

## Sanctified by Faith

### Faith Establishes the Law

#### What does Rom 3:31 say?

*“Do we then nullify the law by this faith? No, we establish the law.” (NKJV)*

*Faith is #4102 in the Greek and it comes from #3982, which is to be persuaded. Establish* is to set in a secure position. *Establish* means that faith causes the law to be accepted. That is what faith does in our hearts. Without faith we could never understand what our Father did in giving us the Law. Faith is the essential element in establishing the law.

It is like our human body — there are so many essential things our body needs, like amino acids, which are supplied by certain proteins. Therefore, if we don't have faith, then the Body will collapse. Faith causes the word of God to come alive in our hearts. There are so many things about faith that we hardly understand. Our Master spoke of faith (Acts 26:18) but He didn't say it the way we understand it. We hardly know what faith is, even though we are saved by it.

Paul said, “I am persuaded that whatever powers there be, they will not be able to separate us from our Master” (Rom 8:38-39). King Agrippa said, “You have almost persuaded me to be what is despised and despicable, which I don't want to be” (Acts 26:28). No one can come to Me, our Master said, unless the Father draws him (Jn 6:44).

Faith is the thing that comes to us from our Father in order that we could put our trust in what we are hearing. What we want to talk about is the good works that we are saved to do. We have to be productive. We are not so productive yet. But the day will come when we will be, in our particular set-apart works. First we have to be faithful in small things, in these years as we are coming to birth.

Our particular job (Eph 2:10; 4:12) is given to us by the overseers, who establish everyone in their set-apartness in order to build up the Body of Messiah. Sometimes we play musical households and musical communities. Then some people want to get all the good gifts and leave other communities without them.

Eph 2:8-10 is talking about faith, and being established in the good works that we are saved to do. We are not saved *by* good works but *for* good works. Mere knowledge does not produce the good works. Some of us who just had mere knowledge could not produce the good works they were supposed to. Those who have just received knowledge and not the persuasion from our Father that reaches deep into their hearts, which is what faith is, usually get tired and quit.

Faith establishes each one of us in the truth, making us faithful to the very end. Our Master Yahshua is going to come back and take those with Him who have been faithful (Rev 17:14; Mt 24:13). They endure in the works they were set apart to do. Acts 26:28 – Faith is #4102 and it is from #3982, which means to *persuade*. We have to persuade people, but we have to do it in the right way. We have to prevail by persuasion, which establishes trust and security in our Master's word. It establishes, actually, the law.

Acts 26:18 – This is our Master's very voice, telling Paul what he was supposed to do. Therefore many other things are written on that transferral — coming out of darkness and into the light (Lk 1:79; Col 1:13; Jn 3:18-19, and other verses). The word *sanctified* in Acts 26:18 is very significant, “...*those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.*”

We have to be sanctified. We assume that we individually are among those who are sanctified. We have that security. If we are sanctified as Acts 26:18 says, then we have been set apart for a particular thing to do. We are doing what our Father saved us to do. For years we might do things that we are not set apart to do. But we do it to prove our loyalty and faithfulness. What we are doing now will be small compared to the ten cities we will rule over in the next age. There are greater things still in the age to come after that. That is why we have to be loyal and true now to make sure we are going to be worthy to sit with our Master on His throne.

Someone came to me the other day about another brother not being worthy to be taken up to the Kingdom when he dies, but that he would have to suffer death as a payment for his own sins. There is no way we can love with sin in our conscience. Certainly we are going to react and end up doing things that go against having a good conscience. So that means we need to confess our sins.

Acts 26:18 – Only if one is sanctified does one have an inheritance among those who are sanctified – those who have forgiveness of sins. Col 1:13 — One who is sanctified has withdrawn from fellowship with the world, family, and friends. In Acts 2:40 there had to be a physical transference – a movement from one place to another place. That is why they could gladly give up family and homes because they had heard the good news of how to be transferred from the Kingdom of Darkness (1 Jn 5:19) to the Kingdom of Light. Adam’s death came from disobedience; ours also comes from disobedience. We have to keep a good, perfect conscience to be led by His Spirit, to be sons of God. Jn 8:51 says we can be saved from any kind of death, from the first Adam to the second Adam.

Have we been communicating the many other words in Acts 2:40? We have had so many people baptized in the last few months, whom we thought had heard the many other words twenty years ago. They finally came to the conclusion that they didn’t have the Holy Spirit because they didn’t see the fruit in their lives. No commitment means no true baptism. There is no such thing as baptism without hearing what you must do in order to become a disciple.

In Acts 2, those who had really been saved would have gone along with the things they heard about later, but the apostles told them ahead of time (the many other words) what it meant to be transferred out of the world. They had to move from this place to that place (from wherever they were to Jerusalem). It is both a physical and spiritual transference. To be sanctified also means a removal and a cleansing.

Rom 6:2-5 speaks about baptism, coming into Messiah – into His death. It is getting all too clear. In Col 1:13 a person detaches himself from one kingdom and joins another. #3179 is a movement into another Kingdom. In Acts 2:40 Peter spoke about the same things that Paul wrote in Col 1:13 in his many other words. These were things that our Master revealed to Paul when He spoke to him as recorded in Acts 26.

Baptism is not a mystical thing. We have to know and understand it, being persuaded. In fact, we have to be firmly persuaded. *Transferred* is #3179 and it means change of place. *Sanctify* is #37 and it means to withdraw, setting oneself apart for sacred use, for sacred service. You are consecrated for a particular thing. You don’t know what it is right then, but you will know in time. The minute you are baptized you go scrub the dishes or mop the floor. You can’t just say right away that someone will be functioning in the things he did before (in the world) by his natural gifting or education. Maybe let someone think he will wash dishes for the rest of his life and see what he will do. He will probably do it until he drops over, but he will be responsible, faithful, and productive in it until he is set apart later on. The set-apart people will be among the holy ones.

Al Jayne had to come out of his place and into another place. He came out of the world and into another place. If he had just come to our meetings for the rest of his life, that wouldn’t have been salvation. This is what we have to tell people, that it involves a transfer from one place to another. What does Col 1:13 say? *“For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”* How does He do this? (Col 1:14) *“...in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*

You transfer from one location to another. That is what the word *sanctify* means in one way. There is the establishment of the Body of Messiah in a place. You can take the person out of the world, but maybe you can’t get the world out of him, so he ends up going back to the world. This is all false baptism does. Being sanctified and being transferred go hand in hand in Col 1:13-14.

Paul had special revelation writing Col 1:13-14 and so did the apostles in Acts 2. They had it to make sure it was the Holy Spirit persuading the people and not just themselves. Therefore those who were persuaded by the Holy Spirit received their words and they were baptized. They were saved. A lot of times we bring people in over the wall. After that, what are they? They are thieves of all your time and robbers of all your energy.

That is not a thing we want to say lightly about one another. The many other words were essential to establish faith in their hearts, as Rom 10:17 speaks of. This is the good confession that Yahshua is Sovereign. You believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that Yahshua is Sovereign. This is a mystery. If you receive all the words about being transferred out of your place, then you will be saved.

Yonadab – It can take time to build that trust as we talk with people, even as they live among us.

A spirit can come to us to try to avoid offending someone, so we go ahead and baptize him, only getting him wet

The fear comes to us that we might lose them...

Daniel – Today, 2000 years after Pentecost and Christian defilement, we have to know they are hearing the good news and are being saved.

We have to hang onto the fact that He is not going to lose one of His sheep. But certainly when we have faith, we have to go ahead and baptize them, not make them hang around forever. But there are some people who may not believe, regardless of how much time you spend with them.

Sho'er – The sincere lost sheep, who is dying of thirst, will not be driven away.

Qatan – That is what our Master did in Jn 2:24 and 8:30, but He didn't believe they were sincere because He knew they weren't really persuaded.

Jn 2:23-24 — On His part He would not believe in them. It is the same word in both verses.

*Sanctified* means set apart for sacred use and service. You take them out from among the world and place them among those who are being sanctified. It is necessary to be both transferred and sanctified

These words had a special meaning in Hebrew, and those who heard the words back then knew just what they meant. We don't. The etymological changes have obscured their real meaning. Faith has become like a gamble.

Qatan – Some say that *faith* is believing in something that you know is not true — *the leap of faith*.

They knew exactly what He meant and what they must do, if they had the Father persuading them. The word *draw* is to entice, draw to (#3982), lure, court, woo...

Sho'er – The *god spell*.

He has got to do something spiritual to draw us to His Son.

Acts 2:40 means to move out to another place, to be transferred, sanctified. Barnabas knew what to do in order to be transferred over and sanctified, even before he was baptized. (But don't tell him to give his land up because he might be offended and think that we are only after his land – that is the fear that comes to us; Acts 4:32-37; 5:1-11).

Neriyah – I knew what I did when I came in.

You have to pay off your bills and transfer everything else. We have to come to our Master, being persuaded to obey the gospel. Look at Lk 1:79, Col 1:13, Acts 26:18, and 1 Pet 2:9. Acts 26:18 is a marvelous thing that we need to speak about a lot. They are the very words of our Master Yahshua (Jn 3:18; 3:36; 5:32).

Hakam – If there is not obedience to the gospel of the messenger, there is no real faith at all. It gets down to the nitty-gritty in our life: you have to unlock your toolbox and throw the key away.

One cannot be sanctified without first being transferred. One must have the faith imparted to his heart to move out of his house and into the Body, as Rom 6:2-5 speaks about. It must be real before one can be sanctified and made holy. We must become a holy, sanctified people in the Body who are set apart for holy service, as Acts 26:7 speaks about. It was then and is now *consecrated* service, night and day. You are purified through the holy works you are set apart to do. They put you in a position, a place, where you can be purified. They are the works designed specifically for you.

If you can't confine someone to one thing, neither can that person be purified. We are confined to one place, serving and loving our Master. Where is that? Rev 19:8. We are set apart for that very purpose. Those who end up piddling around do not get to what they are supposed to be set apart for, because you can not go beyond their faithfulness in small things first.

Eph 2:10 and 4:12 is how we qualify people. The later verse tells us how we readjust the saints for their particular works of service. Eph 2:10, by itself, is insufficient. Eph 4:12 tells us how they are going to be set apart. Eph 2:10 without 4:12 is just subjectivity. To consecrate oneself in order to serve Him night and day has to be carried out by the council of Eph 4:12.

The First Edah was just for us. Why didn't they last longer? Maybe people look at the early church and say, "Maybe we should just go to church on Sunday." But we saw what they did and how they fell. One of the big things they did was not honoring their leaders. Maybe there weren't enough leaders – those who watch over people's souls, praying for the sheep (Heb 13:17).

The prophecy of Mal 1:11 is fulfilled through us praying as Mt 6:9. Our Master had in His mind Mal 1:11.

We have to made productive. The elders watch and consider whether you are being productive or not. If you are not being productive, there is something wrong with you or your supposed shepherd or leader. Some are being laid back – they are lazy. But we desire to be productive in order to carry out His good pleasure (Isa 53:10-11). We know Isa 49:6 and Mt 5:14 about being a light to the world. *Consecrate* means set apart for the works we were saved to do, in order to be a productive member of the Body of Messiah. Everyone here is to be a productive member of the Body of Messiah, doing his part (Eph 4:16).

The word *consecrated* means to be dedicated to a given goal of service. 1 Pet 4:11 – We know that we cannot even talk unless our Father is speaking through us. So what are we going to do about that? Not even talk unless our Father is upon us. If we serve, in our productive works, we are to do it in the strength He supplies. Otherwise we are destroyers. We had better teach our children this. What are we going to do with our children?

We are dedicated to a sacred purpose. *Sacred service* means to set apart for a particular purpose that we were saved out of the world to do. We do these in order to be His bride. If we are not doing those good works, we will not be prepared to meet Him when He returns. If your elders have a person who is not doing those works, then someone has to answer for it. What is our Father going to say to the person who wasn't ever set apart to do the works that would have purified him?

Adam – The person who wasn't set apart will be beaten with few lashes, and the ones responsible for him will be beaten with many (Lk 12:47-48).

Some here, like Ehud and Hoshua, feel like they should be set apart to do medical work. Or will Ehud do salt rubs for the rest of his life? We haven't gone to counsel yet, as to whether medical work is really the place where our Father wants Ehud to do His will. I can get the blood off of my hands by putting it on the council, to decide in the Holy Spirit if that is what he should do.

We are going to bring Patrick from Manasseh to Florida. We are going to put him with Eliezer to see if he has the grace, after his restoration, to bring healing to the Body. He is so full of that kind of knowledge. Everything is according to Mt 25:14 – if someone has great faith he will have a great gift. It is our responsibility, mine first and then yours, to make sure that people are properly placed. Can you imagine what is going to happen when everyone is properly placed where our Father wants us to be? The Body of Messiah will be lifted off the ground.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of riding on the heights of the earth (Isa 58:14).

*Sacred service* means the acts one is dedicated to. Acts 26:6-7 in some translations speaks of rendering sacred service or worship. Doing that brings about what our Father promised Abraham, the land. Then that nation of old, once again, can rise from the dead in the next age (Gen 15:18; 17:8; 18:19; Mt 19:28).

Sacred service means that which one is dedicated to or preserved for — that service. This is the worship or service of the Father in heaven. If we are not doing those works of service, we can't come to the minchah and do that service of worship either. It is the translator's choice as to whether the word *service* or *worship* is used in Acts 26:7. If you don't like what you are doing, then there is no way you can go and praise our Father at the minchah. All you would be doing is blabbing or being a sorcerer, empowered by another spirit (2 Cor 11:4).

The worship that is in the Body, where every member lifts up his hands, cannot be accomplished without Eph 4:16. If someone is not doing his part, then you, as leaders, have to go to him in a meek and humble way. Eph 4:16 means each member doing its part – each member filled with the Spirit in the Body of Messiah. If we are not filled with the Spirit – denying ourselves, crucifying ourselves – then we are just being selfish.

Rom 12:1-2 means, of course, that we are to lift up our bodies as a sacrifice. Mal 3:3 tells us it is impossible to offer up pleasing sacrifices without our going through purification. We as leaders and overseers have to watch out over the souls of the people who are not being purified in what they are doing. Then Mal 3:4 comes about. The works we accomplish, that we are productive in, are what purify us.

Yonadab – If someone is in that place of being purified by the works he is doing, he is going to be confessing his sins and staying in fellowship with you (1 Jn 1:6).

Absolutely. We must be productive and faithful in small things first, and then we will be productive in greater

ways. Lk 19:17 and verse 21 speaks of what will happen in the coming age if we are faithful in doing what our Father has given us to do.

1 Pet 5:5-7 speaks of the young people, maybe those who have been born in her, whom, after they have humbled themselves under the mighty hand of God, will be put in the particular place they are supposed to be *in due time*. I am thankful that our men who have been born here can take that on. A lot of times they are afraid of seeing new people come in because they think they will take their positions.

They have to humble themselves first, and then in due time they will be exalted.

Hakam – There are no silver platters or silver spoons in the community.

You don't even want to go out and evangelize, do you? You are afraid someone is going to get saved and rule over you.

John Mark – A son, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, although he is owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the Father (Gal 4:1-2).

Lk 19:21 – You regard him as a hard man and then you can never be placed in the areas where you will be productive because you haven't been faithful in small things. If the person is being faithful in small things and the elders don't see it and consequently don't put him in the place where he will increase to walk in the works prepared for him, then the elders will have to give an account (Heb 13:17).

We don't have to holler and scream at people. We just have to meek and mild, and tell people what to do. That is greater, since we are not slaves.

We have never been purified if we have not been faithful and productive in small things. You will never enter the Kingdom because the works you are doing won't purify you. In that case it may not be the elder's fault, but it is simply the person's fault for piddling around. He doesn't really put his neck to the work. He doesn't really do it. The first real teaching we had was about Nehemiah (see Neh 4:6).

You need to understand that principle right there to be proper overseers to your flock, and to pass it on to others. Otherwise we are wasting our time.

Amaz – One thing I have seen about 1 Pet 5:5 is that the people who don't learn to be submissive, when they get authority, it is really awful to be under them. If faith could come to our young people about honoring authority, then they will be the best elders.

Hoshua – Someone was speaking in the gathering the other day, asking, "What is faith?" So we answered from Heb 11. When Yoneq was talking about being transferred, it is really clear that Abraham, the father of faith did the same thing – he obeyed. He set out, not knowing where you are going.

One of the women in our house pines away for the place where she came, so now I see there is a real question whether she made the transfer.

It is either the person's fault or the elder's fault. It is the person's fault if he is not being responsible in small things – not loving to wash the dishes. We have to watch over them, teaching them to be responsible in such small things.

Adam – It takes faith to be in that small place. We have to know that we are actually building character in those small things. So we do them with enthusiasm, knowing that we are doing our Father's will. Eph 2:10 and 4:12 have to be paired together in an organic whole.

Sho'er – In the transferal, love is the first fruit. If we don't have love, then we have lost all the fruits. I want to have love so that people can flourish.

In Lk 19:13 he called ten of his servants, telling them to do business (be occupied) until he returned. That is what we must do. Now remember, everyone doesn't have ten talents, or even five. We have to look at the whole person, including how he speaks in the minchah. A shepherd is a shepherd because he is a shepherd. Most people have one or two talents. That is where the Body falls, because the people with one or two talents get discouraged and bury their talents. So when people come into the Body, don't bolster them so much about what they are going to be after they prove faithful at this small thing they are doing until you know their talents and their gifts are.

Some of the last will be first, and some of the first will be last. Some of the first now, if they are not using all ten of their talents, will be last. The one with one talent now, who is faithful to wash the dishes, may well be first

then.

Acts 26:18 says that you will be *among* them who are sanctified. If you are among such people they surround you in the Body of Messiah. You are in the company of those who believe, living a productive life among them. The Body of Messiah is a continual employment. Of course, there is recreation like the rest of the Sabbath. Jn 10:10 says that He came to give us life, overflowing, and abundant life. If you see someone not overflowing with abundant life, you have to go to him or her to find out what is wrong.

Who allows Satan to come and destroy? The overseers do, and then we are responsible. We pray every day for our Father deliver us from the evil one, that this protected place, this protected zone, can exist and flourish. Our minchot are for the prayer our Master taught his disciples to pray to be lifted up every day, but not in rote (Mt 6:9-13). Our Master said He came to give us life. Satan comes to destroy what our Master came to give. Satan can't do anything that we don't allow him to do. But we know that whatever he does do can work towards the purpose of our Father.

We are sanctified, set apart from his realm, and we have the keys, as Rev 1:18 says. We are one Spirit with Him, so whatever He has, we have. Acts 26:18 – But He didn't say faith the way that Christians understand the word faith.