

## Yahshua is Risen!

We say, “He *is* risen!” not “*has* risen,” because He will never see death anymore. “He *is* risen!” and that means we are going to say this with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, all of our strength, that He *is* risen. We believe it in our heart.

There are two billion people who “believe” He rose from the dead, like they believe in anything else, but they don’t believe it in their heart. It hasn’t yet been conveyed to them in their heart. It can only be conveyed to a person’s heart by the Holy Spirit, when we receive faith. Then, when we confess that belief from our heart with our lips — that is salvation.

*...that if you confess with your mouth Yahshua as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Rom 10:9-10)*

But you have to believe in your heart, your spirit, where the Holy Spirit comes, and that’s what you believe with, the innermost part of you. That’s your spirit, which conveys that belief from your heart to your soul, and your soul conveys it to your brain, from your brain to your mouth, and you confess with your mouth what you believe in your heart. It’s a miracle to do that, because it comes from Him. If it doesn’t come from Him, you’re not saved, no matter how much you say it with your mouth. It’s just as much a miracle as His physical resurrection. There’s no difference; it’s a miracle that the Creator, our Father, could convey that truth to our hearts that we could make the confession with our mouths. That’s salvation. We make that confession in baptism.

*And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you. (Mt 28:7)*

*...saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” (Lk 24:34)*

*But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! But now Christ is risen from the*

*dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:13,17,20)*

Acts 2:24,27,31 say He was in death. He was raised from that place of suffering (Acts 1:3). He came back after His suffering. Acts 2:27 — *Hades is death*. Acts 2:31 — He was not abandoned to Hades, or death.

*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Ths 4:16-17)*

When He returns there is going to be a resurrection. There will be “those who are alive and remain” until His coming, and some will die before His return. We’ll go through a similar transformation as He did when He rose again from the dead. We likewise will have a transformation, to never again see death. Even when we go to the judgment, we won’t see death. We won’t see the second death, if we are faithful.

*...who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (Phil 3:21)*

*For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. (Rom 6:5-9)*

That is good news, isn’t it! We’ve been baptized into His death. It is necessary to read Rom 6:3-4 in order to understand verses 5-9.

*Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:3-4)*

## Baptized into the Mediator

1 Cor 10:2 — All were baptized into Moses. Mt 28:19 — “... baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Gal 3:27 — Baptized into Messiah, the Son. We were baptized in the name of the Father (the Source), the Son (the Mediator) and the Holy Spirit (whom we are sealed with). That was the final thing — we were sealed with the Holy Spirit in baptism (Eph 1:13).

What does baptism into Moses signify? Were they baptized into Moses? What does it mean? They were put under the control and direction of our Father, the God of Israel, through Moses. They were baptized into the mediator. Moses was the mediator. You had to be baptized into the control and direction that our Father was giving through Moses, but if you didn't do that you were cut off, you were disciplined, or you were destroyed. If you rebelled against that you were rebellious, and rebellion is Satan's sin. Anyone who is rebellious is a son of Satan (Satan is his source), remember that! That is why we have to discipline that out of our children.

So they were put under Moses' authority. Anyone who went against Moses was punished by our Father. 1 Cor 6:17 — Baptism means you are joined to Messiah and become one spirit with Him. If you are truly baptized, you are joined to Messiah by the *sealing* of the Holy Spirit, joined into oneness with the Son. We've got to maintain that oneness. He's our Mediator who takes us on to the Father.

## Judgment in the Body

*...or what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God judges. Therefore put away from yourselves the evil person. (1 Cor 5:12-13)*

We're the judge of the people inside, those who are believers, who have been sealed with the Holy Spirit. That's who we judge.

Dt 17:7 — We have to put away evil from among us. It's talking about purging and expelling the wicked rebellious of Israel. That means we have been baptized into

Messiah's body; we're a part of His body and we can make judgments! We have *qahals*. We have counsel. We can determine who is rebellious and who isn't *in the Body* — not the people who aren't in the Body, not the people who are visitors.

So Paul draws a line here, a parallel, between the Old Covenant community and the New Testament community, in 1 Cor 10:1-11. The edah exercises discipline within its own community, and it doesn't regulate the behavior outside the community. No one is a "heretic" outside of the local community. Only if you are baptized and in the community could you be considered a *heretic*. Certainly everyone on the outside is not going to agree, because they don't have the one Spirit, even though they may claim to have the one Spirit.

Those in the Body we took to the water and we baptized them, and they are supposed to be under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and in fellowship with one another. But the edah does not regulate the behavior of non-believers, except to purge the rebellious ones from their midst. The rebellious are those who rebel and cause problems. Unbelievers in our midst don't have the Holy Spirit, so they are going to be a little bit hard, but the day will come when they surrender that rebellious spirit.

Our judgment has to be by counsel in the *qahal*, judging the matter in council. We're the Body of Messiah and we're going to have thousands of people in the future coming in. We are going to have to judge with right judgment, not only the Body, but with those who are in the community from the outside. We will have to handle with great care those not yet baptized, in order to really help them see the light. We will have to be patient with them, *but* we cannot tolerate anyone who is continually rebellious, because rebellion is of Satan.

If you're rebellious, it means there is no place found for you anywhere on earth — no place in the nations, no place anywhere. Rebellious people have to go where Satan goes. He's the prince of rebellion.

## Proclaiming What we Believe in our Heart

When we talk about resurrection, we must believe it with all of our heart, and we must say it, “Yahshua is risen!” It is an exclamation, that He is risen. It comes from your heart; you believe it. Do you believe it? (*Yes!*) We have to declare, “Yahshua is risen!” to all the evil angels, and the holy angels of our Father — the whole spiritual realm.

So that is what we are here for tonight, to celebrate the resurrection — to speak, to shout, to declare, “Yahshua is risen!” When we do that, it delivers us from all those evil spirits. It delivers us! It is something we believe in our heart and declare with our mouth, like the apostles did when they knew our Master rose from the dead. They said, “He is risen! He is risen!” We’ve got to be excited about it. That’s salvation. If we don’t believe it, we don’t say it, then we are not saved. If you want to be saved, say it from your heart. Salvation is when you say it with your mouth from your heart.

That’s what you have to confess. One who doesn’t confess it is cursed. They can be cursed. They can be, but not all. It’s according to their heart, and our Father sees our heart. But we just can’t say, “Yes, I believe in my heart,” and then there’s no fruit coming forth, but rebellion continually coming out of us. Making that confession subdues rebellion, it puts it to death; when we go into the water and we die with Messiah. We go into His death.

Shemiyah — I had concepts that I believed, but those concepts did not allow me to give up my life the way He gave up His life without any fear of death. I was afraid of people telling me what to do with my life. Now I am free from fear of death. I am not afraid to live in the community and be directed by His Body, by Him. To confess Him as Lord (Rom 10:9), the Hebrew word is *ha adon* — the controller, and that is revelation that our Master is the King of Israel. Believing means we can be conformed to His death, and we can submit to Him as the LORD, the King of Israel, just as He submitted to His Father.

Mt 28:19 — We are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That’s not trying to establish a doctrine, but it is simply saying the Source of the

Spirit to receive the sealing of the Holy Spirit — salvation. Jn 3:16 — For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes will have eternal life. Eternal life is what? Eternal life is the sealing of the Holy Spirit. The Son is the Mediator; the Father is the Provider of the Son. The Son is the One we trust in, in order to be reconciled to the Father, by the Holy Spirit sealing us in baptism. We are sealed in baptism. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit. When we come up, we are resurrected from the dead. It's a spiritual resurrection.

Hadassah — I've known my whole life that our Master rose from the dead, but I could only believe it in the way that a Christian believes it. They believe that He died, and that His blood covers their sins, but they don't have hope to change, because they don't believe in their heart that He rose from the dead. In some ways, I don't fully believe our Master rose from the dead, because I don't fully believe that I can change. But I want my belief in His resurrection to be a reality in my life and the lives of my friends. If our Master just died and went to death, He was as any other person, but He was actually loosed from the pangs of death, and because of this we can change.

We have to be just like the disciples of old and the women who went to the tomb. When He died and He rose from the dead, they went out and told people, "He is risen!" We've got to be just as excited when we proclaim that He is risen. I could imagine they didn't murmur, "Oh, well, our Master is risen." I think they screamed it out, as loud as they could, overjoyed that He had risen. Just think if He hadn't risen from the dead, where would we be now?

Mevaser — I am so thankful for the great miracle — we believe! It's a miracle. Miriam went to the eleven; she was sent with the good news, and they didn't believe her. Then the two who went to Emmaus came, and they didn't believe them either. These were people who had laid eyes on Him. He said, "Tell them that I ascend to My Father and your Father, My God and your God." Later He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart. If He ascended, that means He descended. If He descended and ascended, it means our sins were paid for! And He said, "*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned (Mk 16:15-16).*"

It's a miracle that I believe. I didn't even see Him! I didn't even talk to someone who saw Him, but I did talk to someone who knew Him. I received faith in my heart, and now I can proclaim, "He is risen!" I don't have to wonder whether I am in a fantasy, because I lay down my life for my brothers and submit my life. I am told what to do. It's a great miracle that we believe, and it is something to be excited about, because that miracle confirms the other miracle that He went to death and rose again on our behalf.

Yedidiah ben Soreph Gamaliel — We say, "He is risen!" to the enemies. Our war isn't against flesh and blood, but against the enemies that wanted to oppress our Master and beat Him down. He ran the gauntlet. The pain was terrible, but the agony was spiritual, against the enemies that want to beat us down today. When we say, "He is risen!" we are telling those enemies that we believe it in our heart, so we are going to do something about it. That will cause fear and trembling to come to them. They flee in the presence of praise!

Do you know what caused Him to endure the pain of going into death? It was the joy that was set before Him. He was looking at us, that was His joy, and the least we can do is serve Him.

David Derush — Christians all think they know He is risen from the dead, but they can't know it. They took the idea that Jesus died for their sins out of the middle of the gospel. But, Paul said the only way you can really know that He rose from the dead is Phil 3:8-11. In order to gain that knowledge of the resurrection, he had to suffer the loss of all things and count them as rubbish. You can't have the true knowledge of the resurrection without doing as Paul did. Paul had to forsake all. Yet Christians imagine they can know Him and the power of His resurrection completely apart from surrendering all. It is an enormous deception.

Tonight we will say not, "He is risen!" because we know who we are talking about. We are going to say, "Yahshua is risen!" We want to say His name. That's what dispels every evil spirit. His name is greater than every other name. It casts out rebellion and everything else.

*We proclaimed with all our hearts our belief that our Master Yahshua is risen...*