

Two Ransoms #7 For His Sake and the Gospel's Sake

To father and mother (Mt 10:37), sisters and brothers (Mk 10:29), and everyone and everything else (Lk 14:32-33; Rev 19:11-21), I write: The Messiah spoke the gospel in my heart and into action as (Mk 8:35; 10:29-30). I obeyed these words of eternal life before the greater King with His army comes and the battle that is described in Rev 19:11-21 takes place. This is what I did *for Him* and the *gospel's sake*, giving honor to both Him and His words, so they would have full effect on my life.

Sake means for the cause of, to this end, for this purpose, in regard of. Doing something *for the sake of Yahshua and the gospel* is to show the highest regard for the name of Yahshua and His good news (1 Cor 9:23).

These are the terms of peace with God. As Jn 7:17-18 explains, I was granted the needed illumination to know His voice speaking to my heart. Billy Graham never could convince me that he spoke from God since he sought his own glory, as is evident by his star in Hollywood Boulevard, along with all the other stars in this perverse and abnormal society.

Lk 14:26 is explained very clearly in Mt 10:37 concerning you, Mom and Dad. So I did not want to *save* (hang on to) my life, but give it up for a ransom, as well as you, Mom and Dad, for I wanted to be worthy of my Master and Savior and be prepared and ready for Him. This is only possible by working for Him in His body, to prepare it for Him as a Bride by the good works I was saved to accomplish (Eph 2:10; Rev 19:7-8). I was not saved *by* good works, but *for* good works (Titus 3:5; Eph 2:8-10). I cannot and will not submit to your wishes or demands any longer, since they are contrary, yes, the very antithesis of the gospel I know and the Savior I know. The gospel, Savior, and Spirit I know is not the same as yours (2 Cor 11:4).

I was baptized into the *reality* of the Body of Messiah by His one Spirit (1 Cor 12:13). So now I want to do my part in the *Koinonia* (#2842, fellowship) I'm devoted to in the Body, the Church or community of Messiah on earth (Eph 4:16; Acts 2:42) by participating in every way in the social life of this community, and be part of this common life (Acts 2:44-45; Phil 2:2-4).

The true expression of the body of Messiah is the community which is the result of every member of the community being devoted to the apostles' teaching, prayer, breaking of bread, and fellowship. This is the simplicity and purity of devotion to Messiah. How else could the Body of Messiah be expressed on earth except in this way? (Acts 4:32-37). But many, like 2 Tim 2:26, were being ensnared by the devil, as time went on, and turned the whole first church into a prison of unclean spirits (Rev 18:2-5). Of course the apostasy came cunningly and deceitfully. It was caused by false apostles, deceitful workers, servants of Satan who disguised themselves as servants of righteousness who brought another gospel that communicated another Yahshua, which communicated another spirit. They were received beautifully because they tickled the ears of the disciples, bringing a message that didn't call for the absolute surrender of a person's life to Messiah. Thus they took away the simplicity and purity of devotion of the disciples to their Master (2 Cor 11:2-4,13-15). This was the end of the community and the beginning of Christianity. So it is for certain that the body of Messiah cannot be expressed through Christianity, the apostate church, the Catholic, Lutheran, and the Reformed Church, etc., etc., etc. (Jn 17:21).

So I plead with you now to come out of her, the apostate church, and be washed of your sins which have piled up as high as the skies. Come out before it's too late, for the day will come when she will be judged for all her sins (Rev 18:4-8). This judgment will come about, but after you are no longer living in this present state. But for us, we can be those who endure to the end (Mt 24:34; Isa 53:10) to carry out His will. 1 Ths 4:15-18 — As verse 18 says, you never comforted me with these words as all those who are being made ready, and therefore have the hope to meet Yahshua in the air when He returns to the earth, comfort one another.

Because Yahshua gave Himself as a ransom for my sins and my guilt, I gave up my life to Him as a ransom for something of greater value than my own individual short-time useless and mundane existence on the earth in this age, thus laying hold of what He sacrificed Himself for and to become His offspring who carry out His will.

Mundane means banal, commonplace, day to day, humdrum, ordinary, workaday, fleshly, material,

mortal, secular, temporal, worldly, etc. *Mundane existence* is an earthly, worldly existence (Jn 12:25-26). We have to forsake our life in this world, our earthly, worldly existence, and serve Him where He lives by His Spirit (Eph 2:20-22).

The gospel I received is Mk 8:34-35 and Mk 10:28-30, as the rich young ruler asked in Mk 10:17, and also Col 3:1-7 which explains how to continue to be delivered from your mundane existence, and how to realize the new life in Messiah to which I was raised from this dead life when I obeyed the gospel.

So now I have the Son. I have the life He promised (1 Jn 5:12). So I would dare you to read the letter of First John, as 1 Jn 5:13 says, to see whether you have eternal life or not, for you may just be a Gnostic yourself and not a true follower of Messiah as all other Christians in the world. See whether Eph 1:13, or Jn 5:24, and 1 Jn 3:14,17,23,24 is a reality in your life.

Mt 10:37 requires a corresponding sacrifice as Rom 6:2-5. Our *death* must have been just as real as His if we have eternal life. To be worthy means to offer a comparable sacrifice of our lives to Him as He Himself sacrificed His life for us. This is what *taking up the cross* means in His gospel, what it means to follow Him. No one can follow Him unless he does this initially at baptism and continues in it daily afterwards (Lk 9:23).

Comparable means worthy (Acts 13:46; Mt 10:37-38; Col 1:10-11; Rev 3:4,21; Rev 19:7-8).

2 Cor 11:2-4,13-15 includes Martin Luther and the Billy Grahams of Christianity. Christianity is a compatible bride only for Satan. We must be worthy, compatible, a part of a compatible bride which will marry Yahshua Ha Mashiyach (Rev 21:9-12). This bride is the twelve tribes of Israel. Are you part of one of these tribes now in this present age? Unless you are, Lk 13:24-26 says, "He will not know where you are from." Only if you are from one of these tribes that are *being* prepared for Him, His dwelling-place among the nations in all eternity (Rev 21:3), will He know you in that day.

The dwelling place of God is not any different today than it was in the time when Paul wrote his letter to Timothy. *Every place* in 1 Tim 2:8 is every locality, or township where He has caused His name to dwell in a people who are one (Mal 1:11; Jn 17:21; 1 Tim 2:8). This is the community of the redeemed in the midst of the secular community (1 Pet 2:9-15; Jn 17:15).

The community of the followers of Yahshua is a witness of His kingdom in every place. There is no division or denomination in this community in any of the places where He dwells on earth today as it will be through eternity (Rev 21:3) among the nations (Jn 17:20-23).

So, I want to be a living sacrifice for Him (Rom 12:1,2), separated from the world (1 Jn 2:15; Jms 4:4; Jn 12:25), and for His sake and for the gospel's sake I do everything I do as the gospel commands (Mk 8:34-36; Mk 10:28-30). "And this is eternal life..." — to know the Father and the true sent one from the Father (Jn 17:3). We cannot know the Father except through the Son (Jn 14:6-7). Knowing the Son means to hear His voice and to follow Him, obeying Him (Jn 10:14,27 and 18:37). Therefore we cannot know the Father except through obeying the gospel of His Son (Jn 3:36; Acts 5:32; Heb 5:9; Rom 10:16-17). Through faith we are saved by His grace, through the faith we received through a *sent one* (Rom 10:14-17; Jn 17:18,20; Jn 13:20; Lk 10:16; Mt 10:40-41; Jn 7:17-18).

So we cannot deviate from the words of our Master which are recorded for us, for we live by every word that came and comes out of His mouth. The whole emphasis our Master was getting across in Mt 10:34-39 is that what following the true Messiah as a disciple will cause. The difference between the true one and the false one is 1 Jn 5:20. So how do we know that we follow the real Messiah, since there are so many false ones (2 Cor 11:4) propagated by Christianity (Rev 18:2)? We can know that we follow the real Messiah and that we are in Him if we have the life of the Son, that is, if these things that are recorded in 1 John are the reality of our life. Also Lk 12:49-52 is the fire which will light up the whole world soon, which is now being kindled by such love for Messiah as shown by ransoming our own life, or sacrificing our own self-life for His life to become that fire in us.

I had to sacrifice you, Mom and Dad, *for His sake and the gospel's sake* — to obey Him and His word in all due respect and paying the highest regard for Him and His word (Mk 8:35; 10:29,30). This is eternal life (Jn 17:3; Phil 3:10-11). You cannot honestly say that you or any of my own brothers or

sisters has been set free and will not see death (Jn 8:31,32,51), being set free from these inherited iniquities in you that you bow down to and serve. These evil bent ways and mannerisms and temperaments can only be healed by living in the healing environment of the body of Messiah, the community. Ex 20:5-6 — Now we are proving our love for Him by serving Him and keeping His commandments. In order to do this you have to cut off your iniquities by the power of the Spirit of Yahshua (Mt 1:21). We are no longer serving our iniquities, thus hating God. Wherever this happens is His dwelling place (Jn 14:21,23; Ps 81:15).

Eph 4:1-3 — We serve in the one body (verse 4) by the one Spirit, all having the same hope of our one calling. So we must prove worthy of our calling (Eph 4:1; 2 Ths 1:11).

He called us by the gospel as Mt 10:34-39 says, and to have been worthy of Him to entrust Himself to us required obedience to His gospel, and to be worthy of Him to rule with Him when He returns requires to remain obedient to His word (Col 1:10). So Eph 4:1 exhorts us to walk in a manner worthy of our calling, and Mt 10:37-38 is that original worthiness (as Mk 8:35; 10:29-30) for His sake and His gospel and word. We were called initially by the gospel. Now we are to walk in a manner worthy of that calling, and if we don't we will not be worthy of the kingdom (2 Ths 1:4,5,11).