

Self-Control and the Fruit of the Spirit

What is self-control? What is it for? What is it trying to lead us to?

Mike M. (Christianity) tells us that we are under the law but it is actually him (them). He wrote and told us in reference to what the state did to us in the Raid and the taking of our children, “to sue the state of Vermont for a tremendous amount of money for damages,” etc. But that advice would bring us back under the Law or covenant of Moses which we no longer are under, but we are under the New Covenant.

Contrast Mt 5:38-42 with Ex 21:23-25. Rom 12:19-21 — This takes self-control. Self-control is to never take your own revenge. Self-control leads us to obey the commands of Yahshua. It’s not enough to think something is good; we must do something good. Mt 7:12 — This is the ultimate commandment. This is the commandment that fulfills the law and the prophets. If you are doing the royal law, you are on the narrow way. Mt 7:12 ; Rom 8:4 — The environment to fulfill this law is only found in the community. Living together affords us the opportunity to love, to have our love tested, to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Mt 7:13-14 — This is the *narrow w gate*. Loving someone in your heart does not fulfill the law and prophets. We must progress at His commandment. Obeying Mt 7:12 is how to do Mt 7:13-14. This is the goal of self-control — to lead us to love.

Paul says we start losing self-control with our appetites (Phil 3:18-19) and set our minds on worldly things. The Holy Spirit lives in *our spirit*. He must live in the heart of our spirit (the center) in order for us to be in communion with Him. When He is in this place our spirit will produce (Gal 5:22) the fruit of the Spirit. Self-control starts with eating. Self-control is the fruit of the spirit. OVEREATING is a fruit of the flesh and makes you *fat*. If He is not in our heart, in the center of our being, then we are not in *communion* with Him. If a person is *overeating*, he is not in communion. Not overeating is just the beginning of self-control, but if we stop there, then we have failed miserably. Self-control is the only way to lose weight, just being in communion with Him. We must learn to eat *just enough* to sustain us, but not make us full, and eat of the *fat that is on Our bodies*. Eating too many sweets is not good. We are going to *die* if we don’t increase in these things. If a person is overeating, to him it is sin — sin because he is going against what he knows is right (Jms 4:17; Phil 3:8). Heb 13:17 — Does it mean absolute authority or partial? Of course it means what it says. “Obey your leaders.” Will we baby people along that have been disobedient for years? NO. We confront and expect people to be obedient. What if you don’t obey? Then you may quickly be brought before the whole assembly. Speaking of Netzer and Shaloma, how he got on his hands and knees in Dalton, twelve years ago, with weeping and gave his body as a living sacrifice, but it wasn’t received. They aren’t here any longer because they weren’t all the more diligent about His calling and choosing them. Netzer is now a sports columnist in Dalton, Georgia. The idol of sports drew him back. He left us for the love of this present world.

2 Pet 1:5 8,10 — show us the virtue of self-control. Who is going to rule (verse 11) when our Master returns? The hand of the diligent, not the slack, will rule. You cannot rule with a slack hand. It is only the diligent that will rule. Rev 3:20-21 — Only those who have communion with Him. Rom 12:1-2 — Are we ready or willing to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice? Are we willing to have a constant communion with Him? 1 Jn 2:4 6 — We must walk as He walked in order to rule with Him. We are saying these things so that we can save our soul from death

1 Pet 1:9 — Obtaining as the outcome the salvation of your souls. The word must be implanted in our hearts in order to save our souls from death (Jms 1:21; 5:20). This is how we can save our souls from death. Christians think that we can’t die but we can. This is the good news of the kingdom! We are not talking about the good news of the Holy City. All those saved by Paul’s ministry in Acts 20:17-35 lost their first love 40 years later. They all in Ephesus had left their first love. The end result of Paul’s labor was all *in vain*. Isa 49:3 — But it wasn’t in vain as far as we are concerned. They lost their lampstand. They were no longer a church. They all experienced the first death. We must keep our first love to never taste the first death. Rev 3:4-5 — Only a few after all those years of labor had not soiled their garments. This is all we are here for, in order to save our souls from death. *There is an urgency about what we are saying*. Lk 12:49 — “I came to cast a fire upon the earth and I wish it were kindled.” Jer 34:18 — We’ve cut a covenant *B’rith*

or *Berith*; *Ben Berith* means son of the covenant). This is all of us; we made a blood covenant to love one another, to not overeat, to not live for ourselves —to die for Him.*B'rith* means to cut a covenant by the shedding of blood; it cannot be broken. The blood covenant is the most solemn, sacred of all covenants. He will keep His part of the covenant and save us, but we as a body will be cut off if we aren't faithful. If we begin to beat our fellow servants we will be cut off. But He will be faithful to us regardless, even if we are not faithful, even if we do experience death. In Africa, when two men entered into a blood covenant and one man broke the covenant, the other members of his family would kill him. When you enter into the covenant *you promise* to give them your life, your love, your whole being. In Israel, marriage is honored as a blood covenant. In the New Covenant, the two become one flesh unto death. They never part, except to be married to Messiah. The blood covenant is begun when the hymen is broken. If there is no blood on the sheet, then there was *no marriage*, no covenant, and the man did not have to take her. When you enter into a covenant, you love them with all your heart and being. This covenant is a blessing or a curse. Man has practiced blood covenants down through the ages. Man desires this covenant because it is in him, except in this last generation (2 Tim 3:1-5). Joining oneself in baptism (to Messiah) is marriage (Gal 3:27). To combine both our spirits and flesh.

Baptism is the only act of faith that can save you, if we know what baptism is. It is actually being baptized into Messiah. Paul *was saved* when he was baptized. His sins weren't washed away until baptism. Acts 22:16 — Arise take action — wash away your sins. Christianity says he was saved when he saw the light on the road (Acts 22:7 16). It is the act of faith of joining yourself with Messiah, *not just going down in the water*.

There has never been anyone joined with Him *outside* of receiving a *sent one*. Everyone has to receive some one. Rom 6:3 5 — joined or united. Baptism consists of *faith*. Washing away your sins in the uniting (union) of you and Messiah in the waters, and you are sealed with the Holy Spirit at that time. Baptism is the act of faith of joining or uniting yourself with Messiah, not just going down in the water. Now that we have received the sin offering and we've been joined to Messiah, our bodies are members of His Body, as well as our Spirits (1 Cor 6:15). Rom 12:1 — To give our bodies is the reasonable service of worship, in view of the mercies of God. Our bodies are members of Messiah too, not just our spirits. Giving them as a Burnt Offering expresses your willingness and readiness to have communion and desire to walk with YHWH. Rom 12:1 — After the sin offering came the burnt offering of our bodies. We must know this in order to know what to do the rest of our lives.

The Roman Church was cut off because they didn't remain in the covenant. They didn't remain in the loving kindness of YHWH (Rom 11:22). You present your body of your own free will. If we never do that as one Body, every last person in the Edah, we can never enter the race. There will never be a year of Jubilee. Jubilee doesn't come forth from our union with Messiah but only from our *communion*. Only if everyone walks in this manner will the year of Jubilee come. If you are not willing to present yourself (Rom 12:1), it shows that you are not willing to have communion. Nothing can be held in reserve. A lame sacrifice is not acceptable. If anything is held in reserve, there will be no Jubilee. Everyone has to obey Rom 12:1. Abraham came to it in his circumcision; he came to self judgment. We must come to self judgment in every aspect of our lives also. Every person must make a *decisive* sacrifice. Any holding back nullifies the offering. Are we willing to be an intimate friend of His? Lev 1:3 17 — Burnt offering. Lev 6:8 13 — Burnt offering. Lev 6:14 22 — Meal offering. Lev 6:23 24 — Sin Offering.

If you are unfaithful it's because you are not in fellow ship. If you are unkind it is because you are not His intimate friend (anger, impatience, etc.). Before the burnt offering, we must be free of the consciousness of sin in our conscience. The sin offering and trespass offering must be given before the burnt offering; then we become His friend, walking and working with Him. If we're not in communion with Him, becoming His friend, we hear him knocking on the door of our heart (Rev 3:20 21). *When we want communion with Him as much as He wants it with us, we will be in the meal offering*.

Today we are being saved from lawless deeds in order to be zealous for good deeds (Titus 2:14). This is not just

the absence of bad deeds, but the action of lawful deeds. If our burnt offering is acceptable, we can give the meal offering. (We only need to be a burnt offering once, its like circumcision, it only needs to be done once). He is purifying the priesthood in order to have lawful sacrifices (Mal 3:3). Today we are being saved from lawless deeds. What are we headed for? What is the purpose of this? Our offerings can't be mixed. They must not have us in them. There must be a deep purifying fire that stops us from doing dead works. Dead works is doing something apart from fellowship. The race begins when all of us as a whole offer our bodies as a living sacrifice. If this is too hard for us it is because we don't have the Holy Spirit. We must be our brother's keeper. For if our brother is not obeying Rom 12:1, it is no good for you either. His friends come to the meal offering to gether, all the twelve tribes. All the household heads make sure that everyone is a burnt offering. It's the ones who don't do this that hold the whole body back. All we know today is that our sins are forgiven. Only after Rom 12:1 can we walk with Him. The meal offering is our walk with Him (1 Jn 1:6; 2:4). We have done this many times. We must be our brother's keeper, to help bring him into this, for if our brother is not obeying Rom 12:1, it's no good for you either. We cannot be the meal offering unless we all are first the burnt offering (corporately and individually) without defect; a friend of YHWH as Abraham was. Other loves prove we aren't his friends. We must come to the meal offering. The meal offering is a fifty-year walk with Him in the Spirit. What if we never walk with Him? Will we taste death? Enoch walked with YHWH and never tasted death. If we've been made alive by the Spirit, we must walk by the Spirit. We are not a meal offering yet. About all we know now is that our sins are forgiven. As a monk is to a monastery so is the meal offering without the burnt offering. If there was no salt in the meal offering it would be like an apple that is rotten. The meal offering is our walk with Him in the Spirit. The meal is ground up into powder and made into a loaf. (Only after the Sin and burnt offering . The meal offering is when we are no longer claiming to have communion yet walking in darkness. We have done it lots of times (1 Jn 1:6; 2:4). Salt makes the meal offering acceptable. If the meal offering is not seasoned right, it's like a disciple who hangs on to some of his possessions. Without salt, people join the community without knowing (Mark 9:50) they had to repent of their sins. Thus the light grows dimmer. We've seen people that have been here 15 or 16 years without being able to walk in the Spirit. Maybe because they don't live by the Spirit (at least to some degree). 1 Cor 5:7 — You need the salt to keep out the leaven. Salt keeps the fruit of the burnt offering valid. Keeping us all clean and pure and giving up all. Salt makes it palatable to our Father (Mk 9:50).

The meal offering is the proof that you have given up your life and nothing is held in reserve. The meal offering takes us to the cross daily (Lk 9:23). A daily walk in the Spirit. Lk 14:33 — Our possessions needed to be ground up into the fine flour with the spirit in it. Having properly prepared it, you present it to the priest. One handful offered to YHWH, and the priest eats the rest. Acts 2; 4; Dt 15:4 — No poor among us, if we are walking in the Spirit. Treating the unseemly better than the seemly, or we're not walking in the Spirit. We eat with Him in peace.

The meal was ground down to make a loaf. Frankincense and salt are added to make it pure. One handful is offered to YHWH. If He accepts the handful, He accepts it all; the priest eats the rest. The peace offering is Phil 3:10. What if we never come to know him in this way?—We won't take part in the first resurrection. What do we have to do to attain to this? One thing we have to do is forget the past. Now we are ready to celebrate or have communion. The threat of authority is gone; selfishness is gone. Now we're ready for the Peace Offering (Lev 7:11 36). After the sin, trespass, burnt offering and meal offering we are ready for the *peace offering*. We eat the meal together, celebrating our communion and union with Him and each other. It is a peace offering. Because of all these offerings we are able to remember Him until he returns in peace. Heb 10:13 is then fulfilled.

In the peace offering we no longer have an agitated conscience. Isa 49:6; Eph 4:12 16 — This is how the New Covenant Body should function. The conscience is the court of YHWH (Heb 4:12-13). We must treat each other like you would treat Messiah. How would you treat Him? Our union with Him secures our communion with Him but anyone who *perverts that will experience death*.

All that these sacrifices signified (as a type) in the Old Covenant, we must walk out in reality in the New Covenant. In the peace offering, the breast and the right shoulder — the breast stands for the heart. The right

shoulder for strength. We offer up the Peace offering on the eighth day because it is a celebration. Lk 2:14 — peace on earth to men of good will. That peace will go on forever.

There is absolutely no way to have peace if you are not obeying. Rom 8:6 — We have peace because we have our minds set on the spirit; that's sanctification. How many people are being sanctified today? Our human nature sharing in His divine nature. If we are not willing to be that sacrifice then we are not willing to have *communion*. There will be forerunners that will receive that grace — who will come into this to lead others into this meal offering. If you are just looking at the plow but not looking ahead — you are doomed.