

Love is a Substance

1 Ths 3:12-13

Substance is the essential thing; the main part; it is the epitome, something real, not imaginary; something solid, not empty; corporeal. The soul of man is called an immaterial substance, a cogitative substance, a substance endued with thought.

2 Tim 3:1-5 — The whole of Christendom has become so completely enmeshed in the toils of selfish sense satisfactions that they have lost consciousness of their relationship to and dependence on their Creator. It is just as Israel of old — they had lost all harmony *with law*, and had become ignorant of the fact that law, the divine law, operates in connection with every thought and every act of life. They were taken into a far country, remote from their Father's house, were lost, bewildered, and destitute of the true knowledge that would save them from the destructive cycle of events that they would fall prey to as a result of their persistent violation of the law.

Meanwhile, the working of the *Holy Spirit* in the New Covenant Church of Mt 16:18 described in Eph 2:12-22 and 4:11-16 is going on. But in Christianity the love of the many has waxed cold, and lawlessness has increased (Mt 24:12) already. The first and greatest commandment of that divine law, as Yahshua the Messiah said, was that “you shall love YHWH, your God, with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your soul (will, emotions), and with all your strength and substance and resources.” And the second greatest commandment is like the first, “You shall love your neighbor as your own self.” In these two commandments of the divine law lie the whole secret of life and immortality. Half the secret is hidden in the first, and the other half is concealed in the second (Mt 22:37-40).

Rom 5:5 — Love is the fundamental law of the kingdom of heaven. There is no greater expression of the kingdom to come than this. No one can then enter that kingdom when it comes unless he is now participating in demonstrating its power today (the exhibition of its fruit, Mt 21:43). We then who are in Messiah, as 1 Jn 2:4-6 says,

and 1 Jn 3:14-18; 5:12-13, must be manifesting the creative power of the word of YHWH — peacemakers, not peacebreakers — if we are to be called the sons of God Himself (Mt 5:9). We must be an instrument in His hand to bring about Rev 11:15; Heb 10:13; Col 1:18. For resident in all of us together are all His enemies that must be put under His feet, making Him preeminent in all things. Then this world will become His Kingdom righteously.

Mt 28:20 is what the apostles will teach, for Yahshua taught that the highest expression of the law is that we should love, even as He loved us. Thus love is the fulfillment of the whole divine law of YHWH. In other words, the reason one must sit at the apostles' feet is because you cannot learn anywhere else what He taught and the purpose He taught it (Acts 2:42; 4:32-35).

Love is not an act or condition or a quality (1 Ths 4:9). Love is a principle, a substance, the highest state of awareness, totally void of passivity and apathy. Love is substance just as faith is the substance of our hopes and makes certain the realities we do not see (Heb 11:1). All faith is based upon love. There is no faith apart from love (1 Cor 13:1-7,13). Love is the substance of creation, which is conscious, active, constructive, and harmonious, whose essential nature is to pour itself out in the doing of the Creator's will. We restored creatures have the capacity and power to transmit His divine will to others. The doing of His will is the ultimate reason we live. As Yahshua said, this is our goal in life (Mt 7:21; Acts 20:27; Lk 6:46-49; 1 Tim 1:5; Mt 7:12).

So the kingdom of heaven has as its *fundamental* law, "you shall love." But the *present* system of this world order is built upon the law or principle of "seek to satisfy your own desires — my, me, mine," which results in injury to one's neighbor instead of loving him with your resources. And the operation of this law or principle creates fear, envy, hate, and death. So the perfect application of this fundamental law of the kingdom does away with these repercussions. When we love, we will not suffer these

repercussions, for we will be in perfect harmony with the *creative law* of the whole universe (Gal 5:23). Love is the fulfilling of this law (Rom 13:10).

By this law to love it distinguishes between those who serve YHWH and those who *cannot* (Rom 8:7-9; Mal 3:18), between the lawful or righteous and the lawless, the ungodly. Mt 6:33 ends the envy, strife, and selfishness. His will can only be done by people on earth who are obeying Mt 6:33. So one must come out of the state of Mt 6:31-32.

Even modern psychology has discovered the aspects of man's subconscious mind as well as the conscious mind. The subconscious mind not only conditions and motivates our conduct, but controls the inner activity of the body and brain, so that the total result is that whoever has received the Spirit of Truth regenerating his dead spirit (*dead* means separated from fellowship and oneness with its Creator) can now LOVE according to the commandment (Jn 13:34-35; 15:12), and the total result is that we will become like Him. (*Become* indicates pre-existence in another condition.) For we will become like that which we love and which we think on, or like what or who we worship. By loving Him and His purpose (Acts 20:24,25,27,32), we gradually unfold within ourselves His very life in all its beauty and perfection and wisdom (2 Cor 3:18). We are created in His likeness, for the Spirit who has come to live in us is a creative Spirit (2 Cor 5:17), and we are sanctified and become like what we know of and see in Messiah. To the degree we judge ourselves right, we are restored to His likeness. We send our love to Him and to our brothers and sisters with all our hearts and receive in return His love that restores us in the inmost center of our nature. It is a law of whatever we sow we reap. Then "it is better to give than to receive." To just be on the receiving end is to end up in poverty; waiting for others to honor you is to wait eternally in torment (Gal 6:7-10).

In the Body of Messiah LOVE has surrounded us. It is the place we live. It is the principle and substance of the life we live. But it is of little value to us and hardly noticeable at all if we don't open wide our hearts and allow it to come in. We can get it

to come in only by letting it out, like an electric current. If you are perfectly insulated so that no electric current can flow out of your body, you can hold a live wire in your bare hands without feeling a thing. You also may have the most perfect radio and the most powerful amplifier, to which sound vibrations are coming constantly night and day, but until you adjust the instrument so that the vibrations may flow out through it, no sound can reach your ears.

In the same way, “if we give, we shall receive,” and, “we reap what we sow” in exactly the same proportion. *We know* that we have passed out of death and into life because we love the brethren — that is, we set the current of unselfish love flowing from our hearts and minds. We become like the One we worship, in every respect (1 Jn 3:2,3,14-18,23).

Jn 7:38 — That *current of love*, the river of Life, is substance. The result of our loving YHWH our God with all our heart, soul, and strength is that the perfect substance of love builds up. Mere knowledge only tears down (1 Cor 8:1); but love carries on a process of transforming the whole Body of Messiah. The more we pour out love on Him and His Body in service (1 Pet 4:11; Eph 4:12-16; 2 Cor 5:10; 1 Jn 2:28; Rev 19:7-8), the more we all are changed by it, and the more we experience the transforming power of the substance of love, and the more it has the opportunity to do its performance upon us, until our human nature is changed into His likeness.

Love then must be the law of our conscious activity as well as our subconscious life. Love must go out to the one who outrages our sense of propriety (what we hold as sacred), misinterprets our most sincere motives, and bruises our most sensitive scars, as well as those who agree with us. We must love as He loved (Jn 13:34-35; 8:51; 15:12,18-21).

Mt 6:9-11 — If we pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, it must be more than knowledge. For knowledge only makes one arrogant (Gnosticism), but does nothing to build up the Body and make His kingdom

actually come to this planet. Only when this law, “you shall love,” is applied to every situation of our lives in the Body (“church” which must be a *community*, as Acts 4:32-35) shall His kingdom come and His will be done. But grace must be upon each and every part of this Body (Heb 12:15).

This substance that flows from us who love YHWH, our Elohim, with all our heart, soul, and strength is the substance with which to care for others and see to it that no one is missing grace. This *love* described in Eph 4:3,4,32 is the outflow of the substance that surrounds your brother with an environment of healing water that soothes and comforts, gives light and strength to his spirit and soul, and helps him on his way to the final victory (Rev 17:14).

We all partake of His body and blood weekly. We have coming out of us the substance that we all live on during the week, the substance of the fruit of the kingdom, the fruit or substance of the newly regenerated spirit in its unity with the Savior. *Love is the greatest force* and greatest substance in the world, along with the substance of joy, peace, long-suffering toward others, kindness, goodness, faith, or being full of faith’s substance. This substance is communicated to your brothers and sisters — meekness, self-restraint (Gal 5:22-23).

But on the other hand, another destructive substance can come from us, which if we are guilty of these and passing on this substance we will have no share in the Kingdom of Heaven (Gal 5:19-21). *Know well* that we communicate a substance which either builds or destroys (1 Cor 3:9-17). Both can be communicated in our Master’s community (Mt 12:30).

The pure substance of love has changed hate into friendship, anger into peace.

There is no other way. There is but one life to live that can raise us up to His throne (Rev 3:21). Except as we meet by the power of love, the shackles of criticism, contempt, envy, jealousy, and hate will hold us bound fast on the broad road to the

death of this world's order (Mt 7:13-14). By applying this substance we have in us to others we will see the prisoners set free, and the blind see, and the lame walk (Lk 4:18).

Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Mt 7:12)

Some sweet day in our lives, this will not look so hard to us, for we will come to the place where we will not have so much self-regard. Then we shall come to the place where we are like little children (to which the Kingdom of Heaven is compared), and even Mt 5:48 will have its fulfillment. The Kingdom of Heaven will come as we all pray in the faith that has the substance of the very things we hope for (Heb 11:1). The Kingdom will come, but only in proportion to how we apply this fundamental law more and more perfectly. This is what we believe and what we earnestly strive to live.