

You Cannot Be Saved Without Faith

How can a person who has not yet been identified with Messiah, who has not yet been immersed in Messiah, who has not come into Messiah yet, give up his life? How can he “give up his life”? It is impossible. He can try and try and try, but there is no way a person can give up his life without faith. So how can you give your life up to a “Savior” who came to save us from our sins if you don't have trust in or have faith in Him or believe in Him? People tell him, “You have to give up your life. Give up your life.” But how can a person give his life up if Messiah hasn't been revealed to his heart, if faith hasn't come to him, if the revelation of Yahshua has not come to him yet? So it is impossible. It's like trying to have a baby when you are not nine months pregnant. Salvation comes to people only at the proper time, when the Son is *revealed* to them. This is the only time a person can terminate his life in this world and receive our Master's life. We have to understand that. How can a person give up his life to a savior whom he does not have trust in or faith in or believe upon?

One of the reasons a person might not be able to receive faith, which comes by hearing us, is because the person is not really willing to do His will. He may want eternal life but he is not willing to count the cost and pay it. Who would start to build a building (Lk 14:28-30) without counting the cost of it first? If you didn't count the cost and we put you in the water, but it was not by faith, you wouldn't be willing to do His will, whatever it may be, and He wouldn't be willing to give you His Holy Spirit. He would not give you His Spirit because you weren't willing to do His will, because faith hadn't come to you. How can you give your life up to someone you don't trust in? If a person is not willing to do His will, he can't be drawn to our Master Yahshua who said that no one can come to Him unless the Father draws him.

No one can give up his life unless he believes in Him, trusts in Him. Although a person may want to be here and may even want to escape eternal punishment, he still may not have the faith to trust his life into the hands of our Master Yahshua for salvation. That's why we have the second part of the gospel. We have the essential gospel where you believe, but the second part of the gospel is what you must *do*. One thing you must *do* is give up all your possessions. If you are not willing to give up your possessions, you are not willing to die — you can't give your life up because possessions are so entangled, so intertwined in your life. You say, “Yeah, I believe He died. I believe He rose again. I believe all that stuff.” But so what! The devil believes it, too. But he can't give up his life because he doesn't have faith. He cannot do it because you have to have faith to give up your life and possessions. Even the demons believe that He died and rose again, but you have to have faith to die to yourself and give your life, possessions and family up. It's not possible that you can give those things up without faith. Faith comes by hearing (Lk 14:33).

But even if a man gives up all of his possessions, if he doesn't believe, then he can't win salvation by merely doing that either. You have to believe and trust and obey. The gospel is something you have to believe and obey (Jn 3:36). So that's why in Acts 2:38 it says, “What must we do to be saved?” There were many other words the apostles had to talk about regarding giving up your life, your possessions, and your sovereignty, and how *everything* you do from here on out must pertain to, belong to, the Kingdom of God — that is seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Everything you do from here on out *must* pertain to the kingdom. There is nothing we do that doesn't pertain to it — no work, no job, nothing that you do. Even the clothes you wear must pertain to the kingdom of God and building it up, gathering not scattering. If you are for Messiah 100%, you'll gather with Him. If you are not, you'll scatter. If you are not for Him, you are against Him. If you are not with Him, you are against Him.

But how can a person be with Him if he doesn't believe in Him or trust Him, if He hasn't been revealed to him, if he is not willing to do the Father's will, if he doesn't have faith? Faith is something that comes to you through hearing the good news. At one time we didn't have faith and it came to us.

Romans 6 talks about terminating your life. When you have faith to be totally identified with Him — into His death first and then into His life — that's being born again. We are totally identified with Him to the point that we can't do anything else as long as we live; we make a covenant that everything we do pertains to Him. We

can't do one thing outside of this — that doesn't pertain to Him — without seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness and that's how the Body of Messiah is maintained.

Sometimes a person is unable to obey the gospel because faith is not able to come to him because he is not willing to do His will (Rom 10:16). Are you willing to do God's will no matter what it is? God knows whether you are or not. Are you a person whom He can give eternal life to, who is compatible with the Holy Spirit? Or if He gave it to you, would it be a struggle from here on out? Or have you received the faith to terminate your life and do only what He wants you to do? Even if a person hears and hears and hears the good news every day of his life, what good is it if he is not willing to do the Father's will? (Jn 3:17-18). Our Father did not send His Son to judge the world, for it is already judged. If a person hears the good news and does not believe and obey, he is judged already also. His judgment is already made.

Jn 5:24 talks about passing out of death and into life because we believe and adhere to and trust in the name of the only begotten Son of God. How do you know this has happened to you? Do you know that you have passed out of death? How do you know you've truly believed? 1 Jn 3:14 — Because we love the brethren, we actually lay down our lives for them — we hold on *to nothing*.

So it is not possible for a person to be saved without giving up his life, possessions, and sovereignty, even if he does believe as in Jn 5:24. He may believe all the essentials of the gospel, but 1 Jn 3:14 (loving the brethren) is still far from his ability. There is no way he can love the brothers as Yahshua loved him, because, how is a person saved? By faith and grace. Eph 2:5,8,9 — When you truly believe you receive grace and faith. You are saved by grace and faith. If you *didn't* truly believe, you *don't* have grace and faith. If you only believed mentally, then you didn't receive grace and faith. Grace and faith stays with you — He continues to give us grace and faith to walk in the works He prepared for us according to the abilities we have. He gives us grace and faith to walk in those works.

Eph 2:8-9 — talks about having to receive grace and faith to be saved. God knew that we were willing to do His will, so He gave us grace and faith to believe and trust. But then there are the works that are foreordained for us.

How would you possibly be able to walk in them? There is no way you can walk in those works without having received grace and faith. You would be doing everything else besides the works He has foreordained for you in the Body and you would just be causing trouble, always saying: "I want to do this, I want to do that," but you are never willing to humble yourself like a little child and start walking in the works, in those deeds that He prepared. Thus you see grace and faith and works. We are saved by grace and faith — for what? For those works — to be led, empowered, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to walk in those works.

Do you understand why there is havoc sometimes in the Body? Because sometimes a person comes in and he is never satisfied because there is no comforter, there is no counselor to make him content with doing our Father's will, just knowing that he is pleasing Him. He is discontent; always looking for something else to do to make him content.

So, even though a person believes mentally, he won't be able to obey verse 10 because (Rom 8:14) it is only the ones who truly become sons of God who can be directed and led from then on by the Holy Spirit. Some people are led by their own natural resources, their own natural strength, their own graces, their own abilities. They have never been saved by grace through faith. Faith has never come to them. We are saved by faith. Rom 10:17 — Faith comes to you by hearing, by hearing Messiah speak to you through our vocal chords. If He does not speak to you through one of *us*, you cannot receive faith. That is what a polished arrow is — it cuts right to the heart of a person and exposes where he is at so he can be convicted of his sin and so his guilt can be exposed and then he will cry out, "Father, Yahshua, brethren, what must I do to be saved?"

So we have to be led by the Spirit to walk in those works. We have to be led and directed by the Spirit. We have to be humble like a little child or else we cannot be sons. Rom 8:14 — Whoever is led by the spirit *these are* the sons of God. Therefore they will be able to suffer with Him when times get rough, when the evil days come (Rom 8:15-18). That day will reveal those who have faith, who heard the Son of God speak to them in their heart — through which they repented and made themselves compatible for the Holy Spirit's entry into their lives to never leave or forsake them but to seal them until eternity.

That's a serious thing. And God has to make a decision, he has to make a judgment as to whether or not this has taken place. He has to know our heart. Sometimes we baptize people, but we don't really know their heart. But our Father knows — He has to determine whether we have truly heard from the Son of God or not. Have we really cried out and made our confession that Yahshua is sovereign, *really believed in our heart* that God raised Him from the dead? He knows all those things.

He'd never give a person the Holy Spirit unless he believes in his heart, unless he confesses it. When you confess something, you own it — you make that confession because it is *yours*, it is something that belongs to you. It is your possession and you are *able* to confess that He is sovereign because you received faith.

It's impossible to give your life up without faith. It's impossible to do anything without faith. Anything done without faith is sin. So therefore people who are in the Body who haven't received faith, are sinning — their guilt remains upon them (Jn 9:41) because they claim to see but they never received faith. Faith opens our eyes up so we can see and understand. The evil day is coming (Mt 24:10; Eph 6:12-13) to test who we really are and whether we really have had faith or not — to see whether we are just operating by our natural strength. It says, "Whoever speaks, let it be the very utterance of God; whoever serves, let it be by the strength He provides."

It is wonderful that Chets Barur said he had a revelation that he can do nothing without Him. That is something our Father revealed to me years ago. That is one of the greatest revelations a person can have. That means you have come to the end of your own self, your own strength, your own natural abilities, and you have to depend on Him like a little child does.

Dan 12:10 — The Body of Messiah someday will reveal who the wicked are. They are not bad people who go around doing bad things like drinking and smoking and cursing. It is merely people living by their own natural strength, thinking they can do it without being dependent on Him. They are not wise. The wise will be purified with fire, made one till the end. But those who are living by their own natural strength, they will not understand.

The wicked won't understand and the wise will. The wicked try to do things by the power of their mind; the wise are doing it by the power of His Spirit.

Are you a co-ruler with Messiah? If Messiah is in your heart, then your spirit is a co-ruler with Him. He wants us to be co-rulers with Him throughout eternity, beginning now. He doesn't want to rule by Himself. He wants you right beside Him. *He* calls the shots, He tells you what to do, He directs you, He leads you.

Whoever is led by the Spirit is a son of God. If we are led by the spirit we produce the fruit of the spirit. The time will come when it will be proven who received His Holy Spirit to become a son of God.

It will be proven who the wise and wicked are. This is what will be their lot (Rom 8:13): those who are living by the flesh must die. Rom 8:9,7 — The flesh *cannot* obey; it cannot be led by the Spirit. It can get along pretty well, even though it is scattering, but it cannot obey. Time will catch up with that person. The day will expose who that person is. If we haven't received His Spirit, there is nothing in us that cries, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:15).

We have received the Spirit of son-ship that cries, "Abba, Father!" Have you received that Spirit that cries, "Abba, I need you, help me!"? That is dependence isn't it? Have you received that spirit? Do you need that when you work in the kitchen every day? Do you need Him, or can you do it quite well in your own natural strength? Does 1 Pet 4:11 say that whoever works in the kitchen, do it by your own strength? You have to be careful with this. How many times do you do something in your own strength? Maybe you haven't received the spirit of son-ship that cries, "Abba, Father!" 1 Pet 4:11 — We cry out, "Abba, Father!" so that in all things ~~we~~ may be glorified. If we do everything we do in the strength He provides, He will be glorified.

So we have to be sure that we are doing things by His strength. We have to be sure; we cannot take it for granted. We cannot take for granted that we can go down the road and be safe from the enemy who might want to destroy us.

Sometimes we find ourselves unable to obey. It is good that Rom 8:16 says what it does because it shows us who the sons of God are and who they are not. *We have to fear* when we read this. Who does God look to? Isa 66:2,5 — Those who fear and tremble at His word. We have to ask, "Do I have the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father'?" Do I serve with the strength that He provides? When I speak, is it because

God is speaking? Do I have faith that I've heard from Him?"

Faith is hearing and obeying. Like Malachi has faith to go to Keene and establish a community and set up a print shop there. Since he has faith, what will happen when he goes to Keene? He'll establish a community, because he has faith. If someone else goes there without faith, who doesn't even want to go, he is not going to establish anything. God only works through faith. He doesn't do anything except through faith. Faith is hearing from Him and obeying.

So it is the sons who have received this faith. They received faith through hearing it and so they received the Spirit and then, all their lives, they cry, "Abba, Father!" That is the Spirit of son-ship that we have received. Those who have received the Spirit of son-ship will bear much fruit (Jn 8:15).

Rom 8:16 — His Spirit bears witness, speaks to us deep in our hearts and lets us know — that's faith, continual faith. We live by faith, not by sight, but by faith. His Spirit speaks to our spirit and continues to let us know that we are children of God. That's faith, living by faith — we have to have that Spirit speaking to us, letting us know we are sons. Otherwise how could we do anything since we are liable to give up!

And then, verse 17 says, if we *are* children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Messiah.

Messiah has everything and we have everything with Him. Heirs take possession of an estate — everything He has is ours, *if* we are children, *if* faith has come to us, *if* one time in our life faith came to us and we responded by that faith and we repented and we gave our life up and we no longer live for ourselves and we no longer love the world, then He put His Spirit in us and His Spirit makes us sons and His Spirit makes us cry, "Abba, Father, deliver me! I feel I'm drifting away from you." We go to the throne of grace to receive mercy in a time of need. That's what a true son does. If you don't have to go to the throne of grace every day that you live, you are *not* a son of God, you have not received the Spirit that cries, "Abba, Father!" you have not received the Spirit of son-ship. If you have received the Spirit of son-ship, you cannot even serve without His strength.

It's like a dream I had a long time ago. I can still remember it so clearly. I saw a little doe in a sack and he could hardly breath. There was only a *little bit* of air in there and he was just gasping for air. He *had* food in there, but he couldn't even eat those grains that he needed for nourishment because he could only breath that little bit of air. Sometimes that is how it is with us. We have just a *little bit* of life, like just gasping for a little bit of air, not even eating the bread of life. It's like trying to make it without praying, content to have just a little bit of life, just making it, not even eating the bread of life. Being without food or air is a pretty helpless place. But if we start eating the food and stop being content with just barely being alive, then we'll burst out of that sack.

So we can judge whether we are the true sons of God or not.

What did our youth learn?

Tabitha: That we can't be just gasping for a little bit of life but we have to pray and receive a lot of life.

Zachariah: I heard about doing things in our own natural strength.

Amaz: If we don't go to our Master every day for grace then we are not sons. Sometimes I don't, but I want to.

Whether or not we go to the throne of grace exposes where we really are. Salvation is nothing to play around with. The evil day is going to come upon us. We'll be put through that thrashing, winnowing, and sifting process and only the true wheat stays, only the real stuff stays — the real stuff that has the Holy Spirit.

Don't let that day come upon you.

Tohorah: I heard about not going to the throne of grace. I know that a lot of times I know I should go to the throne of grace but I push it away and only go when I really, really need to. But I want to go before I fall. Also, how we have to have faith to do anything, it won't happen unless we have faith.

Ahavah: The only way we can serve is if we call, "Abba, Father!" and do it with the strength He provides.

Chets Barur: I learned who the wicked are, because I always thought the wicked were obviously bad people. But I see that I've been like that many times. I just pray but don't take the time to really cry out.

Also, I heard about how people can't receive the Holy Spirit unless they obey, because even the devil believes in Yahshua, but you can only be saved if you have faith to obey.

Our youth is the germ of the future! Without our youth coming up in the Holy Spirit, we might as well pack up our bags. But we don't have anywhere to go because we are in it for the good. You can't turn back once you've set your hand to the plow and still be fit for the kingdom.

Everything we do pertains to the Body, to the kingdom of God. Our whole preoccupation is in the kingdom of God and our Father provides everything we need. *Pertain* means that it belongs exclusively to that thing.

Phineas: I'm thankful that our Father opposes the proud and those who don't go to Him when they are needy.

We are saved by faith and we live by faith. Faith comes by hearing and continues to come by hearing.

Everything we do is by faith. If you see a brother who is missing grace and you don't go to him, that is sin.

Think about the things you fail to do for Yahshua's sake and confess it as sin.

Some people stuff cotton in their ears and they can't hear anymore. But we have to keep on hearing.

Hakam: You said that if we don't continue to receive faith then we might give up at a critical time.

That really spoke to me because I never saw before how the need that we have to go to our Father, the spirit in us that cries out, "Abba," which we must learn to be very sensitive to, I never really related that to continuing to receive faith. A lot of times when I can sense in my life when I need to start crying out, "Abba, Father," is when I'm getting discouraged or starting to lose heart about something. But if we do cry out, "Abba, Father," that's what He does, He gives us faith. And without that we can't go on, otherwise what's the point of doing anything — we're just working our knuckles to the bone.

Ha-emeq: I heard in Isa 66:2 "But My eyes are drawn to the person of humble and contrite spirit who trembles at My word." And you said we have to be afraid and have fear and that's what makes us be obedient is if we are afraid. It's so good to be afraid. In the world they talk about it like it's a terrible thing — the fear of God. But that's who His eyes are looking for — those who are afraid, those who are afraid that they might disobey Him. So it encouraged me because I know that's how my heart is, and that means He's looking at me.

Phil 2:12 — Work out your salvation with fear and trembling — not self confidence.

Ben Naby: I saw how the world is already condemned. Yahshua came to save people, not to condemn because it already is condemned. So if a person is born condemned, and what holds a man in the world is because he is distracted by the evil one. And this is what keeps a man from coming to Yahshua who came to save him. Because if a man is willing to do His will, he's going to know the truth because Yahshua reveals Himself to us. But the evil one distracts with the glitter of a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It is always a promise and there is always something that keeps us going one more step but actually what it does is it drives hopelessness deeper and deeper into a man's soul. But the only hope is when a person comes to a place that he sees that there is no hope in the world and if he receives faith in our Master Yahshua.

The gospel has to be so clear, so penetrating — that polished arrow that people see Yahshua and see their sin at the same time.