

The Fall of the First Church

I expect that everyone who is here will pass this on to others — to the outside world when we meet people and talk to them, relatives, to people we know in the Catholic Churches, and to our brothers and sisters who didn't come to this teaching. This is our response to a letter Yochanan Abraham sent me, a letter that John Press wrote him. John really thanked him for his friendship, and so on.

He wrote, "It has been nice knowing you but..." He had some things to teach us. He wrote us about the law and about faith and things of this nature, etc. He wrote about these concepts that Christianity has about the faith to believe — but they don't have to have the faith to obey. So, they say God is going to bring about the end of the age regardless of whether we obey or not — it's something He's going to do. They have the same misconception about the covenant our Father made with Abraham, when He walked between those pieces of the animals. They say this is a covenant that God made, and it isn't dependent on man's obedience.

John is saying that God is going to give Abraham the land regardless of anything we do, *but* we're saying someone is going to have to obey Him. I don't know exactly how they get that concept, that it is a covenant not dependent on man's obedience. But it *is* a covenant dependent on man's obedience even though our Father is going to do it. He is going to put His love into a man's heart in order for him to fulfill that, because the fulfillment of Gen 15:18 is Gen 18:19. You have to put those two together to see the fulfillment of the covenant our Father made with Abraham. And it has everything to do with us because that's what each of us is living for (that's why you worked on the farm) in order to bring about that covenant for the natural seed of Abraham that He promised it to. He said, "I am going to do it. If I don't do it..." (Jer 34:18 says what is going to happen to anyone who walks through the pieces of the animals split down in half) "...the same thing will happen to Me if I don't bring it about."

It is an unconditional covenant, unconditional — not conditional on anyone's obedience, but God's obedience alone, God's ability to bring that covenant to fulfillment. So you can understand where they get that because it is an unconditional covenant — "I made it; I am going to do it; ~~am~~ going to do it; I am going to walk through these pieces of animals here — I am going to bring it about. I am going to give you that land, Abraham I am going to give it to you."

But our Father knew — because He had infinite foreknowledge, He knew what was going to have to happen in order for Him to bring it about. He knew those who make up the nation of Israel would provoke Him, continually provoke Him to His face, that they would be obstinate, and would not obey His commandments. Therefore, He gave it to a nation who would produce the fruit of the Kingdom, to bring about the Kingdom of God on the earth so Israel can have the land that was promised to them in Gen 15:18.

Gen 18:19 is dependent upon how a father trains his sons — it has all to do with how a father rules over his family — to train his children to obey and to keep the way that YHWH has foreordained for His people to walk in. Foreordained — He has a way and we have to walk in that way in order to bring it about. The promise He made to Abraham is not going to be brought about any other way. We have the very Word of God and the very reason for our existence is Gen 18:19 — and that's the only reason He chose anyone. He chose Abraham that way; He fore-knew us — He said, "I have known Abraham, in order for him to command his household and his children after him — to keep the way of YHWH in order that I might bring about what I've promised Abraham — the covenant I made with Him." Therefore it is given to a nation who will produce it and bring it about. Therefore we are all responsible (those of us who have received the love of God in our hearts) to love the God of Abraham. We are doing it for natural Israel. We are doing it for them. We are giving them the land. *You* are giving them the land. It must be we who have the love of God in our hearts who respond to His grace — to that covenant. We are not going to get outside of the boundaries of that kindness, of that covenant — His lovingkindness. So, we are a responsible people.

Everything has been in abeyance for at least 1900 years — put off for a future generation to fulfill *Abeyance* — put off, it's no longer in existence. 1 Pet 2:9 is no longer in existence. There is no people of God; there is no holy nation; there is no twelve-tribed nation; there has been no one keeping the way of

YHWH for 1900 years — it has been in abeyance. It has been put off, like Gen 1:26-27 has been put off. No longer can men do that because they're fallen, waiting for the restoration of all things — the kingdom of God to come to the earth and our Master to return.

He will take up again where He left off. He created man, man fell, and a great gap has come — and then when that gap is closed, He will start up again, and get on with His eternal purpose for which He created man. But for right now He has got to fill in the gaps.

Psalm 8 doesn't even consider a gap; it doesn't even consider the fall of man. It just says what God created man to do — to rule over all His creation. But, first of all he has got to rule over the earth. That is what the Kingdom of God is for — the 1,000 year reign — that man would fulfill what he was created for: Gen 1:26-28. That is in abeyance today — it is no longer in existence. It doesn't exist. Nothing is going on until the Kingdom comes, until we bring about the kingdom — our Master's return. Then He can get on with His eternal purpose, the purpose that He created man for in the first place. We are going to be the rulers because we are ruling now. But He is talking about natural man — he created man natural to represent Him on earth. So in the next age there will be natural men on the earth with spiritual men. There will be man just like He's created us in His image to bring about the rule over the world. We'll rule over them and He'll rule over us. They'll rule over the animals just like He said in Gen 1:26-28 — the reason He created man. Then when they do it efficiently in the next age, they'll be given the universe of God to rule over.

Ps 8:4-8 — What is man that you are so mindful of him that you give him all of creation to rule over? A fallen man would think, "What in the world could He see in us that He would give us the universe and put all things in our hands?" This is the Holy Spirit speaking through David. But David's heart could understand it. And it is understandable to us because we have probably been given the spirit of understanding (Isa 11:1-5; Pr 2:1-6) We know the mind of YHWH — we have the mind of YHWH. That is what Paul said in 1 Cor 2:14-16 — we have the mind of YHWH. We understand all things. Not all men understand us, but we can understand them. Can a natural man understand the spiritual man? *No!* Imagine what we're doing here. I'll tell you what is going on on the face of the earth this time in the days of restoration — *the restoration of all things*. All things are fallen — fallen man, fallen earth, fallen Israel, fallen church. Everything has got to be restored and everything *is* being restored — right in our very midst. There you see what is going on the face of the earth.

Someone spoke about this this morning. It was marvelous how they spoke about the morning and evening sacrifices. The morning and evening sacrifices, wow! The Breaking of Bread — Wow! This — Wow! That — Wow! Wow! Wow! We have a full life coming to us by our Master — *full* life. What would we be without the Breaking of Bread? What would we be without the morning and evening sacrifices? We come to view our Father through one another — through psalms and hymns and spiritual songs every morning. How do all of you do that? How do you do it, except that we have this restoration coming about — the restoring of the priesthood. 1 Pet 2:9 coming back into existence again — Where has been the royal priesthood, the holy nation, the people of God for the last 1900 years? That is what John Press was asking us.

I think we are going to learn exactly how the first church failed — how the first Edah failed (I'm not using the word *church* so you can understand it more). The first community failed — what happened? When did Christianity first begin? When the first community stopped forsaking their sin. Christianity began after the first church began. They gave themselves over to the evil one. It was given over to the enemy who took possession of God's temple. Therefore the evil one been a ruler for 1900 years. They crucified the very Son of God — YHWH in the flesh. They killed Him! It proves who is in control of the world — Satan rules the whole world.

He has given birth to us. YHWH has been in control all along to bring about His eternal purpose — so He can accomplish His eternal purpose. He had an eternal purpose billions of trillions of years ago. He had this very purpose. This is why we live in community, why we do what we're doing — to fulfill His purpose!

It is a miracle to believe. We were talking this morning about how marvelous it was to believe. It is incredible for a person to have faith — a very miracle of God coming to his life, and the very power of God — a

demonstration of the Holy Spirit. That's what Paul was saying. He said, "We don't mind if a person speaks well, but if he depends on great oratorical ability, then Satan comes in, that person has this spirit, and he gets a following." He then establishes his churches, and this is what we want to talk about today.

How did he do it? How did the transition take place? *Transition* — a change from one state to another, to make it something of an entirely different nature. *Transition* — becoming something yourself that you weren't before. But the church became a harlot — Babylon the great. Where it was something marvelous and wonderful before, where it had the fear of God and the holy angels, yet now it's become a dwelling place of demons. *Became* indicates pre-existence. God *became* a man — God, divine, became a human being. The earth *became* a ruin. It was created a marvelous place, but it *became* a ruin. It *became* something else. So we prefer to become something new.

I told Yochanan that the letter he wrote to John Press explained the very foundation of Yahshua — all the simple things of the Word of God, all the things Christians ignore and pass over. Very simple according to the Word of God — pure. He wrote a marvelous response to John's letter. And I said, "Yochanan, your response to his letter is the very foundation of the tribes." And then I wrote about the foundations of our Master Yahshua — what the foundation is.

1 Cor 3:9-11 — Paul said, "We are God's co-workers." Did you get that? We are God's fellow workers. We work along with God. Paul wanted to make sure that they would understand that. And he said, "You [he is talking to the church] are God's field. You're His vineyard. You're His soil where the seeds are planted (and you must be the gardener as well). Paul planted the seed. And it says, "And it is by the *grace* God has given me" — by the *grace* (the grace of apostleship) in order to bring about the obedience of the faith that was imparted to them through His message of salvation to them (Rom 1:5; 10:17). Now grace of apostleship was given to him in order to bring about the *obedience* of the faith that was *received* by them — the grace of apostleship. The apostle Paul was bringing about the obedience of the faith that they received through his message. Yahshua Himself spoke through him; the Spirit of Messiah spoke through Paul. And unless the Spirit of Messiah speaks through a person, there is no *faith* imparted for salvation. There is no faith — not from God. There is faith from the devil, but not from God. You don't have to be a righteous man to speak from the devil. Now understand that the devil speaks through people (I'm talking about the devil — the evil one). Remember that. Satan's righteousness can imitate the Spirit and even bring a certain condition into the mind of the person to believe that Jesus rose from the dead — the basis of all Christianity.

"By the grace that God has given to me, I lay the foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it; and you're building on it, so let each one be careful how he builds." So everyone has got to be careful how he builds. He said, "For no one can lay any *other* foundation other than the one already laid, which is Yahshua, Messiah." That's the only true foundation. All other foundations are false — false foundations.

Now John (the man who wrote Yochanan the letter) is on a false foundation — that's why he brings false, erroneous things. He doesn't have the anointing of the Holy Spirit coming to him to teach him — he's not a disciple. All disciples are taught by God. All those who are *drawn* by the Father to the Son are taught by God. Understand? Jn 6:44-45. All people who are drawn to the Son by faith, by hearing the Word through a person who is not seeking his own glory (but the glory of the One who sent him) will impart faith (Jn 7:18). The Father draws people to the Son through the spoken Word. Then, after they come into salvation, they begin to be taught as disciples. The only reason you're here is to be taught and pass on what you've learned to others so the Body can be built up and everyone can grow up into the Father (Eph 4:15). You can grow up to be a disciple as much as you speak to one another. If you're not speaking to one another, you are condemned, because you're not obeying the Word — you're not responsible. You're not able to respond, but you have the capability because you've received the Spirit; you've been given the *capability* to speak of and release the Spirit within you.

Jn 9:39-41 — Until after you've received the Holy Spirit you're not capable, but you're still accountable to God for claiming to see when you don't. And your guilt will go on forever and ever and your sin is never expiated

from you, never extinguished — your guilt remains forever and ever and ever and ever. It's the most dangerous thing in the world to be in the community and claim to see. It's better to say, "I don't see. I don't know what's the matter, but I *don't* see!" I respect my Matthew for that. I respect Isaiah — even though he won't believe for some reason, still he doesn't *claim* to believe. It's better to not claim you believe than to not believe and claim that you believe.

Jn 9:41 — Your guilt goes on forever and ever, and the actual working out of what Jn 9:41 says is in Rev 19:2-3, which says, "The smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever and ever." And I say that to bring *fear* to us that we wouldn't go on in our unbelief *in the Body* and ruin and hurt the Body. It is our job to make sure that people believe. And if we see a person who is not able to do anything, then we go to them. If they're not able to pass on what they are hearing, there is definitely something wrong (if they have vocal cords; if they have the Holy Spirit), because that's what the Holy Spirit does — He *empowers* you to speak. The power of the Holy Spirit is the power to speak. So therefore we have to be able to pass on, able to respond to what we hear.

We know that false apostles have persuasive words. Just look at 1 Cor. 2:4 — there is absolutely nothing wrong with having persuasive words, because how else are they able to persuade men. Let's look at 1 Cor 2:5 on how to persuade men — it's the program. It's all right to have persuasive words. We're supposed to persuade people, but Paul is saying not to be wise in persuasive words *only*. Paul was wise. Who was more wise than Paul? Who was more persuasive than Paul? But it was only through the Spirit that was given to him. In the letters that he wrote you can see he had authority. "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power." A demonstration of the Spirit's power — and that was the great, great fear of the Spirit's power. That's why he said, "By the *grace* that I've been given I say to you, don't think too highly of yourself." Rom 12:3 — only according to the faith that's been given to us. So Paul had grace to say that, but other men didn't have grace to say that. He had the grace to say it. He knew the power was God's.

We see that what Paul is saying in verse 4 is that unless the Holy Spirit works in the hearer's heart, there can be no salvation. It's got to be by the Holy Spirit, not another spirit imitating the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit. So, I think he's probably talking about all of the great orators of Greece (they were known for all their great orators — speakers). They'd go to the Areopagus — they had ~~great~~ speakers all the time going there speaking about all kinds of philosophies. Anyway, Paul said that he had the demonstration by the power of the Holy Spirit. And the fruit of it is obedience to the Word through keeping the way of YHWH.

1 Cor 3:12 says, "If any man builds on *this* foundation..." So it's got to be *that* foundation — the exact, same foundation, who is Yahshua, Messiah, that Paul laid at Greece. As a matter of fact he was actually doing that foundation — he was building on this foundation — the rock. We see in Mt 7:24 that unless we're on the foundation of Yahshua, the house we're building is going to fall. You're going to see that in Christianity someday. You've already seen the first church fall — it was supplanted by the false apostles. It was *supplanted* — it was taken over by false apostles coming in the name of Yahshua, but with a demonic spirit masquerading as true apostles of Messiah.

Mt 7:21 — "Not all who say, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who obeys the Father."

Mt 7:24 — "If any man hears My words and puts them into practice, I will show you what his life is like: a man building his house on the *solid rock* — the foundation! And when the winds blew against it (the storms came up, the waves came over), it did not fall, because it was founded on the *rock*." Yahshua is the rock, the foundation, immovable. We're building right on that rock if we're careful how we build. You've got to be careful how you build. If we're careful how we build, the gates of hell can't prevail against it.

Mt 16:18 — "I will build My Edah, My kingdom, My people" — and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, and death cannot overcome it. But we have to be careful, *careful, full of care*. Do you know what the word *careful* means? It means attentive, cautious, *watchful*. Better have watchmen on the wall or else our works will be judged on whether or not they were done in faith. If they are not done in faith, they're bad works. Every one of us who claims to work in faith and doesn't is a liar. We're pretenders, making believe — we're not careful how we build on that foundation. We've got to be on *this* foundation. All

Christianity is not *this* rock. The 'Jesus Christ' of Christianity is **not this** rock! Is not **this** rock. 1 Cor 3:12 — They are not on *this* foundation. It's a different foundation.

Paul is proclaiming the true and right Son of God. And this *Jesus* of Christianity (or however they say it, depending on what country you're in) is a false foundation. And many people are under an illusion. Some are under a *delusion*.

Rev 18:4 talks about people who are under an *illusion*. I talked about this in the letter so that we can talk to John and see if he's under a delusion or an illusion. You probably don't even know the difference, since there is a communication barrier — I don't know. Some people are under an illusion, some are under a delusion. Some are *deluded* and some are *eluded*. They are looking for the truth and they don't know exactly where it is — they're not satisfied with Christianity, not satisfied going down worshipping like the Catholics do, not satisfied with coming to Mary. (Worshipping and bowing down to the statues) But they don't know anything else. That's why it says in Rev 18:4, "Come out of her, my people" — so you won't participate in her sins and receive her plagues. And who's responsibility is it to tell them that? Who's going to tell them to come out? Well, who else? Kepha! And where are they going to come to? Do they just come out and hang out in the streets somewhere? What are they going to do? They are going to come into the Community of God — on the foundation — Yahshua. They are going to come in on the rock. They are going to dig down deep. Why call on the Lord if you aren't going to obey Him? So we have to obey.

They come *out* of her and *onto* the rock, the foundation, so that then they can build a mighty mountain — the right foundation, so that that house can be built on that Rock, that foundation. I know you understand this, but I'm going to say it again. Right now we're building a foundation, laying a foundation, which is Yahshua, the Messiah. And when that foundation is built (all twelve tribes are established), then the race begins and the house goes up, the walls go up — it goes up pretty quickly. The longer it takes to build the foundation, the bigger the house is going to be. The deeper you have to dig, the heavier the house. You've got to dig down to the rock to build that solid foundation. Then the house is going to go up on it. It's been 20-some-odd years — hasn't it? Each one has got to be careful how he builds. When you come in here you have to be careful how you build. You have brothers and sisters who are going to watch over you to make sure you're not building wrong — to make sure you're in fellowship with Messiah. They will make sure you're lifting up your hands in sincerity and in truth — worshipping in spirit and truth. They are going to make sure you're doing your works by faith. They'll make sure you're receiving grace. They'll make sure you're encouraged every day. They'll make sure you consider how to stimulate others to good works — good deeds.

So if we're making sure, they're going to grow right. We are our brothers keepers — we're doing that. If we're not doing that, we're not doing right. If we're not careful how we build, all of our works are going to burn up. Burn up! Worthless works — built with straw, hay, wood, stubble — not precious stones and gold. We need to build with precious stones and gold. We can keep on building (1 Cor 3:11-15) and we'll be going on in vain. We can be destroyed if we're not obeying, being careful how we build — we are destroying the temple. Believe me, there will be many Christians destroyed.

1 Cor 3:12-17 speaks about being *careful*. If we're not careful, we can't help but be destroyed. Someone else is dependent upon me. Someone else is dependent upon *you* and you're not careful, you're not building right on the foundation — you're works are nothing but hay, wood, straw that burns up. So 1900 years ago Paul wrote this letter and everyone died. Did they pass on that building? Did they command their household and their children to *keep the way of YHWH after them* — *after them, after them*? What does it say in Gen 18:19? Does it say *after them*? After them? After them? After them? From generation to generation, to generation, to generation. The light goes out — the light goes out. If love dwindles, the light goes out. "All men will know that you are My disciples if you *love one another*" (Jn 13:35).

So everyone died in Corinth. And probably those spread out in other places. We'll see this in a minute. We have to understand this and perceive it. You're going to learn a secret today. You'll learn something no one

else knows. You're going to learn something that you can pass on. You're going to have revelation today. You have to help people in the harlot system to come out of the harlot system — to let them know where they are. It's your responsibility. After I tell you this, the blood is on your hands. I've released my duty — I've told you and you're to tell others.

Acts 20:17-30 — read that and you'll see what he's talking about. So all the people in Corinth weren't careful how they built. There might have been a few overcomers, but where are their children today? They're in Corinth. I'm going to go to Corinth and look around and see if I can find their church. I know I'll find it but I'll show you what it developed into in a minute.

There is no community in Corinth. Do you think there's a community in Corinth? We'll send someone to Corinth and let them go for a few days and look around all of Corinth and see if they find a community — a people living together, loving one another, laying down their lives, doing works of service for everyone, coming together in the morning and evening sacrifices, going to the Breaking of Bread, praising our Master, going to teachings, laying down their lives. Go find them! Do you think you can find them in Corinth? What do you think? Are we arrogant to say we don't think we can find them? How many believe you can find them if you go? It is simply not there! In fact, if you go to Corinth and even open your mouth about the gospel, they'll put you to death.

1 Cor 1:2 — There is no community in Corinth or in the other places. And if you've read our papers, you know what the word *place* means. And if your Bible doesn't have *place* in it, then rip it up. Tear it up, because it is the wrong translation and interpretation. Okay? It says, "To the church of God (the community of God)." And everyone in their right mind knows that *church* is an erroneous term and that it means *community*. "To the community of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Messiah, Yahshua, and called to be holy" — called to be holy — "together, with all those in every *place* who call on the name of **our** Lord, Yahshua, Messiah — their Lord and our Lord, their Sovereign and our Sovereign." In every place, who call on their Lord and our Lord — the same Lord. Remember, they talk about the same Lord. He's not talking about the places that are known as *churches* that have not got *His* Lord over them. Their Lord, our Lord — the *same* Lord, the *one* Lord. Okay? So he uses the word, *Lord* — whatever he meant by Lord, Sovereign. Baal — in Israel they had Baal worship. It was hard to distinguish between Baal and YHWH. So we see that.

Now it says, "Together with all those in every place to call on the name (or foundation — Yahshua is the foundation — the same foundation as Paul)." The trouble was that not all places where there was a "church" (the community) called on the same Lord. Not all called on the same Lord. They may have had the same name, but it wasn't the same Sovereignty. Paul said, "our Lord." Our Lord, their Lord — the apostle's Lord. The apostle's Lord. Because the apostle's Lord — he was a co-worker with God. He is the only true Lord. Theirs and ours — the same gospel, the same spirit, the same Yahshua. Remember? One, not different. And Paul knew the right Lord — didn't he? How did he know the right Lord? How did he know the right Lord? Yahshua spoke to Paul in Hebrew. Did Yahshua ever speak to Paul in Hebrew? He told him what his name was. In Acts 26:14 He told him what His name was: "I am Joshua." Or *Yahshua*. The same name that He was called on earth by His mother and brothers, the disciples. So Paul knew Yahshua — the name Paul called on to be saved.

Remember?

Acts 22:16 — says, "Paul, get up, be baptized, wash your sins away, calling on the name of the Lord who spoke to you on the road to Damascus and told you His name." Call on that name and be saved. Now remember, you have the same Lord as Paul and you've got to call on Him like Rom 10:13 says. "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Paul's Lord. You have to believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead. That same Lord that Paul talks about inspires you to believe that in your heart, by the Spirit.

Now remember that today's Christianity calls him "Lord" in every place, too. Now look at 2 Cor 11:5 and 11:3. Some of you are familiar with this, but I am too, and I never get tired of it, so you shouldn't either, because we're always learning. If you think you don't want to learn anything, then that's too bad.

2 Cor 11:3 — "But I pray, just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning (he attracted them by his deception), your minds may somehow be led astray from your pure and simple devotion to our Master, Yahshua." So you

can see that the serpent is coming in here to deceive the Second Eve that came forth from Yahshua's side on the cross (Jn 19) when the spear came into His side and blood and water gushed out. From the new Adam's side came the new Eve. The first Eve was deceived and Paul talks about how they were going to be deceived. We talk about the old Eve and then we talk about the new Eve, here — the Body of Messiah. But if someone comes to you and preaches another Eve, another Yahshua, he preaches to you a Yahshua other than the Yahshua that we preach, let him be accursed (Gal 1:8). Is there another Yahshua? No. There is only one Yahshua — the true Yahshua. But there's a spirit that says he's Yahshua when he's not. Understand? It is another spirit that people are saved by.

2 Cor 11:4 — “For if someone comes to you and preaches *another* Yahshua than the Yahshua we preach, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received from us or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.” They put up with the super apostles who began Christianity (by coming into the church) by another Jesus, another spirit, another gospel. “You put up with it, thoroughly!” There will be super apostles coming in the last days. “I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge” (2 Cor 11:6). And then it goes on and talks about the ‘super apostles’ — different apostles who came in to Corinth and deluded them and fed them. They received them and went out to different places that were established by those people in Corinth. Paul wouldn't go to the next town and start a community. He would go to another nation, somewhere way off, and establish another kind of tribe. So therefore they would send out emissaries who would preach another ‘Jesus’, too. After they had received the false apostles, they passed on another spirit. And then people were converted into taking part by another spirit — another gospel — another Yahshua. You see how Christianity came in?

And it goes on all the way to verse 13 that says, “For such men are false apostles, false *sent ones*.” They're not sent by God, but they're sent by — who? Who are they sent by? If not sent by God, who are they sent by? Who? Satan. All right — I am showing you exactly who is the head of Christianity. Obviously there are thousands upon thousands of people in Christianity who are going to come out someday. But how are they going to come out? They *can't* come out unless they know this! And we have to love as true brethren to let them know that we're true disciples. Jn 13:34-35 says they have to know that we are true by the love that we have. I say, by all means, if they understand this, they'll come out, into the Body of Messiah.

A lot of people are coming out of Christianity and starting their own thing — starting their own little community. But who's the head of that community? The same one. Do you know how many communities there are in America — not communities, but “house church” communities? In America? Do you know how many house churches, groups of disgruntled Christians, there are in America? How many groups meet in houses and don't go to church anymore? In America? How many? How many have gone out of the church? How many “house churches” are there in America? People meeting in houses now — how many? One million! Nine hundred thousand and something house churches.

2 Ths 2:11-12 — You're turned over to a deluding spirit. Who turns you over to a deluding spirit in the last days? Who will do it? Who? God will. God's going to turn people over to a deluding spirit who *will not* believe the truth and love the truth! If it's you, you won't believe the truth about Messiah. You'll believe in something God is not in.

2 Cor 11:13 — “For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers masquerading as apostles in Messiah and no wonder — Satan, himself, masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising then that Satan's sent ones (Satan's apostles, Satan's servants — those who are sent by him are Satan's servants) masquerade as apostles of righteousness.” They masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be according to their deception. To the degree that they deceive, to that degree they'll be punished, because the greater the anointing they have of an evil spirit.

Does your Bible say, “Satan's servants” in verse 15? No? Well, tear your Bible up. It's not surprising that we have his servants masquerading as God's servants. To whom is *his* referring? Satan. Verse 4 refers to Satan as well. So what did the false apostles do? They set up false churches — false communities!

What is an apostle for anyway? What does he do? He lays a foundation (1 Cor 3:10-11). He establishes churches (2 Cor 3:1-3). He breathes the life of God into people. So what do Satan's apostles bring into people? Delusions. A deluding spirit. Right? So, we have to know this and understand it, come to understanding so we can have mercy on those people involved in Christianity. I don't hate people in Christianity. God's people come out of it: "Come out of her, my people." How in the world are they going to come out? They have to be illuminated, don't they? A great illuminating voice has got to come to them. An illuminating authority with an illuminating voice as it says in Rev 18:1. Right? So there has got to be a messenger. And through that voice going into that system, it illuminates — what? The whole world. It says it will illuminate the earth. Earth is 25,000 miles around, isn't it?

So you can see how Christianity began. Do you see now how Christianity began? But it is through the decline of love that the Body died — the decline of doing works by the Spirit, by faith — receiving other spirits other than faith. Deceiving spirits came in.

2 Cor 13:5 — "Examine yourselves." The Corinthians were examining Paul, but Paul said, "You'd better examine yourselves — be sure you're in the faith." "Examine yourselves," he said. "Don't you realize that Messiah, Yahshua is in us?" Is He in you? "Do you realize that Messiah is in you? Unless, of course, you fail the test." So anyway, that's what happens. They did away with his authority. They did away with the apostles. Did they miss the apostles? Of course not! They didn't even think about it.

So, therefore, I told Yochanan to tell John that judgment is a very dangerous thing if one is not sure that he is bearing much fruit. (Jn 15:5 and 8) This is what John said, "You're going to go to heaven when you die because you believe in Jesus." According to faith — that you believe in Jesus — you have eternal life. The faith you have saves you, he says. So if he's not bearing much fruit, he doesn't prove to be a disciple.

Our Master said, "Prove your faith by your works." His disciples bear much fruit, not little fruit, but *much*. If we have the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit empowers us, we can't help but bear much fruit! If you have a little fruit it means maybe you don't have the Holy Spirit. It says, "All men will know them as My disciples by their love" — good deeds. You'll know a tree by its what? Fruit. Mt 7:19-20 — You'll know a tree by its fruit. If you saw an apple tree with apples on it, would you say, "What's that tree there?" No. You'd say, "That's an apple tree," because it has apples on it. You know it's an apple tree. You have to pull one off and taste it, maybe, to be sure you're not being deceived by someone who put plastic apples on it.

Jn 15:8 says, "And prove to be My disciples." But John says, "Oh, it's all right to bear a little bit of fruit" — yet he has confidence in his Holy Spirit. The power works in the tree — can you imagine the power that works in the tree to produce apples? A whole bunch of apples? When you see the fruit coming forth, you'll know our Master's returning. Mt 24:34 — If you see just a little bit of fruit, you know it's not time. And this generation who sees these things will not die. Mt 24:34 You will know a tree by its fruit. You'll know the people of God in the last days by their fruit — they will put forth buds, even. They will give witness to a live church, not a dead church. Rev 18:19 — He is going to burn Christianity up in a fire in one hour. That's why He says, "Come out of her my people" — and they'll be saved from this (2 Tim 2:26). It is going to come upon them very soon, and they'll be burned up in an hour. And not one will be left.

Jn 15:5-8 — "If you abide in Me, you're going to bear much fruit." If you're not abiding in our Master and you're not known by your good fruit, how in the world will anyone know you're a disciple? Does our Master know? What does a disciple do? He bears good fruit — much fruit. A disciple doesn't bear a little fruit ("I am a little fruit-bearing disciple"). If there is no hindrance, you'll bear much fruit. Do you understand what I'm trying to say?

So we know from Jn 13:34-35 that everyone is going to know who His disciples are in the last days. Our Master learned in His human nature — the Spirit was teaching Him. He had to learn in His human nature the things of God. He worked in the carpenter's shop with one hand, and read his Bible with the other. He was always talking — even when He was twelve years old. He would go in and talk to the Pharisees about circumcision. So, John Press has no way to prove that he's a true son. He is not a part of anything that would give anyone an

indication that he is a disciple of our Master Yahshua. He is a Christian. Oh, yes, he's a good man. Jesus doesn't require his disciples to produce the fruit or to love one another. That's the Christian Jesus. If you're a Christian, Jesus doesn't require it. So therefore, Yochanan tried to labor with him about 1 Jn 3:14 — "How in the world do you know, John, that you've passed out of death and into life if you're not loving your brothers? Who in the world do you love?" So this is the word of God. Our Master Yahshua suffered for it, to substantiate His Word spoken by Him on earth, before many witnesses. The disciples listened to every word He spoke to them, and when they received the Holy Spirit, that Spirit brought back to their remembrance every thing He spoke to them.

Mt 28:20 — The most remarkable commission (commandment) that our Master told them was to go preach the gospel to every nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, commanding them and teaching them to obey all the commandments that He commanded them. And so, therefore, as a result of that, what happened when they traveled to the first church? Well, you can see the outcome of that was fruit from the good tree — the proof of the commandment that our apostles commanded the people. And they were baptized and started living that way. "In the last days we will be able to distinguish those who serve God and those who actually do not serve God." Mal 3:18 — In the last days you will know this.

The only foundation was Paul and the other true apostles' way. Look at 1 Cor 3:16-17. Remember, if what he has done in the 14th verse survives — what he has built survives — he will receive a reward. But if it burns up, he will suffer loss. If you're on that foundation — then what? I don't want to just go and present a bunch of ashes to our Master when I meet Him someday — "Here's my works. They all burned up to ashes. I have *nothing* to give you. Nothing for You on earth. Nothing. I did not build up the Body. I did not work in faith. I didn't even pray for faith. I didn't pray for grace. I didn't go to the throne of grace. I didn't water my brothers — I was resistant to them. I complained about them. They irritated me. I couldn't stand them. Here are all my works. They all burned up." That's what it says.

1 Cor 3:16 — "Don't you know that you, yourself, are God's temple." Have you thought about that this morning — that God's Spirit lives in you? Can you imagine being God's temple and that God lives here with you? It would be marvelous! That you knew a people who were actually the temple of God on earth — the dwelling place of God. People who have the actual God of heaven living with them — it would be like a city on a hill, wouldn't it? It's God in the flesh! Does God live in us? Does He? Yes. Did God live in our Master Yahshua when He was here on earth? Yes. In the Body of Messiah — that's what He left when He ascended to heaven — the Body of Messiah on the earth. When people come here and say, "Oh, no, I'm tired. I have to go to my room." Did they practice hospitality with complaint? What do God's people do? What would God's people be like? Don't you know that you, yourself, are God's temple? That God's spirit lives in you? Living in you — corporately, collectively and individually — in a corporate, united body. And if anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him.

We have to discern His sanctuary and never do anything that would hurt His sanctuary. God's sanctuary is right here in God's own people. And we also keep His Sabbaths, His festivals, because that's the thing that holds us together. If anyone destroys God's temple, He will destroy him, because God's temple is sacred and you're that temple. Christians say, "Oh, yes, I'm the temple of God." "Do not deceive yourself, if anyone of you thinks he is wise by the standard of this age or his own estimation; he should become a fool so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's eyes" (1 Cor 3:18). So you can see what Christianity is today. You can get a good picture of it.

1 Cor 3:16-17 describes the destruction of the whole first church — all the places. All the real churches, the real communities in the first century. Are all the first churches restored? There's one over here that claims to be one. You can hear the bell ring every day, and people bow down to the stone statues. Don't make any stone statues of a demon hanging on a cross. Those things are going to fall some day, face down. (1 Sam 5:4) Hanging Him up to public shame — continually, continually, continually. They have little pictures of Mary, and stone statues. Ex 20:4-5 — "You shall not make for yourself idols, for I am the sovereign, your God." I think it's impossible to find even a remnant of one in these places Paul speaks of — certainly not in Corinth.

Now if you don't think the Greek Orthodox church is Paul's kind of church — what kind of church did Paul

establish? He established churches according to the Judean pattern. All who have given up their lives to Messiah will be persecuted. So you see the Greek Orthodox church — is it built on the very same foundation that he laid there in Corinth? Or are they off that foundation? Which foundation did they pass on to their children? Are all their works going to be burned up? And they couldn't pass the Holy Spirit on to anybody. Can you pass the Holy Spirit on to anyone if you don't have faith? No. You have to be full of faith to pass the Holy Spirit on to someone. You have to be sinless. Your sins are cleansed — no unrighteousness in you — no falsehood, no deceit. The only reason you're here is because you came on your own free will.

Jn 7:18 — Our Master said, "The one who God sends works for God's glory, not his own glory. There's no falsehood and deceit in him." And so therefore in the 17th verse when people hear the message from his lips, they will be illuminated — faith will come to them, the power of God, the Holy Spirit. Faith comes to them, to their hearts. Grace is imparted to them, and faith — the power to obey and to believe that this person is speaking the very words of God (1 Ths 2:13). That's a miracle. Someone comes to you and you believe that this is God. That's why you were saved — you believed the messenger. Faith came to you. Therefore in Corinth no one could pass on the Holy Spirit to anyone. So, no one knew what it meant by the 'power of persuasion' of another spirit.

Paul talks about three types of men — carnal, natural, and spiritual. *Carnal* men were people who were not spiritual. *Natural* men didn't have the Holy Spirit and couldn't understand the things of the spirit. And then he talks about the *spiritual* man. Always it is the carnal who persecute the spiritual. You see the child who is spiritual and another child who is carnal will make fun of the spiritual person. It brings him down more than jealousy or envy — they don't want to pay the price to be spiritual. They are afraid they're going to be made fun of — that's the *underground*. It just drags everyone down to the least common denominator. And that's what happened to Corinth. And then they kept on preaching the gospel. How? Well, they had persuasive words. They had knowledge. They were carnal, fleshly.

1 Cor 2:13-14 — "This is why we speak, not by words taught by human wisdom, but by words taught by the Spirit expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the spiritual does not accept and cannot understand the things that come from the Spirit of God — for they are foolishness to him and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually understood. The spiritual man makes judgments on all things and he himself is not subject to any man's judgment. For who knows the mind of YHWH that he may instruct Him?" Then in 1 Cor 3:1-3, "Brothers, I did not address you as spiritual but as carnal (fleshly), worldly minded, mere infants in Messiah. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you are still worldly, fleshly, carnal minded. There is jealousy, quarreling among you — are you not worldly? Are you not carnal? Are you not acting like mere men?" So that's where all the divisions come up — I follow Paul, I follow Peter (1 Cor 1:12). Is the Greek Orthodox church built on the very same foundation that he laid there in the first century? Or are they off that foundation? Are they those whose works will be burned up? They can't pass the Holy Spirit on to anyone.

You have to be sinless to do that — meaning that your sins are forgiven. You're cleansed — there's no unrighteousness in you, no falsehood, no deceit. The reason you're here is to hear this teaching — you came on your own free will. Our Master said, "The one who died for them was for God's glory. There is no falsehood, no unrighteousness in him, no deceit."

I think it's impossible to find even a remnant in one of these places — not in Corinth. What kind of church did Paul establish? He established churches according to the Judean foundation. He was Judean. The churches founded on the Judean foundation were persecuted, because all who live a Godly life in Messiah will be persecuted. So we see that the Greek Orthodox church is built on the very same foundation that he laid there in the first century. Or are they off that foundation? Did they pass it on to their children? Will their works all be burned up? Can you pass the Holy Spirit on if you don't have any faith? You have to be sinless (meaning your sins are forgiven). The reason you're in here is to hear this teaching. And you came of your own free will.

Jn 7:18 — Our Master said, "The one who God sends works for God's glory, not his own glory." And so therefore in the 17th verse, "When people hear the message from his lips — out of touch with Satan, out of touch with unrighteousness — they will be illuminated, faith will come to them, and the power of God, the Holy Spirit comes and imparts faith (the power to obey)." And you believe this person is speaking the very words of God.

Someone talks to you and you believe this is God. That's why you were saved — you believed and they believed. Faith came to you. Therefore in Corinth no one could pass on the Holy Spirit to you. Therefore people started coming in by the power of persuasion.

The Greek Orthodox church was started by false apostles. At one time when we first started out in 1972 I met some men who came to our community and they were in all these big Christian organizations. But they came out of them and started forming their own little association. They wanted to get back to something like the original Christianity. So I said, "Wow! Other people!" So I would go to their meetings, and all of a sudden they kicked me out. I wasn't up to their standard in a way, I guess. I said, "What will I do when we start wearing these collars?" I told them they would have to hold me down to get one of those collars on me. So I said good-bye to them. They are like priests in there, but they have a special role because Catholic and Greek Orthodox priests can't be married like they can.

So the Greek Orthodox church was started by false apostles who were wise in their own eyes. Paul says, "You're wise in your own estimation — worldly wise. You're not wise in the eyes of the apostles. You're under a false anointing." Eph 2:20-21 — it is the *only* standard — there is no other foundation. And it is laid by the apostles and prophets. Paul was both an apostle and a prophet, along with all the other apostles. And all the prophets agree and have perfect unity and they have one God, one Spirit, one anointing. There are apostles, prophets, evangelists — and there are leaders, shepherds. We are that house and the apostles and prophets are that cornerstone. But Yahshua is the key cornerstone. So we are based on the foundation of the apostles and prophets — the foundation *of* them because they're co-workers with Yahshua (understand?) who is the foundation — the chief cornerstone. *He* is the cornerstone, *He* is the foundation — and they work with Him. Therefore no one can build except on the foundation of the apostles and prophets — they lay Yahshua, they lay the foundation within the community. Without them there is no foundation. You can't find a foundation unless the apostles and prophets are there. All must bring *His* voice to the Edah — His voice becomes their voice. 1 Cor 1:2 — *His* voice would become *their* voice — their voice and our voice. *Our* voice — the apostles voice and *their* voice is the church's voice — the same voice because He ministered the same Lord to them. Faith comes by *hearing* — the Holy Spirit causes it when you speak to someone and they receive you (Jn 13:20). "If they receive you they receive Me and if they receive Me they receive the Father." The sent one. You'll be sent out to other places — *you* will. And you must speak the Word of God without deceit or falsehood. You'll be going to Germany, you'll be going to Spain, you'll be going to France and other places in your region of light — Greece, maybe. And maybe you'll be killed, but the blood is on their hands. Are you willing to die? We're in the place of the ten kings, you know. Dan 2:44 — "In the days of those kings He will set up the stone kingdom that will last forever." Dan 7:24 — It talks about the ten kings, doesn't it? Revelation talks about the ten kings, doesn't it? Sure! And so understand that the days of *those* kings (Rev 17:12) are those ten kings (Dan 7:24).

So, our Father will raise up apostles and prophets in the last days — actually, the cornerstones — not ~~the~~ *chief* (they only work with Him). Understand, they *bring* Him in so they can build on the solid rock, Yahshua. The Corinthians tore the temple down, didn't they? They tore it down and destroyed the temple and what happened to them? God destroyed them — 1 Cor. 3:16-17. Warning! The prophets gave a warning. Whoever destroys the temple — God will destroy them. Where did he get that — he got it from Is 49:17 — there are destroyers and there are builders. Are you a builder or a destroyer? If we're not filled with the Spirit, we're *destroyers*! If we're not building, we're destroying. If we're not with Him, we're against Him (Mt 12:30). If we're not building, we're against Him. If we're not gathering, we're scattering — there's *no* middle ground! (They totally did away with the sacrifices.) Make sure that we're builders.

All right, that's my letter. That's what Christianity needs to know. That's what John needs to know. Did you get anything out of it? Are you going to pass it on to people? Who are you going to pass it on to? What's one thing that your going to pass on? Do you remember anything?

(Yoneq speaking to one of the children.) Do you remember anything — one thing you learned? Overwhelming,

wasn't it? Maybe we'll have to wait a few more years. We'll wait until you get about thirteen years old. How old are you now? "Nine." Are you ready to go into the temple when you're twelve years old with the priests and Pharisees? Do you know what your Father's purpose is? When you're twelve years old you'd better be ready to do it if you've been trained right — like our Master. Was our Master a super-human person? No! He was a human being just like you. Wasn't He? You certainly have the capability — when you're twelve, will you be ready to do it? You'd better start learning. Who will be ready? Who's afraid I will call on them? Who's afraid? Who's a coward? All cowards have their place in the Lake of Fire. Are we cowards? Are you a coward? Who's a coward? Who's afraid I'm going to call on them — afraid to look me in the eyes? What did you learn? Did you learn anything? Can you give me back anything you've learned? What was the most significant thing that we taught? What was the revelation? I'm glad it wasn't me writing this all down. You may have known it already, but I didn't. I didn't have it so clear. Our Father continues to speak to us.

Read Rev 18:2 out loud. I'll show you one more thing that's validated by this. Christianity will align itself with a world government. "And He cried out with a loud voice saying, 'Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison for every unclean spirit and a cage for every unclean and hateful birds.'" So we see in Jer 50 and 51.

What was the transition — how did it come about? Can someone bring it back for me? What we talked about? Obadiah — Paul said in Rom 1:5 that grace and apostleship was given to him to bring about the obedience of the faith among the Gentiles. He first mentions grace. There are different types of obedience. There is the obedience of faith and the obedience of the law or obeying out of principle, so you won't get into trouble and whatever could motivate you to obey. To obey according to the law doesn't require you to surrender. It is done in your own strength for your own glory. It is not acceptable because it is not done by faith and grace. In 1 Cor 3:10, Paul cautions the Corinthians and all those who have his Lord (1 Cor 1:2) to be careful how they build. He wanted them to build with the obedience of faith and not any other obedience.

Yoneq wanted to know how the transition took place from the first Edah to Christianity. There was a time when the obedience of the faith stopped. Probably just with a few and then more and more. People didn't surrender their lives anymore. They stopped offering up their bodies as a living and holy sacrifice. They stopped functioning from a relationship with Ruach ha Kodesh. That's how the transition took place. I have to be careful and we all have to be careful how we build.