

Study of 1 Corinthians 1

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1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Yeshua Messiah through the will of Elohim, and Sosthenes our brother, 2 Unto the Qahal (assembly, church) of Elohim which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified

(ἁγιαζῶ, Hagiázō, pronounced, *hag-ee-ad'-zo*, means to make holy, to set apart from Elohim, to sanctify, to make a person the opposite of Koinos G2839, which means, common)

in Messiah Yeshua, called to be saints (holy without blemish), with all that in every place call upon the name of Yeshua Messiah our Master, both theirs and ours: 3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from Elohim our Father, and from the Master, Yeshua the Messiah (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh). 4 I thank my Elohim always on your behalf, for the Grace of Elohim the Father which is given to you, by Yeshua Messiah; 5 That in every thing you are enriched by Him (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh) in all utterance, and in all knowledge; 6 Even as the testimony of Messiah was confirmed in you:

What is the Testimony of Messiah? I only speak the Words that My Father commanded Me to speak, the Words of His Torah of Life, and I only do what I have seen my Father Do)

*7 So that you come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Master Yeshua Messiah: 8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that you may be **blameless** in the day of our Master Yeshua Messiah.*

(Blameless, Strong's number G410 ἀνέγκλητος, Anéklētos, pronounced, an-eng'-klay-tos, it is from G1, as a negative particle and a derivative of G1458; meaning, unaccused, blameless, irrefragable)

In the first verses of *1 Corinthians* Paul introduces himself and Sosthenes to the people at Corinth as an apostle of Yeshua our Messiah.

Apostle, Strong's number G652 ἀπόστολος, Apóstolos, it is from G649; and it means, a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel, and of Messiah, and as such he only speaks the Words that Messiah taught Him, and since Messiah is the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of life made flesh, it means that Paul and Sosthenes only spoke and taught the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father

Paul is speaking to those that are sanctified in Messiah and called saints, which means that he is talking of the people that have been set apart for the Father's purposes. Therefore it is important that we know what the Scriptures tells us, **ARE** the Father's purposes.

*Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Yisrael, what does Yahweh your Elohim **REQUIRE** of you, **BUT** to fear Yahweh your Elohim (the fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of wisdom), to walk in **ALL** His Ways (Torah), and to love Him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with **ALL** your heart and with **ALL** your soul, To keep the Commandments of Yahweh, and His Statutes, contained in the Words of His Torah of Life, which I command you this day for your good?*

This is very important, because we learn later on, in the chapter that these people of Corinth that Paul is speaking to, who are called saints, are the ones that have contention in their ranks. These people are supposedly believers that have accepted Messiah as their Master and Saviour, and yet there is dissension in their ranks

It is also important to realize that when we surrender our wills to our heavenly Father in loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His Torah of Life as Messiah did and taught us or do, that we are actually enriched by Messiah, who came to us directly from the Father, and this is especially important, when we speak to other people of the wonderful message that we have learned from Him.

Paul tells us that these people at Corinth, these saints had the testimony of Messiah confirmed in them. These were not people that had heard the message just once and were not sure of what to make of it, they were people well versed in the ways and the message of Messiah. Paul also confirms that the people at Corinth had the gifts of the Spirit in the same manner that all the other saints had the gifts of Elohim poured upon them so that they could do the work of Yahweh.

Paul tells these saints in *verses 8-9 Messiah shall also confirm you unto the end, that you may be **blameless** (Anénklētos) in the day of our Adonay Yeshua Messiah. 9 Elohim (the Father) is faithful, by whom you were called unto the fellowship of His Son Yeshua Messiah our Adonay.*

It is very important that we understand that **IF** Messiah does indeed confirm them unto the end, then, it means, that they have to keep following in His footsteps unto the end of their lives, or else, Messiah will **NOT** confirm them.

Next Paul admonishes the saints at Corinth and says in *verse 10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Adonai Yeshua Messiah, that you all **speak the same thing**, and that there be no **divisions***

(Strong's number G4978, σχίσμα, schisma, pronounced, Skhis'-mah, it is from G4977; a split or gap, a schism, literally or figuratively a division, a rent, a split) *among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same **MIND** and in the same judgment.*

Our heavenly Father is looking for a people that are united under Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, a people that are willing to walk together as one, and follow His paths of righteousness, people that have that have the Mind of Messiah.

Now these people that are called saints and that supposedly walk as Messiah walked are now having some problems in their ranks. Paul says in *verse 11 For it has been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are **contentions** among you.*

Contentions means disagreement, strife, variance, therefore how can two walk together **UNLESS** they are in agreement? Contentions and or divisions are **NOT** acceptable in the body of Messiah, we are to be united with one goal, one voice and that goal, that One Voice is to be the Voice of our Messiah, the Words of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions

of our heavenly Father, His Living Torah made flesh, and how He walked when He was here on earth with us.

Verse 12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Messiah.

As you can see there is division in the people of Corinth, and where there is division, there will always be pride and assertions as to one way or one person or one teaching being superior to the other. There is only **ONE TRUTH** my friends and that is the Father's Truth, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

Verse 13 Is Messiah divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

When Paul puts it that way it is easy to see the error that they made, they were trying to say that one way of baptism is superior or preferred over another. There is only one entity in whose Name were are to be baptized and that is, *Hear oh Yisrael, Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is ONE.*

We have people in the body of Messiah today that believe that there is a second baptism, the baptism of the Holy Spirit and they believe that if you have received this second baptism, that you are somehow more spiritual than those that have not received it. That teaching my friends is a **FALSE** teaching, and should not be believed. The only Name that we are to be baptized in, **IS**, the Oneness of our heavenly Father and all that that represents. Paul then tells the people of Corinth that there is only **one form of baptism**, and that is, that they are to be baptized in the name of the One who went to the cross for us. There is **NO ROOM** for any other forms of baptism, for there is only **ONE** Lamb of Elohim that is without blemish, and He is the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, manifested to us in the Flesh, as our Messiah, Yeshua.

Paul says that Messiah did not send him to the people to baptize them, Messiah sent Paul to preach the gospel, the good news, to them, the news that we have a Redeemer who took on our Sins our Torah transgressions, and died on the cross in our stead, so that He could lead us onto everlasting Life in the kingdom of our heavenly Father.

Verse 17 For Messiah did NOT send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel (the Truth, the Torah): NOT with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Messiah should be made of none effect.

What Paul is saying here is that he emptied himself of **SELF**, and allowed Messiah through the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father, to preach the Gospel (the Truth, Torah) through him to the people. All the words that Paul spoke were inspired by the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father.

Like Messiah, Paul only said what the Father told him to say and he added nothing to it. *John 12:49 For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father who sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.* Paul is following the example of Yeshua and only speaking the Words that Messiah gave Him to speak which of course, **ARE** the words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Please understand, that as soon as we start trying to use our own finite understanding to preach an infinite message, we will be in error, for the message of the Gospel must be conveyed with and through a surrendered obedient heart to our heavenly Father's Holy Spirit, who was given

to us for the specific purpose of causing us to walk out the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, as Messiah did, and taught us to do.

Verse 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us, who are saved it is the power of God.

Saved Strong's number G4982 σωζω, Sōzō, pronounced, *sode'-zo*, it is from a primary, σως, Sōs, contraction for obsolete σάος, sāos, safe; to save, **to deliver or protect, to heal, preserve, do well, be made whole**)

As you can see the word that has been translated as saved, would be better translated as deliver, heal, preserve or made whole, because no one is saved until judgement day. Yes, we do indeed have the guarantee of salvation, **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life all the days of our lives, as Messiah did and taught us to do, but salvation, is only offered to us on judgement day. It is only through us willingly surrendering our spirit to our heavenly Father that we can truly believe that Messiah actually died on the cross for **OUR** Sins, for our transgressions of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, and that that sacrifice, redeemed us to the Father, who then fills us with His Spirit, who IS tasked with causing all who will allow Him to believe, follow and obey all of the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, onto salvation.

Verse 19 For it is written; I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

When the Scripture says, *It is written*, it means that it can be found in the Hebraic Scriptures, in the Torah of our heavenly Father, in the prophets or in the writings. Therefore when the term, **It is written** is used, it means that the statement that follows it, or the statement that it refers to, is directly from the mouth of Elohim. Please remember that, the next time you come across the phrase, **it is written**.

Next Paul poses us some questions in verse 20

Where is the wise?

Where is the scribe?

Where is the disputer of this world?

Has not Elohim made foolish the wisdom of this world?

If we take the time to look at the wisdom of the world and compare it to the Father's wisdom found in the Words of His Torah of Life, we will find that many times they are actually opposite to each other or they contradict each other, for the wisdom of Elohim is based on love and humility while the wisdom of the world is based on pride, greed and self preservation.

*Verse 21 For after that in the wisdom of Elohim the world by wisdom did **NOT** know Elohim, it pleased Elohim by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

Here we are told that the world did, and still does **NOT** know Elohim. Why is that? Why do the people of the world **NOT** know Elohim? Yahweh chose Yisrael as his people and gave them to the world, to be a **LIGHT** onto all the nations of the world, however, in the same manner that Adam failed to guard the garden, the people of Yisrael failed to be a Light onto the nations of the World as they were commanded to be, they failed to teach the people of the world, the

Words and the Ways of our heavenly Father, and therefore, the people of the world, were never properly exposed to the Word and Ways of the Father's Torah of Life. However I want you to see the grace of Yahweh Elohim, for it says, *it PLEASED Elohim, by the foolishness of preaching, to Sōzō, to deliver, protect, heal, preserve, those that believe.* I hope that you can see the Love and the Grace that is contained in this statement from the heart of Elohim. To be able to surrender one's will to Elohim, one must first believe that there is an Elohim, then, one can surrender to Him and believe **ALL** that He says.

Verse 22 For the Jews require a sign,

Semeion, Strong's number G4592 σημεῖον, sēmeion, pronounced, say-mi'-on, it is the neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of G4591; an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally, miracle, sign, token, wonder.

And the Greeks seek after wisdom:

Sophia, Strong's number G4678 σοφία, sophía, it is from G4680; wisdom, higher or lower, worldly or spiritual wisdom.

23 But we preach Messiah crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block,

Strong's number G4625 σκάνδαλον, skándalon, scandal, probably from a derivative of G2578; a trap-stick, bent sapling, a snare, cause of displeasure or sin, occasion to fall, stumbling, offence, thing that offends, stumblingblock.

And unto the Greeks foolishness;

Strong's number G3472 μωρία, mōría, pronounced, mo-ree'-ah, it is from G3473, it means, silliness, absurdity, foolishness.

Why is a crucified Messiah a **stumbling block** to the Jews? It is because they, through their religious leaders, have been taught to believe that Messiah was coming to conquer their enemies and set them free. Therefore, when Messiah was put to death by their religious leaders and the power of Rome, they could **NOT** believe that Yeshua was their Messiah, because He did NOT do what they expected Him to do. They had been lied to for so many years, **that the LIE became their truth** and therefore, they missed the day of their visitation.

Why is it foolishness to the Greeks? It is because through the Greek mind set, which represents the wisdom of the world, we are taught to rely on ourselves and not to give in, to anyone, we are taught that if it feels good, then it is OK to do whatever it is that we want, whereas Messiah teaches us to submit to Elohim and obey the Words of His Torah of Life even onto dying on the cross for others that despise you, a thought that is not acceptable in the Greek mind

However onto the mind that has chosen to surrender itself to the will of Elohim, this is what it will do for you, *verse 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Messiah (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh) IS the power and the wisdom of Elohim. 25 Because, the foolishness of Elohim is wiser than the (finite wisdom) of men; and the weakness of Elohim is stronger than (the strength of all) men.*

No matter how many finite minds of men come together, they will **NEVER** add up to one infinite mind, such as the Mind of our heavenly Father. When Paul says the statement *Messiah the power of Elohim, and the wisdom of Elohim,* he is telling us that the Words of the Living

Torah, made flesh, **IS** the power of Elohim and the Words of the Living Torah **IS** also the wisdom of Elohim.

*Verse 26 For you see your calling, brethren, how that are **not** many wise men, after the flesh, **not** many mighty, **not** many noble, are called: 27 But, Elohim has **chosen** the **foolish things** of the world, to confound the wise; and Elohim has **chosen** the **weak things** of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And **base things** of the world, and **things which are despised**, has Elohim chosen, yea, and **things which are not, to bring to nought things that are**: 29 That no flesh should glory in His presence.*

If we look at the wisdom of the world today, and compare it to the wisdom found in Scripture they are often opposite to each other, and Yet, the world thinks of the Ways of Elohim as antiquated and not worth keeping, ways such as, *Love your neighbour as yourself, give drink and or feed your enemy when he is in need of it, do good onto others at **ALL** times, pray for those that despitefully use you, you **WILL** reap what you sow, it is better to give than to receive, forgive them for they know not what they do*, and there are many more sayings, found in Scripture, that are judged as foolishness, by man today.

Before we read the next verse we have to read *John 1:1* and *1:14*.

*John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and **the Word was Elohim**.*

*John 1:14 And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us**, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth (Torah, Psalm 119:142).*

These verses tell us that Messiah **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh, He is the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, He is the Father's Directives for everlasting Life. Therefore, as we read *verse 30* of *1Corinthians 1*, we have to read it with the understanding, that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, in the flesh.

*Verse 30 But of Elohim are you in Messiah Yeshua, who of Elohim **is made unto us WISDOM**, (Sophia) and **righteousness**, and **sanctification**, and **redemption**: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glories, let him glory in YHVH.*

Here we are told that Messiah is made onto us **wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption**, and since Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, then, that means that the Torah **IS wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption!** Therefore when we boast, when we glory in, or when we rejoice in Messiah, the Words of Living Torah, we are glorifying in our heavenly Father and His Son, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, made flesh, His Torah of Life. Amein

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amei!