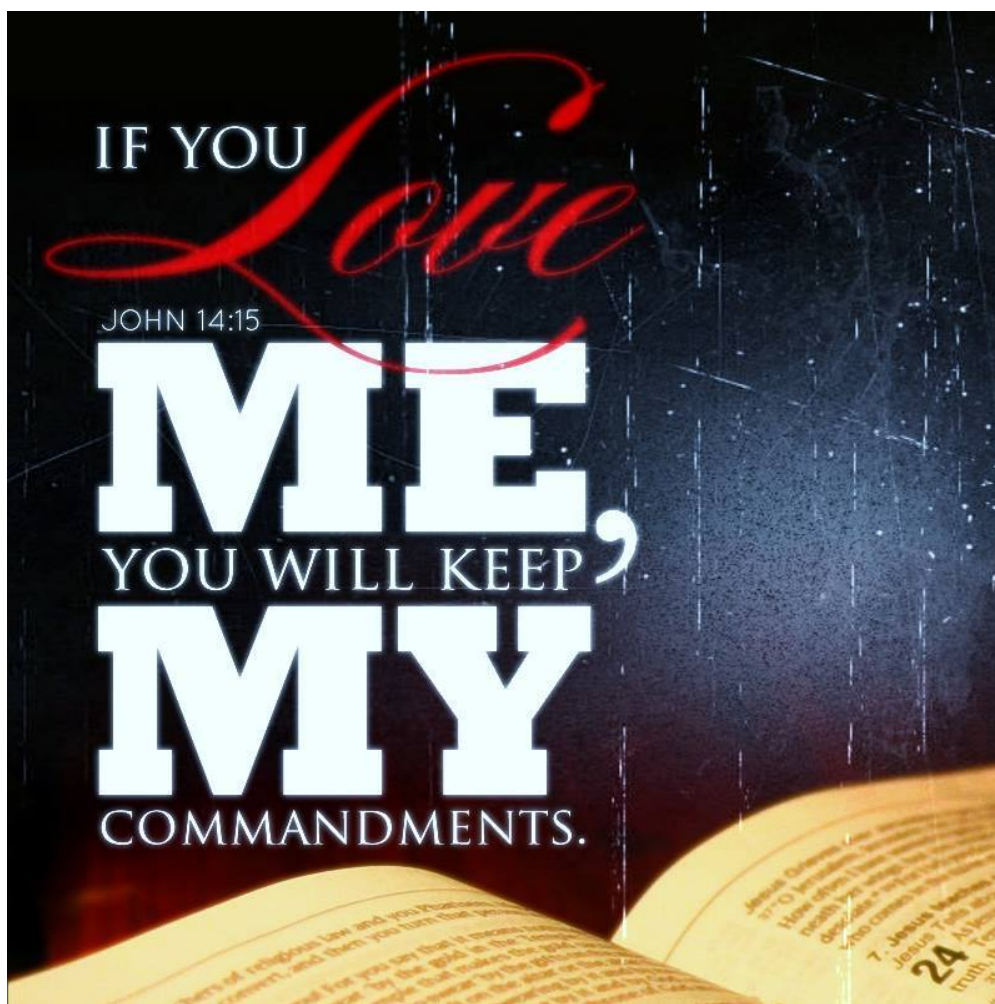
Goodness and Truth cannot be divorced from each other, except when both the "goodness" and the "truth" are false and destructive: that is, NOT really goodness or truth at all. The world and Apostate Christendom teach us to show a "goodness" that exists with or without Truth; believing as they do, that their "goodness" is Truth itself. According to the God of the Bible, any act of "goodness" that does not confirm Yah's Truth becomes the lie of Satan. This has always been the Devil's best form of lie; for by this kind of "goodness" he wishes to prove that "any religion" which is accompanied by sufficient public morality to gain the praise of men (John 12:43) will make a man righteous in Yah's sight. Think about it. To show "goodness" that does not confirm the Truth of The Almighty of The Bible is to confirm the lie of the Devil; and those who do so are the Devil's best representatives.

The Devil is at war primarily with Yah, not us, and the destruction that he works on mankind is just one of the ways he attempts to discredit and malign Our Messiah. If the Devil can prove that there is goodness without Adonai, or truth apart from Yeshua Messiah, he has fully accomplished his purposes with mankind. As it is, men all over the world are crying out: where is justice? Yah is despised for refusing to intervene in the affairs of men if He is acknowledged at all. Men look around at all the "good works" they are doing and wonder why Yah does not reward or protect them. **Job 35:9-10** *“Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out; They cry for help because of the arm of the mighty. “But no one says, ‘Where is **Yah my Maker**, Who gives songs in the night,’”* The words Yah my Maker are the key to understanding this Scripture, for you could hardly say that the oppressed do not pray for help. But, they pray to a "god" of their own imagination; not the One and Only True Yahveh their maker; who cannot be known any other way except through Our Messiah. Even those who call themselves "Christians" are guilty of this: for they imagine for themselves that they can "have" a Yeshua apart from His teachings. They have a false Messiah, an imaginary Messiah; a "Messiah" who will confirm their worldly philosophy, and smile with favor on their "sloppy agape". They even flatly disagree with Yah's teachings and despise those teachings while they supposedly use His Name. They have a "goodness" without Truth, or a "truth" without the Almighty, or a "god" who is not revealed exclusively through Yeshua Messiah, or a "Messiah" who would not say the things that the real Messiah did: and so they have in fact rejected the Almighty of the Bible. They never find the Master, who giveth songs in the night: the Master who counsels, comforts, disciplines, and consoles those who worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him (John 4:23, Hebr. 12:6).

Even the demons can say that Our Yeshua was Messiah, the Son of Yah (Luke 4:41), but this confession does not get them into heaven. The demons admit that there

is only One God (James 2:10): but the thought is a terror to them; they need a "different Almighty", one who is not like the One creator. Rather, they look to find a "God" who will leave them as they are and still love them like they are and let them remain that way, like they are, indefinitely. The men of this world look for the same thing from their "gods". They forever want to be forgiven; but they also want to continue in their sin and their rebellion. Those who refuse to truly repent think that if they "feel bad" about being bad; everything will be O.K. They are always ready to moan about their "failures" and admit to their "faults"; thinking that by this they will escape The Judgement: but they will not forsake their pride, their false doctrines, or the LIES that keep them from actually repenting.

HOW DO WE SHOW YAHVEH WE LOVE HIM?



You will find many opinions of how we should show the Father our love for Him, but what does the Bible actually say is required to show our love for Him? Let's have a close look at some passages explaining our love for Yah:

2John 6 *"And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it."*

Jude 21 *"keep yourselves in the love of Yahveh, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Rabbi Yeshua Hamashiach to eternal life."*

Matt. 22:37 *"And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE Yah your Elohim with all your*

heart, and with all your soul, and WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ (also Mark 12:30)

John 14:15 *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

John 14:23 *“Messiah answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.”*

John 14:31 *“but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go from here.”*

John 15:9-11 *“Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love. “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and {that} your joy may be made full.”*

1Cor. 2:9 *“but just as it is written, THINGS which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, AND {which} HAVE not entered the heart of man, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”*

Gal. 5:22-23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”*

Notice here the first fruit of the spirit is the ability to follow the commandments.

Eph. 3:17-19 *“so that Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith; {and} that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Messiah which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of Yah.”*

2Ths. 2:7-10 *“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains {will do so} until he is taken out of the way. And then that lawless one will be revealed whom Adonai will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; {that is,} the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.”*

James 1:12 *“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which {Adonai} has promised to those who love Him.”*

James 2:5 *“Listen, my beloved brethren: did not Yah choose the poor of this world {to be} rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?*

Much is to be had by those who truly follow Yeshua.

1John 2:3-6 *“And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of Yah has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.”* Love and truth go hand in hand because they both come from the word.

1John 5:2-5 *“By this we know that we love the children of Yah, when we love Yah and observe His commandments. For this is the love of Yah, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of Yah overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that*

Yeshua is the Son of Yah?"

Rom. 12:9 "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good."

Are you beginning to get the picture? Is it clear yet? Love and truth are part of salvation. **Rom. 8:28** "And we know that **Yah causes all things to work together for good to those who love Yah, to those who are called according to {His} purpose.**"

Not only are we told to keep the commandments to show our love for Adonai but in fact we are CURSED if we don't keep them as Paul puts it. **1Cor. 16:22** "If anyone does not love Adonai, let him be accursed. Maranatha." (our Yah come)

If we truly LOVE El Gibor (Mighty God), we will "follow Him", we will do what He said to do in His Word, regardless of what the world, or the mainline churches tell us to do. "Follow me", means exactly what it says. The Bible doesn't say, "follow them". We are to be "a peculiar people", "called out people", a "holy people", a "people of the way". If we blend in, we are just like them. We must all ask ourselves if we as individuals are truly different, or do we blend in like camouflage. If we blend in, needless to say, we are not saints of the most High. We are supposed to be different, the "light" of the earth, the "salt" of the earth. If we don't stand out from the others, we had better do something about it. If we have become like sugar, we are not heirs of the priesthood.

We should all know in our hearts that the Ten Commandments stand today as they always have. We should all know in our hearts they are a summary, foundation of the scriptures. Why is it so many follow the ways of the proclaimed Bible believing churches, without "testing the spirits"? They claim to acknowledge the Ten Commandments, yet by their not following them, they openly show their hypocrisy to the rest of the world. **You would find the only thing resembling the shekinah (glory) of the Almighty present in most of these SUNDAY type churches, is the sign pointing to the way out, that says "EXIT".**

THE FEAST OF LOVE



The reason why Pass-over is referred to as the "Feast Of Love" is because Yah gave us His Son to die on our behalf at Pass-over. El Shaddai gave us the ultimate sacrifice that we may have the opportunities we have for our freedom and salvation. He gave up the one He loved most, so that we could have fellowship with Him. That is

the perfect love of our Father. He gave of Himself for us at Pass-over. Nothing has ever been done like it throughout the universe. **Deut. 4:32** *“Indeed, ask now concerning the former days which were before you, since the day that Yah created man on the earth, and {inquire} from one end of the heavens to the other. **Has {anything} been done like this great thing, or has {anything} been heard like it?** This great thing that our Abba did for us was the perfect demonstration of holy love. **John 3:16** *“For Yah so loved the world, that **He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.**”**

THE ULTIMATE GIFT OF LOVE

The ultimate gift of love, is to give your life for your friends. This is a very difficult thing to even try to comprehend, but it is the ultimate gift in Adonai’s eyes. **John 15:12-15** *“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. **Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.** “You are My friends, if you do what I command you. “No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.”*

LOVE AND COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

Through the blood of Messiah we have gained citizenship into Israel and Yah’s family. We are now sons and daughters of the Holy One of Israel. Before, a Gentile had to undergo circumcision to be considered a citizen of Israel. Now our hearts have been circumcised by Messiah and we are members of Yah’s family, equal sharers with Israel and the covenant blessings. Circumcision was never eliminated. It was just changed from an outward physical expression to an inner circumcision of the heart, in the Renewed Testament!

Many of the teachers tell us that we need love instead of law (instructions), that we need to emphasize relationships instead of rules. But no relationship can exist without the rules upon which it is based. If there are no rules about how to relate then there simply is no relationship.

Love is the fulfillment (meaning and purpose) of the law. When the word fulfill is used in one of the most misunderstood verses in our Bible, it clearly means “to expound on”, “to raise up”, “to make more important”, “to show the importance of”. **Matt. 5:17** *“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to **fulfill.**”* It means the same as it does in **Rom. 13:8-10** *“Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled {the} law. For this, “**YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET,**” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; **love therefore is the fulfillment of {the} law.**”* Notice some of the commandments are spoken of here immediately after the word fulfill is used. If “fulfill” meant finalized, (as many Christians are taught) why would it show up here with the commandments. Common sense should prevail.

The love of Yah coincides with our ability to repent: **Rev. 3:19** *“Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and **repent.**”*

We often hear Believers talking about how much Adonai loves them, and this is of course true, but how do those who willingly accept His love, return LOVE to Adonai?

LOVE IS THE ROYAL LAW

The Ten Commandments as a whole, may in one case, be referred to as LAW, "royal law". This verse can be found in **James 2:8** *"If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well."* The "Royal Law" (love), is being referred to when it says you cannot forget one commandment? **James 2:10-11** *"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one {point,} he has become guilty of all. For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law."* I believe the royal law spoken of here is the summary of all the laws and commands of Yahveh. "**LOVE**" is being referred to here! If the instructions of Yahveh aren't followed in love, there is no point in following them at all. The love has to be in ones circumcised heart before it can be manifested through following the Torah.

We must ask ourselves: "who is our neighbor"?? This is a question pondered by many. I believe our neighbor is whoever we are in the presence of. Whether we are at home with friends and relatives, or standing in line at the grocery store. Our neighbor is the person close to us wherever we are at the time. Using this scenario, you can easily understand how important it is to LOVE every human being.

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