

The Melting Pot, Part 1

The United States is a pluralistic society, a melting pot. Years ago people that came here would take on the culture and it was one nation. But now people here retain their own culture and remain in their own groups within our society.

Here in the Body of Messiah we are also a melting pot, but we don't retain our own flavor. If we haven't truly been baptized into Messiah we'll retain our own life. But whoever has joined himself to Messiah no longer lives for himself. We put an end to self-regard, having our own agenda, our own aspirations. I'm thankful we can put away our self-life.

Some of our enemies have said that two people will leave the Body and it will shock everyone when they do. But if someone leaves it's because he wants to retain his own flavor. If that's the case it is better for him to leave. Anyone is free to leave if they want what the world has to offer them. We're here because we love our Master Yahshua and want what He has to offer us. Before the Race begins there will be a refining process and many will leave us. It has to be that way. We have to shed our extra baggage. We can't have any extra weight when we are in training for the race. We have to get rid of it. The melting process (or refining) is designed to do that.

Mal 3:1-4 is going to happen in the last days so we can make acceptable offerings to Him. He won't accept what we do in the flesh. Some people have the victim spirit. They dwell on things done to them in the past. They can't forgive because they aren't forgiven. So their sins pile up as high as heaven (like Christianity, Rev 18:5). Rom 8:9 – *“However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the spirit of God dwells in you.”* The only way we can belong to Messiah is because we have His Spirit.

2 Cor 5:15 – *“And He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.”* We live for the One who died for us. So we shouldn't be scared if someone leaves. They lived their own life in the Body and it was not going well with them because they were living for themselves. If God is not a shield for them (Pr 2:7), then it's because they don't belong to Him, for *“He is a shield to those who walk uprightly.”*

Rom 8:6 – *“For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.”* Some people are not living in peace. They keep thinking about something that happened in the past. The “victim spirit” is all over the earth. People who come to this country hold on to it and don't become one with the United States of America.

Rom 8:7 – *“The mind set on the flesh is hostile towards God...”* We can be enemies of God in the Body, living by our own strength. These people are lawless. No matter how hard they try to please God, they can't. They are miserable because they haven't received our Master yet. They haven't surrendered their life and become a new creation. Paul said all things have become new. Yes, those who haven't become new will be eliminated. We have been forgiven of our independent self-life, promoting ourselves, having our own agenda. We've given all that up.

We shouldn't be surprised when someone leaves. We know whom we love, who our brothers and sisters are, whom we can trust. Pr 2:7; 2 Sam 22:2-3 – *“He is a shield to those who walk uprightly.”* He can pitch the whole Body up in the air and what belongs to Him will fall down at His feet and the rest will be blown away (the chaff or dross, what is good for nothing).

Nezer (Stephen) – Our Master didn't compromise. He spoke what our Father spoke and did what He did. And we will do the same. It's a free will offering if we have given up our lives.

Kharash – Our Master left us with the story of Judas. I don't want it to be that anyone would leave, but the reality is that I've broken bread with ones who have lifted up their hands against our Master. I can't say I've been surprised when that happened, but it does hurt.

What it says in Malachi explains the elimination process. What's in us has to be refined. Someone said at the groom's breakfast this past weekend that we have to get rid of all the “room for improvement” in our lives — our flesh. We'll either repent or be removed because there'll only be a pure bride in the end. I want that purification process in my life. That's what I came for. If we don't want that we're living

at the wrong address. Some can live in the Body with their asbestos suit on (Jer 6:29-30). But I want to be saved.

Baruch – I was thinking about that melting pot and how the metal around the edges gets hot, but not enough to melt. Only the metal inside melts. It's not enough to be here in the Body and drink your water and tie your hair back. We have to be melted to be unrecognizable. I want to leap into the middle of the melting pot so I can be saved! All we can do is completely immerse ourselves in our life and we'll be saved.

ha emeq – I was thinking about what the all disciples were saying, *"Is it I, Lord?"* Judas said it, too. When Yoneq said people who had left said we would be shocked about two people who would leave, I thought, *"Is it Yoneq and ha-emeq?"* In 2 Cor 5:15 it says, *"He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves."* So here we are. Our Master said, *"One of you will betray Me."* I thought, *"Is it Yoneq and ha-emeq?"*

Judas said, *"Is it I?"* He said it maybe while the other disciples were sipping their vinney. He took some, too, but he knew what was in his heart. The disciples had to get up that morning and make a choice to love our Master with their whole heart. I am part of the *all*. The whole gospel is about that one verse. It's what disqualifies Christianity or ourselves if we are thinking about something and making our own plans today, if we have our asbestos suit on.

I want to live for Yahshua today, pushing Him to the front of my life. If I do that then I can say, it's not me today who betrays Him. I want to follow Yahshua and not live for myself anymore.

You can speak that verse in 2 Cor 5:15 in an evangelistic way – *"He died for all,"* – that's "YOU." It comes down to us. When it says, *"All who live no longer live for themselves,"* it means if you're not saved you can't live this way. If you are you can now live for Him.

Randy – I was thinking about what we said concerning people who leave and comparing it to a plant. When a leaf falls off a plant the whole plant doesn't die. If someone leaves, the whole Body doesn't die. When I was in Sus we had a special celebration one day and it was a full day of activities. Then at the end a call went out for people to help with the dishes. I knew I was tired, but I thought I should help so I dragged myself into the kitchen and when I did people were in there singing as they worked! I got revelation of how it will be in the last days. If we have kept our eyes on our Master all along we'll be able to even give up our physical lives for Him if it's asked of us.