

Study of Galatians 1
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Galatians 1:1-24

Verse 1 Paul, an apostle (not from men, neither through man, but through Yeshua Messiah (the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh), and Elohim the Father, who raised Messiah from the dead,

Before we can go any further we have to define a few things; in the intro to the study of this book, I explained who Paul was and what he believed, and I also gave you the definition of a few biblical words that a person must understand, such as the word Truth, which is defined, as the Words of the Torah of YHVH, and the word, Law, which has negative connotations, while the correct definition of this word, Law, is Torah, and the definition of this word, Torah, makes it very clear that the Torah **IS** our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and here we also have to understand and define what an Apostle is, since Paul says, **he is an Apostle of Yeshua our Messiah, and of Elohim, the Father**, since we are depending on his writings to form our Scripture opinions.

The word Apostle is Strong's number G652 ἀπόστολος, apóstolos, from G649; and it means, a **delegate**; specially, an **ambassador** of the **Gospel of Truth** (*Ephesians 1:13*); officially a **commissioner** of Messiah, an *apostle, a messenger, one that is sent*.

In Hebrew it is the word Navi which is Strong's Number H5030, Navi, נָבִיא, which means, **prophet, sent one**, the man who calls and only proclaims, the words of the One that sent him.

Therefore Paul is telling us that he is **A PERSON, AN AMBASSADOR, A MESSENGER** that **IS SENT** by and through Messiah, who happens to be the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah made flesh, and therefore, all the Words that **He Paul SPEAKS** and **OR TEACHES, IS** what he received directly from the Holy Spirit and Messiah, who of course **IS** YHVH. Paul, very firmly states that he only **SPEAKS** what Messiah has told him **TO SPEAK AND TEACH**, and that he does **NOT SPEAK ANY** of his own words. Paul obviously understands, as we should understand, that **HE IS NOT TO ADD** any of his own words, thoughts, doctrines and or parables, that have **NOT** come directly from Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah, made flesh, to the message that he is bringing to the people.

That is very important, because Messiah said in:

*John 5:19 Then answered Yeshua and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can **DO NOTHING** of Himself, **BUT WHAT HE SEES THE FATHER DOING**: for whatsoever things the Father **DOES**, these also **DOES** the Son likewise.*

*John 5:30 I can of My own self **DO NOTHING**: as I hear, as I shemah (the word shemah means, to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, and obey what you have heard), I judge: and My judgment **IS JUST**;*

WHY?

BECAUSE I DO NOT SEEK MY OWN WILL, BUT I ONLY SPEAK THE WILL OF THE FATHER who has sent Me.

*John 12:49-50 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.** 50 And I know that His Commandment, the Words of His Torah, **ARE LIFE EVERLASTING:** therefore whatsoever I speak, **ARE THE WORDS THAT THE FATHER SPOKE UNTO ME, AND THAT IS ALL I SPEAK.***

As you can see, Paul says that he *only speaks* what Messiah taught him, and Messiah says that He only speaks what the Father told Him to speak, which means that Messiah **ONLY SPOKE THE WORDS of the FATHER'S TORAH OF LIFE**, and the Scripture quite clearly tells us that the Words of YHVH, are His Torah, and His Torah **IS TRUTH**, therefore the words **Truth** and **Torah**, **ARE** actually synonymous terms: To confirm that fact, please read *1Kings 2:1-4*

Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth: be strong therefore, and show yourself a man;

*And **KEEP, SHAMAR, GUARD, PROTECT***

The Charge of YHVH your Elohim,

To walk in His Ways

To keep His Statutes

His Commandments

His Judgments

His Testimonies,

AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE TORAH OF MOSHEH,

WHY?

*So that you may **PROSPER** in all that you do, and wheresoever you turn yourself: That YHVH **MAY** continue His Word, which He spoke concerning me (David), saying, **IF** your children, David, take heed to their way, to walk before Me in **TRUTH** (in Torah, Psalm 119:142) with **ALL** their heart and with **ALL** their soul, **there shall not fail** you (said He) a man on the throne of Yisrael.*

This makes it very clear that Paul **ONLY** taught the Words of the Torah of Mosheh to **ALL** the people that He spoke to, and that is the perfect description of what it **MEANS** to be an Apostle of Messiah, it is a person that **ONLY** speaks the Words of Messiah, who, as Scripture declares, **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Living Torah of life, made flesh. Therefore, since He is the Words of the Torah of YHVH made flesh, then, common sense tells us, that He only speaks the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father.

To confirm that the Torah, **IS** the only Words that Paul taught, let us look at what the elders of the Way, who were at Jerusalem believed that Paul was teaching, and then, let us look at what Paul himself said he believed, lived by, and taught. I know that I mentioned this in the intro, but some people might only get this part of the teaching, therefore I thought it was a good idea to mention it again.

*Acts 21:18-24 And the day following, Paul went in with us unto **James**; and all the **elders** were present. And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things Elohim had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. And when they heard it, they **GLORIFIED** YHVH and said unto Paul, you see, brother; how many **thousands of Jews** there are **WHO BELIEVE**; and **THEY ARE ALL ZEALOUS TO DO THE TORAH**: And they are informed of you, **THAT YOU TEACH ALL***

THE JEWS, WHO ARE AMONG THE GENTILES, TO FORSAKE MOSHEH, saying that they OUGHT NOT to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs (that are taught in the written Torah of YHVH, that was given to Mosheh, at Mount Sinai). What must happen therefore? The multitude of people that are here MUST come together: for they will hear that you Paul, are come. Therefore DO what we tell you to do: We have four men here, who have a Nazarite vow on them; Take them, and purify yourself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: so that ALL MAY KNOW that the things, whereof they were informed concerning you, ARE FALSE, they are nothing, but evil gossip; AND THAT YOU, YOURSELF, PAUL, ALSO WALK ORDERLY, AND KEEP THE TORAH (LAW).

After reading these verses ***IT IS, OR SHOULD BE VERY OBVIOUS*** that James and the elders at Jerusalem ***BELIEVED*** that Paul ***DID*** indeed, ***BELIEVE, FOLLOW, AND OBSERVE ALL THE WORDS of the TORAH*** of YHVH, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

Now let's go and see what Paul himself says he believes: *Acts 24:14 But this, I PAUL CONFESS unto you (Felix), that after the way which they (the Pharisees) call heresy, I worship the Elohim of my fathers, BELIEVING ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE TORAH (LAW) AND IN THE PROPHET.*

First, we have to understand that the Pharisees followed their own man made oral torah, and as far as they were concerned, their man made oral torah superseded the Written Torah of Mosheh, and, unfortunately, for the most part, they ***STILL*** believe that today. Since the Scriptures make it abundantly clear that Paul, lived by, and taught the Words of the Torah that YHVH Himself gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, that therefore means, that the Pharisees, ***DID NOT*** believe the Words of the Torah that Paul had been taught by Messiah and the Holy Spirit, and, that is why, that throughout the Apostolic Scriptures, Messiah calls the Pharisees, Hypocrites, and white washed sepulchres, for they taught their own false doctrines, rather than the Pure Words of the written Torah that were given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai by YHVH Himself, and ***THEY***, the Pharisees and their followers, only believe, follow and obey the words of their man made oral torah, for, since the days that Messiah was here on earth with us, they have believed and preached, that the Torah of YHVH has been superseded by the Rabbi's man made oral torah.

However Isaiah tells us how far away from YHVH's ***TRUTH***, the words of His Torah of Life, that the people of Yisrael, under the guidance of the Rabbis, have strayed.

Isaiah 5:20-24 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: 23 Who justify the wicked for reward (bribes), and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! 24 Therefore as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, SO their ROOT, (their Essence) SHALL be as rottenness, and their blossom (life) SHALL go up as dust: BECAUSE they have cast away the Torah of YHVH of hosts, and DESPISED the Word of the Holy One of Yisrael.

However, as Scripture quite clearly points out, Paul, believed something totally different than these Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees, for Paul himself said: I ***BELIEVE*** everything ***THAT IS***

WRITTEN IN THE TORAH AND THE PROPHETS; therefore that should confirm to anyone and everyone that are reading these *verses*, that Paul lived, breathed, followed, and obeyed all the teaching and instructions found in the Words of the Torah of Mosheh. It is important that you all understand, that these are words that come directly out of Paul's own mouth; therefore, we can, and should rest assured, that Paul **ONLY TAUGHT** what he believed, and according to his own testimony, he only believed what Messiah and the Holy Spirit taught him, and that, my friends, according to James and the elders at Jerusalem, and according to Paul Himself, **IS THE WORDS OF THE TORAH OF MOSHEH**, and Paul taught it to **ALL** people who were willing to listen to him.

Verse 2 And all the brethren that are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace to you and peace from Elohim the Father, AND our Master Yeshua Messiah, 4 who gave Himself for our Sins, our transgressions of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life (John 3:4) that He might deliver us OUT OF THIS PRESENT EVIL AGE, according to the will of our Elohim and Father: 5 to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

There are a few important facts mentioned here, and one of them **IS**, Messiah sacrificed Himself for us, which means that He willingly died on the cross for us, and He did it, in order to take the punishment, the penalty, the curse, that we deserved for **transgressing** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life (*1John 3:4*). He took the penalty for our sinful behaviour, and therefore, He died in our stead, for **ALL** have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim, for Scripture makes it abundantly clear, that the wages of Sin, the wages for transgressing the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **IS DEATH. BUT BY** Messiah's selfless sacrifice of dying on the cross in our stead, He saved **ALL** people that would one day, willingly and lovingly confess, and repent of their Sins, their Torah transgressions, and then, zealously commit to lovingly, believe, follow, and obey all the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, and since He did that, since Messiah actually died on the cross, to obediently fulfill what our heavenly Father had commanded Him to do, **THEN** the Father raised Him up from the dead, onto everlasting life at His side. Therefore, Messiah wants **ALL OF US** to experience this same resurrection onto eternal Life, He wants to bring as many as will willingly and lovingly choose to follow in His Torah obedient footsteps, to experience salvation, everlasting life, in the kingdom of Elohim, as His Bride, for eternity.

The third thing I want to mention, is the poor translation of one of the words of *verse 4*, the word **world**. I don't know what it says in your bible, **BUT** the word **world** in the King James Bible is, as I said, a very poor translation of the Greek word *αἰών. aiōn, ahee-ohn'* which is Strong's number G165 from the same as G104; and should properly be translated as, **an age**, and that is important because Paul uses this word many times in Scripture. Therefore, what Messiah is saying, **IS** that He wants to deliver us from this **EVIL AGE**, which means that there will be an **AGE** where there **WILL BE NO EVIL, NO SIN, NO TRANSGRESSIONS OF THE WORDS OF THE FATHER'S TORAH**. Therefore this **AGE**, that you and I are now living in, is called **THE FIRST AGE, THE PROTOS AGE** in Greek (Strong's G4413 *πρῶτος prōtos*) and the **AGE** where there will be **NO SIN, NO MORE TRANSGRESSIONS OF THE WORDS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S TORAH OF LIFE** in the world, **IS** called **THE SECOND AGE, THE DEUTOROS AGE** (Strong's G1208 *δεύτερος, Deutoros*). This becomes very important information for understanding another of Paul's writings, the Book of Hebrews where Paul speaks of **TWO DIFFERENT AGES, THE PROTOS AND THE DEUTOROS AGES**.

Verse 6 I Paul, marvel, that you are **so quickly removing yourself from Him that called YOU**, in the grace of Messiah, unto **a different gospel**; 7 which is **NOT another Gospel**, (for there is only one Gospel of **TRUTH, the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life**) only there are some that trouble you, and would **PERVERT** the Gospel, the **TRUTH** of Messiah.

In Galatians 1:6-7 Paul says, I marvel that you are so quickly removing or distancing yourself from Him, meaning our heavenly Father, that called you in the Grace, or the Gift of Messiah, unto a **different** gospel; Before we go any further, we have to understand two things; one **IS**, what is the meaning of the word Gospel, and the other **IS**, that **NO ONE** can come to the Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, **UNLESS** the Father calls them; and we see that in John 6:44 **No man can come to Me, Messiah**, (the Living Torah made flesh), **except the Father, who sent Me, DRAW HIM**: and I will raise him up (**WHEN**) in the last day.

Next we see that according to Ephesian 1:13 **THE GOSPEL IS YHVH's ETERNAL TRUTH**, that leads to Salvation. Ephesians 1:13 **In whom you also trusted, after you heard THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION**: in whom also after that you believed, **YOU WERE SEALED** with the Holy Spirit of promise.

Now in Psalm 119:142 it says, **Your righteousness YHVH, IS an everlasting righteousness, and YOUR TORAH (LAW) IS THE TRUTH.**

Therefore this means that the **GOSPEL** and the **TORAH** are identical, for they **BOTH** represent YHVH's **ETERNAL TRUTH**; and that means that what some of these Galatians walked away from when they chose to walk away from the Gospel, according to Paul, **IS THE WORDS OF THE TORAH OF MOSHEH**. Now with that information in mind, let us continue studying what Paul said in this first chapter of Galatians.

So here in verse 6 we see that Paul says, I can hardly believe what I see, because many of you Galatians are **rejecting** the call of Elohim, our heavenly Father, to come to His Messiah, who **IS the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, He is the Gospel, the Good News, THE ETERNAL TRUTH of our heavenly Father**, and that **Good News** tells us, that we have a Saviour, **AND THAT IT IS** He, the Words of Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, that **IS the One and Only DOORWAY** through which we all must go, to attain eternal life in the kingdom of Elohim, we **CANNOT** do it by ourselves, for Scripture tells us that we live **BY THE BELIEF (FAITH) OF MESSIAH, We LIVE BY HIS BELIEFS, and as I am sure you are aware, His Beliefs ARE FLAWLESS.**

Paul goes on to say, that even **IF** an angel or messenger who claims to be from heaven, or **IF** any man comes to you, and tries to teach you any other **man made gospel**, such as, **YOU HAVE TO KEEP THE TORAH, THE LAW TO BE SAVED**, or **THE LAW HAS BEEN DONE AWAY WITH, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OR THAT THE LAW HAS SOMEHOW BEEN CHANGED AND REPLACED BY THE RABBINICAL MAN MADE ORAL TORAH, THAT NOW ACCORDING TO THEM, SUPERSEDES, THE WRITTEN TORAH OF MOSHEH, LET HIM BE ACCURSED.**

Then, Paul admonishes these Galatians, and us, that **IF** anyone teaches **ANYTHING OTHER THAN** what I, Paul and my disciples have already taught you, which **IS THE GOSPEL OF**

TRUTH, the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, **THEN** that is therefore **NOT** really, another gospel, **IT IS NOT GOOD NEWS, FOR IT IS THE FALSE TEACHINGS AND OR DOCTRINES OF MEN, IT IS A LIE, IT IS EVIL, and IT IS NOT TO BE LISTENED TO, NOR BELIEVED.**

*Verse 7 which **IS NOT another gospel, however, there are some that trouble you, and would PERVERT the Gospel of Messiah.***

How do they **PERVERT** the Gospel of Messiah? They **PERVERT** the Gospel of Messiah with their lies, by telling those that listen to their **FALSE** teaching, that they **MUST KEEP THE LAW IN** order to be saved, and here, in the book of Galatians, and throughout **ALL** of Scripture, we are told that **IT IS THE SPIRIT OF ELOHIM**, manifested in His Living Torah, that **CAUSES every willing surrendered contrite obedient heart** to walk out our heavenly Father's Torah, because in, and by ourselves, in and by our own strength, **WE CANNOT DO IT**, and since our heavenly Father loves us so much, and since He knows **WHAT** we can and cannot do by ourselves, He therefore, gives us His Holy Spirit, **WHO, AS I SAID, IS TASKED WITH CAUSING** every surrendered contrite loving obedient heart, that will **ALLOW HIM, to believe, follow, and obey** the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

You might ask, well **IF** YHVH **KNEW** from the beginning that we **COULD NOT KEEP THE LAW, THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH OF LIFE, THEN WHY** did He **give it to us in the first place?** The answer to that question is very simple, for YHVH is **JUST**, and therefore, YHVH gave us the Words of His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Law, **BECAUSE** of His great love for us, for without the Words of Torah (Law), the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, we would live **A LIFE FILLED WITH SIN**, a life of constantly transgressing the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, on a daily basis, which would cause us to distance ourselves more and more from our heavenly Father, and be lost for eternity.

Please remember that YHVH Himself clearly stated in *Ezekiel 18:21-23*, that **IT IS** our heavenly Father's **WISH THAT NOT EVEN ONE** person perish. He also gave us the opportunity to **TRY AND KEEP THE TORAH, THE LAW** in and by our own strength, **SO THAT WE COULD NOT COME BACK TO HIM AT A LATER DATE** and say: You never gave us the chance, nor the opportunity to try and keep the Law, the Torah on our own, therefore YHVH allows everybody to learn on their own, that **WE CANNOT KEEP THE LAW, THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH OF LIFE, BY OUR OWN STRENGTH, WE NEED HELP, WE NEED A COMFORTER, A SAVIOUR**, an intercessor who will **CAUSE ALL WHO WILL ALLOW HIM**, through His great love for us, **TO BELIEVE, FOLLOW, OBEY, KEEP and DO** the Words of the Torah of the Father, because He knows that within the Words of the Torah, are embedded **ALL** the promises of Elohim, including eternal Life, promises and blessings **THAT ARE ACTIVATED BY LOVING SURRENDERED OBEDIENCE**, and therefore, **ALL** we need **TO DO**, to access all of YHVH's blessings and promises, **IS LEARN** to totally surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father in loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Verse 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any **gospel, OTHER THAN** that which we preached unto you, (which is what Messiah preached to us), let him be **ANATHEMA**. 9 As we have said before, so say I now, again, **IF** any man preaches unto you any **gospel, OTHER THAN the Gospel that you received of us**, let him be Anathema. In verse 10 it says,*

For, am I NOW seeking the favour of men, or of Elohim? Or am I striving to please men? IF I were still pleasing men, I WOULD NOT be a servant of Messiah.

Here, we see what Paul speaks against, in all of his teachings, and that **IS**, that the Pharisees were advocating and teaching that **ONE HAD TO BE CIRCUMCISED TO BE SAVED**, and these Pharisees went even further, they advocated and taught that a person **HAD TO KEEP THEIR TORAH TO BE SAVED**. Since, by his own admission, Paul was an obedient believer, of the Words of the written Torah of Mosheh, and all the Words of the Prophets, we can rest assured that **HE NEVER TAUGHT THAT ANYONE HAD TO KEEP TORAH TO BE SAVED**.

However, Paul did teach that when we willingly and lovingly surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to Elohim through His Son, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **THEN** Elohim gives us a New Spirit, **AND**, He also commands His Holy Spirit to **INDWELL** every surrendered contrite obedient heart, and **CAUSE** all the people that will **allow** Him, the Holy Spirit, to believe, follow and obey all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

My friends, YHVH knows that **WE CANNOT KEEP THE TORAH, THE LAW BY OUR OWN STRENGTH, BUT** because of His great love for us, He lets us try to do it anyway, and when we fail and turn to Him for help, **THEN, BECAUSE** of His infinite love for us, He gives us a New Spirit and then He fills us with His Holy Spirit and guarantees us, that **IF and WHEN** we Allow His Holy Spirit to cause us to believe, follow, and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, His **ETERNAL TRUTH** (*Psalm 119:142*), **IF** we willingly **SUBMIT**, or become **SUBJECT TO THE LAW, THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH, THEN** the Living Torah, our Messiah, and our heavenly Father, willingly make their abode within us (*2John 9*), and **IF** we continue in that surrendered state, it means that **WE LIVE BY THE BELIEF** (*faith*) of Messiah, *Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Messiah: NEVERTHELESS I live; YET NOT I, BUT Messiah lives in me: and the life which I NOW live in the flesh I live BY THE BELIEF, THE FAITH of the Son of Elohim, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*

Now after reading this **CONFIRMATION VERSE**, I hope you can see what YHVH meant in *Ezekiel 36:26-27* where He said He would give us a New Spirit, **AND** that after we receive this New Spirit, He would put His Holy Spirit within every contrite surrendered obedient heart to **CAUSE EVERY** willing surrendered obedient heart to walk out and obey all the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Please understand that the Spirit that our heavenly Father puts within us, **IS** the very same Spirit, as the Spirit of the Living Word of Elohim. The Living Torah made flesh, Yeshua our Messiah, and when we choose to die to **SELF**, when we willingly and lovingly surrender our wills to His Will, **THEN** the Scriptures tell us that we live **BY THE BELIEF, FAITH, THE BELIEF SYSTEM OF MESSIAH**, who was tempted many times **BUT NEVER** fell to any temptation, and as long as we **ALLOW** Messiah, the Living Torah **TO LEAD THE WAY**, then we will be living **BY HIS BELIEF, HIS FAITH** and **NOT** our own. However, as soon as we take our **WILL** back from our heavenly Father, then, our old man, rears up its ugly head, and we are in the flesh again, trying to do things our own way.

That **IS** what Paul **IS** teaching us here in Galatians, we **CANNOT KEEP** the Words of the Torah of YHVH, called the Law of Elohim, in and of our own strength, our own beliefs, our own faith, therefore we **MUST** learn to surrender our wills to Elohim, through His Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah, and when we earnestly do that, **THEN**, Messiah, through the Father's Holy Spirit, takes the lead in our lives and we live by **HIS BELIEF SYSTEM** which is fantastic, for Messiah never succumbed to any temptation even though He was tempted many times.

This again **IS** what Paul is speaking of in *Galatians 2:16* *Knowing that a man IS NOT justified by the works of the Torah (Law)*, we **CANNOT** of our own strength, our own belief, our own faith, successfully **DO** the works of the Torah (Law), no matter how hard we try, **BUT IF** we are surrendered to Messiah, as the Gospel teaches us to be, **THEN** we live by the **FAITH, by the BELIEFS** that Messiah has, who kept and continues to keep **ALL** the Words of the Torah, the Law of the Father, perfectly.

Verses 11-16 For I make known to you, brethren, as touching the Gospel which was preached by me, that IT IS NOT AFTER MAN. 12 For NEITHER DID I RECEIVE IT FROM MAN, NOR WAS I TAUGHT IT BY MAN, BUT, it came to me THROUGH REVELATION OF YESHUA MESSIAH. 13 For you have heard of my manner of life in time past in THE JEWS' RELIGION, how that beyond measure I persecuted the assembly of Elohim, and made havoc of it: 14 and I advanced in the JEWS' RELIGION (NOT THE WRITTEN TORAH OF MOSHEH, BUT IN THE ORAL TORAH of the JEWS) beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, being more exceedingly ZEALOUS FOR THE TRADITIONS OF MY FATHERS (which of course is their own man made oral torah, and **NOT** the Words of the written Torah, that were given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, by YHVH). *15 But, when it was the good pleasure of Elohim, who separated me* (set me apart for His purposes), *even from my mother's womb, and called me through His Grace, 16 TO REVEAL HIS SON, THE LIVING TORAH MADE FLESH IN ME, THAT I MIGHT PREACH HIM, THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH, AMONG THE GENTILES;*

As you can see, Paul is quite adamant that the Gospel, the Good News made flesh, Messiah, did indeed make Himself **SUBJECT TO THE TORAH, LAW**, of our heavenly Father and that because of it, according to Scripture, *Ezekiel 36:27*, Messiah was filled with the Holy Spirit of Elohim, His Living Torah, His Living Word, who in turn **CAUSED** Messiah to walk out **ALL** the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His life giving Torah.

What does the phrase *to reveal His Son in me*, mean? It means that Paul was fully surrendered to our heavenly Father, as Messiah is, had taught him to be, and **AS WE SHOULD ALL BE**, and that since Paul had indeed surrendered his will to our heavenly Father, he was now living **BY THE FAITH, THE BELIEF OF MESSIAH**. In other words, Paul willingly chose to **SUBJECT HIMSELF TO THE WORDS OF THE TORAH OR LAW OF Elohim**, *Romans 8:7* and because of that, **BECAUSE** he willingly and lovingly **SUBJECTED HIMSELF TO THE WORDS OF THE TORAH (LAW)**, the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, Paul **WAS LIVING BY THE FAITH, THE BELIEF OF MESSIAH**, and therefore **MESSIAH, THE LIVING TORAH WAS REVEALED IN HIM**.

We have to understand that **MESSIAH WILL NOT INDWELL OR REVEAL HIMSELF IN SOMEONE, THAT DOES NOT WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY SUBJECT THEMSELVES TO BELIEVE, FOLLOW AND OBEY ALL THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH OF ELOHIM,**

WHAT CHRISTIANS CALL THE LAW, the TORAH, and since the Scriptures tell us, that **SIN IS TRANSGRESSION** of the Torah, *1John 3:4*, **THEN** that means that Messiah **WILL NOT MAKE HIS ABODE IN ANYONE THAT IS NOT WILLINGLY OBEDIENT TO ALL THE WORDS of the TORAH OF ELOHIM**, and that my friends **IS WHAT** Paul is teaching the Galatians and the whole world, for that matter, here in the book of Galatians. **IT IS ONLY BY HAVING A SURRENDERED OBEDIENT LIFE TO THE WORDS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S TORAH OF LIFE MADE FLESH**, that we, like Messiah Himself, can demonstrate to our heavenly Father that we **ARE HIS OBEDIENT CHILDREN**.

Verses 15 -16 are a fulfillment of *Ezekiel 36:26-27* *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put 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;*

AND Paul says, *verse 15* *But when it pleased Elohim, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me, by His Grace, 16 To REVEAL HIS SON IN ME, that I might PREACH Him among the heathen; IMMEDIATELY I CONFERRED NOT WITH FLESH AND BLOOD.*

Here, we see that Paul actually conferred with the Holy Spirit of YHVH, for we are told in *Ezekiel 36:27* that YHVH's Holy Spirit, **IS** tasked with **CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart to *believe, follow, obey and DO* the Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. So **IF ELOHIM IS REVEALING His Son, in Paul, and the Son of Elohim, IS THE WORDS OF HIS LIVING TORAH MADE FLESH, THEN** what do you think **IS BEING REVEALED IN PAUL**, and **WHAT DO YOU THINK PAUL WILL BE TEACHING AND PREACHING** among the heathen?

Please remember that Messiah IS THE LIVING WORD of the Father made FLESH, therefore IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS to me, and I hope that IT IS also quite obvious to you, THAT PAUL ONLY TAUGHT THE WORDS of YHVH's TORAH OF LIFE, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of our heavenly Father, since we are told that His Living Torah was abiding in Paul, or REVEALED IN PAUL.

Verse 16 continues, straightway I DID NOT CONFER with flesh and blood:

Here Paul confirms that he did not receive these instructions from any **MAN**, **BUT** that he received His instructions from the Holy Spirit of YHVH, and that he did **NOT** immediately confer, talk with any man.

Verse 17 NEITHER went I up to Jerusalem to them that were apostles before me: BUT instead I went away into Arabia; and again I returned unto Damascus.

Damascus is where Paul had his first encounter with the Holy Spirit of Messiah, and I believe that he went back there to try and relive that experience, and find out what the Father wanted him to do. It says that he stayed there for **three years**, and although it does not say what Paul did in those **three years**, I am convinced that he was in constant prayer to YHVH, and asking our heavenly Father what He wanted him to do; and as Paul studied the Scriptures, I am sure that he read *Exodus 19:9* *And YHVH said unto Mosheh, Lo, I come unto you (as He came onto Paul) in a thick cloud, that the*

people may **hear, shemah**, when I speak with you Mosheh, **AND BELIEVE YOU FOR EVER**. And Mosheh told the words of the people unto YHVH.

And in Deuteronomy 5:29 *O that there were such a heart in them, (the people of Yisrael, YHVH's one and only family) that they would **FEAR ME**, (the fear of YHVH **IS** the beginning of wisdom) and **KEEP ALL MY COMMANDMENTS ALWAYS**, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!*

And in Deuteronomy 10:12-13 *And now, Yisrael, what does YHVH your Elohim **REQUIRE OF YOU, BUT** to fear YHVH your Elohim, (the fear of YHVH **IS** the beginning of wisdom) **TO WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS**, and to love Him, and to serve YHVH your Elohim with **ALL** your heart and with **ALL** your soul, To **KEEP** the Commandments of YHVH, and His Statutes, which I Command you this day for your good?*

Paul definitely needed to get the *doctrine of men*, the *oral torah of man*, the *traditions of the fathers*, **OUT OF HIS SYSTEM, AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TRUTH, THE PURE WORD, THE PURE DOCTRINE, THE PURE TORAH** of YHVH, and apparently it took Paul *three years* to accomplish that, *three years* before he thought he was ready to go and visit Peter in Jerusalem.

Verse 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas (Peter), and tarried with him fifteen days. 19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James Yeshua's brother.

In Scripture the numbers that are used, are also a very important part of the text and contain some in depth teaching and instructions, in and of themselves, and here we have two numbers used, the number *three* and the number *fifteen*. What is the significance of these numbers? The number *three* in Scripture speaks of resurrection, coming from death to life, for it was on the third day after His death on the Cross, that Messiah was resurrected from the tomb. The number *fifteen* speaks of rest, for Messiah was placed in the Tomb, on the cusp of the fourteenth and fifteenth day of the month.

You might ask, how does that apply here in these *verses*? To be Resurrected means coming from a state of death, to life, and since prior to His Road to Damascus experience, Paul was teaching the doctrines of men, the oral torah of Judaism, also known as **THE TRADITIONS OF THE FATHERS**, which **IS** what **ALL RELIGIONS** of the world teach, the traditions of their fathers, for **ALL** religions are man made and they **ALL** have their own man made denominational doctrinal **FALSE TEACHINGS**, and therefore, they lead **ALL** people, including the people of Elohim, **AWAY FROM ELOHIM'S TRUTH, THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH OF LIFE**, Psalm 119:142, John 17:17, His Life Giving Torah, and the Scriptures tell us that **IF WE CHOOSE OF OUR OWN ACCORD NOT TO WALK IN ELOHIM'S INERRANT AND EVERLASTING TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONS, WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH OF LIFE, THEN** it means that we are **transgressing The Words of His Torah of Life**, and 1John 3:4 says that **SIN IS transgression of Elohim's Torah**, (called the Law), therefore, the people that transgress the Words of the Torah, **ARE SINNERS**, and Romans 6:23 tells us, *the wages of SIN*, the wages of willingly choosing to **TRANSGRESS** the Words of Father's Torah of **LIFE, IS DEATH; BUT** the gift of Elohim **IS ETERNAL LIFE** through Yeshua Messiah our Master, the **WORDS** of the Living Torah made **FLESH**; therefore, when Paul **WILLINGLY SUBJECTED HIMSELF TO THE WORDS OF THE TORAH (LAW) OF ELOHIM** and taught others to do the same, **HE WAS ACTUALLY** bringing himself and **ALL** those that chose to listen to, and believe his teaching,

FROM DEATH TO LIFE, and what Paul was teaching my friends **IS THAT ALL OF US, MUST WILLINGLY CHOOSE TO BECOME SUBJECT TO ALL THE WORDS OF THE TORAH**, the Law of Elohim, **IF** we want to continue to be filled with the Spirit of Elohim, for Scripture emphatically states that the Holy Spirit of Elohim, is given to every surrendered contrite obedient heart to **CAUSE** them that will allow Him, to believe, follow, obey and **DO** all the Words of the Torah of Mosheh.

The next number is the number fifteen and this number in Scripture speaks of rest. It is on this day that the Messiah is placed in His Tomb, which of course, for all of us human beings, **IS** the final **REST**, at least for our physical bodies anyway. The final feast in the last days, is the feast of Sukkot which begins on the 15th of Tishrei.

Again you might ask, how does the word **REST** fit into this context here in *Galatians 1*? Well when Paul met up with Peter and told him what YHVH had done in his life, he **WAS AT REST** knowing that Peter also believed the exact same things that Messiah had taught Paul, and that is, that both of them, had learned that they **MUST SUBJECT THEMSELVES TO ALL THE WORDS OF THE TORAH (LAW), OF ELOHIM**, and that it was Messiah that was **NOW** leading them.

Verse 20 Now touching the things which I write unto you, behold, before Elohim, I DO NOT LIE. 21 Then I came unto the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was still unknown by face unto the churches of Judea which were in Messiah: 23 BUT they only heard say, He that once persecuted us, now preaches the belief, the faith of which he once made havoc; 24 and they glorified Elohim in me.

Here Paul confirms again to the Galatians, that he **IS NOT LYING** and that he only speaks the **TRUTH**, and then he continues on, and tells them about his trip to Jerusalem and the surrounding areas of Syria and Cilicia. Paul says, that he was relatively unknown to the assemblies of Judea who believed in Messiah, **BUT** they had heard that the Pharisee that once persecuted the assemblies of Messiah, was now preaching Messiah's Gospel message, the Words of YHVH's **ETERNAL TRUTH**, and they glorified Elohim because of it. **IF** Elohim can persuade, and actually convert a man like Paul, who was so steeped in the *doctrines of man, the man made traditions of the fathers*, and turn his heart completely around, so that he began to believe YHVH's eternal **TRUTH, THEN, YHVH IS** capable of touching any and every heart, **BUT** the final decision of whether **TO BELIEVE OR NOT, IS OURS, AND OURS ALONE. Amein**

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Shalom Alechem. Amein*