HOLY SPIRIT...BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (RUACH HAKODESH) PART 3 OF 5 THE SET-APART, BORN AGAIN PERSON'S ULTIMATE GOAL

Every Believer has the Ruach resident in his heart. The question is not, do I "have" the Holy Spirit in me, but how much of me does the Holy Spirit have. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the "release" of the Holy Spirit of Elohim, who already resides in you as a Believer. All the gifts of the Spirit reside in your spirit, and they are released according to the will of the Holy Spirit, as per your willingness to co-operate with the will of the Holy Spirit.

I believe the prayer of someone Baptized in the Holy Spirit is a thousand times more effective than someone who is "born again," and is infinitely more effective than a non-Believer. A person with, or without, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, is like a car, with, or without gas. A car without gas is nice to look at, some things work on it, and it even makes noise; but with gas it has the power necessary to do the work required, and drive the wheels forward. It should be the ultimate goal of all Believers to have and to use this power effectively to bring glory to the Name of Yahveh.

It seems some people will get Baptized in the Holy Spirit the first time they ask and others need to do it three or four times. Some people simply never get the power of the Baptism because they are not willing to pay the price. They are not willing to work in the ministry of Yah, even though with their lips they say so. The Holy Spirit resides in your spirit the moment you become a "born again Believer," verbally asking Yeshua to come into your life. Rom. 10:10 "you shall be saved, for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation" Acts 2:38 "Repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Yeshua for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" It has perhaps something to do with John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him." People are not willing to meet the requirements of the Torah and wonder why they receive little wisdom, and have few prayers answered. (Prov. 27:9)

Baptism of the Holy Spirit should be the ultimate goal of any true Believer and it is available to all true Believers who are willing to let their "spirit" be controlled by the Spirit of Elohim.

Every born again Believer receives the Holy Spirit immediately upon verbal acceptance of Yeshua in their life. 1Cor. 12:7 *"But to each one is given the manifestation of the spirit for the common good".* Receiving and being lead are two different things!

We all have a "spirit". For those who do not use it, it simply becomes dormant. The minute a person is "born again", the Spirit of Yeshua is symbolically breathed into you, and your spirit and the Ruach make contact for the first time. Your spirit is like a seed encased in concrete, the minute you become born again your seed (spirit) makes contact with the Holy Spirit and the concrete block is destroyed so that the seed begins to grow. The moment this happens, man receives the key to knowledge, illumination and understanding. That is why when you talk to an un-converted person, he doesn't understand you and the scriptures, his spirit has not been touched by Yah's Spirit. He cannot comprehend!

You get baptized in the Holy Spirit the same way you got saved, by "grace" (true faith/obedience). We take Yeshua as our baptizer exactly the same way we took Him as our Messiah and Savior when we became "born again". The Holy Spirit doesn't come to **possess** you like an unclean spirit, it comes to fill your spirit and to set your spirit free to worship and do the works of Adonai. Most people don't realize the potential of their spirit until they are baptized in the Holy Spirit, because they're spirit is imprisoned until then.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit only occurs once, but the infilling of the Holy Spirit then goes on forever if the recipient continues to walk with Yahveh.

One of the main purposes of Baptism is to unite Believers **1Cor. 12:13** "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free: and have been all made to drink into one spirit" It is the Spirit of Ha Shem in us that allows us to work in unity (Yachad).

Your mind is infinitely smaller in capacity than your spirit, your spirit can't praise Yah through your mind, because your mind is like a bottleneck. The spirit can't express itself except for what the mind can handle. When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, your spirit can get a direct connection to Yah without having to go through your puny mind. Your spirit knows what is in your mind.

The more spiritual you become the less emotional you become, because your spirit has more control and you don't let emotions lead you so easily.

When a person receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit his body actually becomes **a dwelling place**/ **home, for the Holy Spirit** of Adonai, until then, it is just a residence of the Holy Spirit. We become a Tabernacle. Until you are regenerated and filled with the Holy Spirit, your in the dark, you don't appreciate what's inside your temple.

Normally the person to whom Dad gives authority must have a solid spiritual background. He must drink the cup, that is, he must obey Yah's will: he must receive the baptism and accept death in order to release his new life. He must accept the Re-newed Covenant on His heart and follow the Torah. He must also

not have any intention of exercising authority; on the contrary, he must be prepared to serve as a slave to all. In other words, he possesses spiritual ground on the one hand, and the spirit of humility on the other. It is irrelevant to talk about authority, if the cup is not drunk and the baptism not received.

Many people are afraid to get Baptized in the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues because their friends don't believe in it. Many people get born again and then their friends ignore them so they back-slide immediately to please them so they can be accepted. People get "filled" in order to teach, share and serve the Kingdom of Yah. The truth that they must teach is never to be manipulated by emotions (soul power) because of the circumstances involved. Truth sets people free, not charisma.



YAH'S GARDEN..TORAH

I would like to look at the fruits of the Spirit symbolically from a gardeners point of view. Did you realize the first two people ever created by Yahveh were gardeners. They had an incredibly huge garden to look after. It was called the Garden of Eden. He told them to be fruitful and multiply. Adam and Eve had the choice in the Garden, they could chose between the "tree of life", or the "tree of knowledge". They chose to eat from the tree of knowledge. Because they made that decision fallen man came to be. The first command ever spoken by Yah was "be fruitful and multiply".

Yeshua became the "first fruit" of the regenerated man when He arose after Calvary. Our ultimate goal is to be like Him. If that is our goal then needless to say, we must be fruitful.

We are to all represent the tree (garden) of life. We are the new man. The new creation. Any spiritual garden that doesn't produce, is not a garden lead by master gardeners of Yah.

Our tree is to be rooted in good soil, which represents the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The roots of our tree are non other than the Hebraic roots that came from the original Hebrew seed sown of the Spirit of Hashem. Yahveh is our soil and His original Hebrew teachings (Torah) are the roots of our tree of life. Without the soil there is no point in trying to grow a tree. Without roots, no plant can get nourishment.

The photosynthesis that takes place on the leaves of our tree is symbolic of the shek'inah glory (sunlight) of Yahveh! Without photosynthesis no fruit tree can exist!

When you learn about grafting trees, you find out there are two basic types of grafts used. One type of graft is called a branch graft, where a scion (small piece of branch from another variety of fruit tree), is grafted onto an existing branch of an already developed tree. The other type of graft is called a trunk graft. The trunk graft requires a solid root stock where the graft is cut into the single trunk of the tree after it starts to grow. Almost all good fruit trees actually consist of a very hardy root stock. Willow for example, is a great root stock used to give a tree a solid foundation. We can compare ourselves with the grafted on branch of the Gentiles, bound together with the original hardy Jewish root stock, our ancestors of the Bible. As any good gardener knows, it takes time for a grafted on branch to grow strong enough to produce its own kind of fruit. **John 15:1-11** *"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 Every branch which is part of me but fails to bear fruit, he cuts off; and every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes, so that it may bear more fruit.* 3

Right now, because of the word which I have spoken to you, you are pruned. 4 Stay united with me, as I will with you — for just as the branch can't put forth fruit by itself apart from the vine, so you can't bear fruit apart from me. 5 "I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who stay united with me, and I with them, are the ones who bear much fruit; because apart from me you can't do a thing. 6 Unless a person remains united with me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up. Such branches are gathered and thrown into the fire, where they are burned up. 7 "If you remain united with me, and my words with you, then ask whatever you want, and it will happen for you. 8 This is how my Father is glorified — in your bearing much fruit; this is how you will prove to be my talmidim. 9 "Just as my Father has loved me, I too have loved you; so stay in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will stay in my love — just as I have kept my Father's commands and stay in his love. 11 I have said this to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy be complete".

Ask yourself this question;

What is required to flow from the roots of the tree to the branches and leaves? Sap, of course, the sap of a spiritual holy person is non other than love. El Shaddai is love! From His roots there is produced all the nutrients required for a mature productive tree. These nutrients of our tree are love! Love is the essence of life.

The water that sustains our tree is non other than the living water of the Holy Spirit. The living water of Yahveh's Spirit is non other than love. Water/love, feeds the roots. The roots are the origin of the sap. Sap distributes all the nutrients necessary for the tree to grow and produce natural, native, organic fruit. The sap then flows through the trunk of the tree, which is the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments in one word is LOVE! Again, we see that love is the essence of everything that is fruitful/good. Love is the trunk that bears the weight of all the branches and fruit.

We are not talking about worldly love, we are talking about pleasing the King with our obedience, proving that we love Him. Most people think of worldly love when they think of love. They think of ear-tickling, charismatic soul and emotional manipulation kind of love, which is not what the love in the word is about. Those who have real love for one another share and tell people the truth so they can be set free. The love of the truth sets people free from the bondage of the world.

If you follow Dad's commandments He will provide you with the sap, love, to nourish your branches to bear fruit. He will reveal Himself---feed you---nourish you, if you are obedient.

John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments."

John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."

As our tree grows it is to produce more and more fruit, so much so, that the fruit readily falls off as it ripens and others gather the fruit (blessings), our many branches produce. If we are successful, the fruits that fall off in fact, become productive trees of their own. These smaller trees then in turn need nourishment, protection from the elements, food, etc., so they too can produce their own organic fruit. Then, if all goes well, they too can have the branches (fruits of the spirit), grafted on, so they produce an abundance of fruit, and on and on and on.

We must graft on to our hardy tree a branch of joy for example, so that it can produce fruits of joy (blessings of joy), to those around us. We need to have peace grafted solidly on our tree so we can have shalom. We must have kindness as one of our branches too, or we are not a thriving tree. The same applies for patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

We should never run out of apples of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, or self-control. It is important that we always have an abundance of fruit produced from our hardy tree. Being spiritual trees, there is no obvious winter and spring, we are to produce fruit all year long like the trees in the New Jerusalem.

An apple branch cannot produce a plum, we produce (yield), only what we are made of. We produce what we sow. Like-kind produces like-kind. We, like a freshly grafted on branch, need to be protected and shielded from the hardship of the natural elements of the world. The Prince of the earth is Satan. He likes to destroy fruit trees. He knows if we bear fruit we will eventually produce a large orchard. Wherever there is a large orchard there is bound to be those attracted by the nourishing fruit of the orchard. There is bound to be an abundance of life around a green garden, orchard.

When put together, the nine fruits of our tree become echad, "in unity", one, the TREE OF LIFE. These fruits must ripen and fall from the tree, or they are of no value. What good are they if they cling to the branches? We must willingly give up our fruit, not put them under a bushel. It is ultimately important that we have all nine branches of fruit on our tree, so we can be providing nourishment to those around us.

In order to attract those in the dark, we must have something about us that makes them want to have what we have. That something is light, love!

Satan hates master gardeners, he comes along with destruction and sprays everywhere.

When I was a kid we used to sneak around at night in the fall and steal apples from the various homes in town. We would sneak in the dark and steal the fruit of the neighbors trees. We never planted the tree we

stole from. We never watered the tree we stole from! We never pruned the tree we stole from! Yet we took of its fruit without even thinking about the owners who did all the work to get the tree to grow properly and produce tasty fruit. This reminds me of Satan, who comes in the dark to seek, steal, and destroy fruit and anything else he can get his hands on. He tries his best to saturate our branches with his poison. His enticements come in the form of: lust of the flesh, hatred, anger, mammon (the love of money), addiction, pornography, control, pride, etc.. He is the one who wants to seek and destroy everything in his path. Lucifer can't stand anything that is green and alive. If we however, are a mature tree and continue to be nourished with the water of the Holy Spirit, we are protected by the covering of the blood of the lamb. Satan may manage to dry up and kill everything around us, but we must continue to bear fruit that can be picked up by all who are hungry. We must be the tree of life (the light), in the land of the dark, Egypt/Pharaoh's/Satan's country.

It takes a great deal of patience for a tree to grow strong and get solidly rooted so it can bear much fruit. Patience is one of the keys to having a strong healthy tree.



Ask yourself these questions:

1) Am I watering my tree adequately?

2) How many branches do I have producing fruit, one, two, five perhaps? If that is the, case, then why?

3) Do we share our ripe fruit, or do we hoard it like a squirrel hoards his acorns?

4) Is our tree rooted deep enough to weather any terrible winds, hail, drought, heat, etc,? Will it withstand the storms of life?

5) What happens if we get caught in a fire, are our leaves green enough so that they won't burn, or will it go up in smoke if we get exposed to the fire?

6) Is our tree planted on solid ground out in the open for everyone to see, or have we got it growing in the shade, where it is more comfortable?

Matt. 7:16-23 "You will recognize them by their fruit. Can people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every healthy tree produces good fruit, but a poor tree produces bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, or a poor tree good fruit. 19 Any tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown in the fire! 20 So you will recognize them by their fruit. 21"Not

everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, only those who do what my Father in heaven wants. 22 On that Day, many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord! Didn't we prophesy in your name? Didn't we expel demons in your name? Didn't we perform many miracles in your name?' 23 **Then I will tell them to their** faces, 'I never knew you! Get away from me, you workers of lawlessness!'

Are we living off other peoples fruit, or are we producing our own?

In order to produce fruit efficiently, trees must be pruned on a regular basis. The spiritual trees that we represent also need to be constantly cut back. Dad would like all of us to be careful of what we absorb in our minds. Many of us need to prune back the way we spend money, prune the amount of food we eat, prune back the bad company that we keep, prune back the time we spend watching TV, the movies we watch, or the time

we spend perhaps surfing on the net, etc. etc.. If we don't prune these things back we will not produce sufficient fruit.

Yeshua cursed the fig tree because it didn't bear fruit. He even associated the fruitlessness of the fig tree to our ability to have our prayers answered and move mountains. He used the parable to teach us about doubt in our heart and unforgiveness.

Matt. 18:21-22 "The next morning, on His way back to the city, He felt hungry. 19 Spotting a fig tree by the road, He went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. So He said to it, **"May you never again bear fruit!" and immediately the fig tree dried up.** 20 The talmidim saw this and were amazed. "How did the fig tree dry up so quickly?" they asked. 21 Yeshua answered them, "Yes! I tell you, if you have trust and don't doubt, you will not only do what was done to this fig tree; but even if you say to this mountain, 'Go and throw yourself into the sea!' it will be done. 22 In other words, you will receive everything you ask for in prayer, no matter what it is, provided you have trust." If we are not bearing fruit we are like the fig tree in the parable.

The typology of fertilizer. If we are a tree of life, watered by the Holy Spirit, we don't need any fertilizer. Fertilizer, you might say, is the spirit of the world, man's education, knowledge, facts and data that we all accumulate over the years. The things of this world will not help our tree grow. We are to be in this world, but not of it. When you think about it, what is fertilizer? Cow manure is the leftovers of life, not the origin of life! In manure/fertilizer, everything of value has been removed from the clean food as it moves through the body of the animal. Everything useful has been removed. Everything we require is in the life of the Ruach Hakodesh. If we put on fertilizer (the waste and toxins of the world), we if fact, may burn out the root system which has made us strong. Our root system is designed to accept the pure water of life, from the river of life. When we become lovers of the world, we absorb the toxins of the fertilizer of the world in our root system and that can cause severe damage.

There are artificial trees available everywhere today. They look real, but have false fruit and leaves. Unless one looks closely, it is sometimes hard to tell the artificial one from the real thing. Obviously artificial trees don't require water, or soil, or pruning. This is symbolic of Christians. They look good (green), they seem nice from a distance (in productive soil), and they appear to have some sort of fruit (soul power, emotions, what appears to be compassion), but they are phoney. They have no obedience to go with their faith. They have no trust in Yahveh, or they would follow His word. Yet they expect to receive salvation and produce fruit.

When people come to share the fruit on our tree, do they get the real thing or plastic imitation (ear tickling)?

Some plants are perennials (meaning they come up automatically every year), and some are annuals (meaning they have to be planted each year). Are we perennials?

In too many cases mature trees think they are strong enough to go it on their own. The tree figures it doesn't need water anymore because it has its roots so far down into the soil. These roots only produce sap as long as the water keeps being applied from the Spirit of Dad. Without that constant supply of water, even the tallest, strongest, hardiest trees, will slowly dry up and shrivel away, producing no more fruit.

It should be the goal of every serious born again Believer to get "spirit filled". After we are Baptized in the Holy Spirit it is our obligation to receive the gifts of the Spirit and use them to produce the fruit of the Spirit. The gifts of the spirit are listed in 1Cor. 12:1-12 "Now concerning spiritual {gifts,} brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. You know that when you were pagans, {you were} led astray to the dumb idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you, that no one speaking by the Spirit of Yahveh says, "Yeshua is accursed"; and no one can say, "Yeshua is Adonai," except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Adonai. And there are varieties of effects, but the same Yahveh who works all things in all {persons.} But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another {various} kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. For even as the body is one and {yet} has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Messiah." Summary

In conclusion, I believe that joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control together are LOVE, TOTAL SHALOM. The fruits of the spirit may be summed up as; Faith, truth and obedience. Together, faith, truth and obedience, manifest as love! If we have these things we have the sap to supply the branches of our tree. Faith in Yahveh, the truth of His word, and the obedience to follow His word. Faith (our tree), without works (fruit), is dead.

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, {being} by itself."

I believe we can all be a beautiful apple tree in the sight of our Father, but, are we willing to put in the time, effort, and work required to produce lots of fruit. We know that Dad loves us whether we produce one

apple or bushels of apples. The question isn't whether or not He loves us. The question is; are we willing to put forth the effort to prove that we love Him. Are we willing to prune our tree steady and make sure it is constantly watered, even though theres a draught all around us.

Obedience to the Ten Commandments is how we show Dad we love Him. The commandments are known to Yahveh as "the apple of His eye". **Prov. 7:2** "Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye". Those who don't keep the commandments are sticking their finger in His eye, and the Bible is clear as to what will happen to those who do so. **Zech. 2:8** "For thus says Yahveh of hosts, After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye".



If we bear plenty of apples, if in faith, we follow His commandments, then we in fact provide Yah with; **"the apple of His eye"**. I want to be "the apple of His eye", how about you? Are you willing to give your all?

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