

Normal Disciples Crucify their Flesh

Phil 1:29 — It's also granted to us to suffer. We asked for grace today to do our Father's will and to resist the temptations of Satan. That takes suffering. Something has to give. Something needs to be sacrificed. If you don't suffer for Him you are not a believer. A believer is a sufferer. A sufferer for our Master's sake is a believer.

Rev 21:8 — The first thing mentioned there is a coward.

No one can say, "Yahshua is my Sovereign, my King," except by the Holy Spirit. If someone says it in his own power without the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that person is a liar. If a person says it by the Holy Spirit, and believes in his heart that God raised Yahshua from the dead, he will be saved.

There is no such thing as being baptized and not being filled with the Holy Spirit. At baptism you are filled with the Holy Spirit, and then you walk in the Spirit. You are overflowing with the Spirit. If you are intimidated you are not filled with the Spirit.

If anyone wants to be saved, really be saved, he will call out on Yahshua's name. If you just want to go through the motions you won't be sealed with the Holy Spirit. If you are really saved you have the power to lay down your life for your brothers, just as Yahshua had that power. We manifest Him by the works we do.

Laying down your life isn't a pleasant thing. We have to do it by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our Master didn't complain. We do not complain ourselves one time. The children of Israel complained after being delivered from bondage, from Pharaoh who represented the evil one. They should have been happy. Our Father was displeased with them. They weren't able to enter in.

1 Cor 10 — We never complain. No matter what we have to do, we are just laying down our life and never complain. We are the people upon whom the end of the ages have come. We have learned from past experiences (1 Cor 10:6,11). Even if we never get

married we never will complain about that. We are married to our Master Yahshua. Even if we are married we don't complain.

Col 1:23-24; Phil 1:29 — We suffer comparably to Him, to all the suffering He went through in death — not in dying, but in death. The only way we can do that is by living in community. It takes suffering to be here. It takes laying down your life, your independence. Does it hurt you to crucify your flesh?

How did our Master enter into His Father's presence? His flesh was torn apart. It is the same with us. We can't enjoy our Father unless our flesh is ripped apart, like the curtain.

As long as our flesh is in the way we will never enjoy anything. We will always have complaint in our heart. If we see a person come out of the water and he is still the same old complainer, he is still the same old person and he is not filled with the Holy Spirit. If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit at baptism, that's your problem.

Acts 9:17-18; Mt 12:30 — Someone who comes out of the water filled with the Spirit is a positive influence in the Body, ministering the Spirit, having love. If you are not like that you are walking in rebellion against grace. Grace is always available. Complaining is saying we don't like the way God is controlling our lives.

1 Cor 12:1-3 — You can't say, "Yahshua is cursed," by the Spirit, neither can anyone say, "Yahshua is Sovereign," except by the Spirit.

When I allow something in me of my flesh I can't confess Yahshua as Sovereign. I know I will give in to my flesh. I've already got it planned. If I know I don't want to give up certain things, then the Holy Spirit can't say it through me. I'm walking in the flesh, not filled with the Holy Spirit. I don't want to pay the price. I don't love Yahshua. I don't have affection enough for Him to crucify my flesh. Therefore I'm going to be accursed (1 Cor 16:22). The only way to be free from the curse is to love Yahshua, crucify the flesh, and enter into His presence through the new and living way (Lk 9:23).

Acts 9:15-18 — We see that he was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized. There is no other way we know whether anyone has received the Spirit at baptism unless he is filled with the Spirit, has joy, can say “no” to ungodliness, and lays down his life (Acts 22:14-16).

Paul said, “If I didn’t have a thorn in my flesh I would exalt myself and not have any mercy on anybody else.” Our Father said that His grace was sufficient for Paul. If His grace was sufficient for Paul in what Paul was going through then His grace will be sufficient for us in whatever we go through. His grace will be sufficient whether you are married or not, or for whatever circumstances you go through.

Is Yahshua Sovereign? Did we come here this morning to offer our body as a living sacrifice? That means we put an end to our flesh.

There is a good confession. A lot of people make a bad, wicked confession. Good confession means good like God is good. God heard it. He sealed those people who made a good confession with the Holy Spirit. If a person isn’t sealed with the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit will leave him as in the Old Covenant. Once He sealed us He won’t take His Holy Spirit back. He knows us. He doesn’t seal someone who is not a disciple, someone who will leave the Body. The people who leave weren’t a part of us. They never were sealed.

The vow we make in baptism is to never complain. It’s to keep the covenant. It doesn’t matter what you have to do because you trust Him.

We had lots of people say, “If I had known that I would have never gotten baptized.” Well, those people are cursed. They said that Yahshua is Sovereign by an evil spirit.

If we don’t have faith we can’t impart the Holy Spirit. Our Master breathed the Holy Spirit on His disciples. Do we breathe the Holy Spirit on people when we lay hands on them?

1 Cor 16:22 — There were so many people in the Corinthian Church who didn't love our Master. They wanted the Holy Spirit just to be like those other dumb idols, not in control. The Holy Spirit empowers us, teaches us, instructs.

Let's go ahead and say, "Anathema come on us if we don't love Yahshua with an undying love."

Eph 6:24 — The next thing we have after that about the Ephesians is Rev 2:4. They were accursed. Their lampstand was removed. They were no longer a light to the surrounding areas. They were no longer filled with the Spirit. If we are not a light to the towns we live in, we have cursed ourselves. If we don't love Him with an undying love we are not any better than the Ephesians. Those who endure until the end in patience, forbearance, and love, will be saved. If we have the Holy Spirit we can expect this kind of life.

Every person that is not filled with the Spirit keeps our sacrifice from rising up. Is your flesh crucified? To have your flesh crucified is just being a normal disciple. That's elementary. Sometimes we have to go over these things again because we forget.

Some people have doubts. You have to put the helmet on. Have mercy on some who doubt (Jude 1:21-22). There are fiery darts that come from the enemy. You have to rebuke them.

When we baptize someone are we ready to release the Holy Spirit from us? Do we want that person to receive the Holy Spirit? Do we really believe he is giving up his old life?