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A Documentary of Why our Master Came

(This will be for the Freepaper to Christians.)

A documentary, presenting facts, objectively provides evidence of what it takes in order to have eternal life. But, before we start, you should know that if one does not first of all love the Sovereign his God with all of his heart, and with all of his soul, and with all of his strength, this teaching will put him under the law, as are all who are in Christianity and under the Old Covenant in Israel, except for the few. But nevertheless, God took the Kingdom away from both (Mt 21:43) in order to give it to a nation who will love Him and obey His commandments (Rev 22:14, NKJV).

There is no way possible to obey His commandments without this love in our hearts. The fruit of the Spirit is love, and to bear the fruit of the Kingdom one must have love, and no one has God's love except by His pouring His love into their hearts (Rom 5:5). He does this in order that we too would be able to obey the Messiah (Jn 13:34), in order that Jn 13:35 could be the witness of His love and the unity of the Spirit (Jn 17:23 and Eph 4:2-3). Otherwise, if we are not part of the witness of the Kingdom (Mt 24:14), and claim to know Him, then we should read 1 Jn 2:3-6. Verse 6 can only be done in His Body, which is the Community (Col 1:18).

His commandments are for the purpose of accomplishing the will of God, to attain to His eternal purpose. They are also for those who do not have His love in them, so they could know it and repent for claiming to know Him (1 Jn 2:4), so that they may, as 1 Jn 5:13 says (KJV), believe after all. They see that the whole letter of 1 John condemns them.

All that an honest, sincere person has to do, Christian or not, especially one in a church, is to read the letter, 1 John, and come to the proper conclusion of what John wrote it for. Those who are willing to do the will of God can know (Jn 7:17). Not that

they need to be re-baptized in the Christian Church, but that they must come out of her — if they can hear His voice (Jn 18:37; Rev 18:4; Jn 10:14,27).

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1 Jn 5:13 is not written for 1 Jn 2:4 kind of people, who are not of the truth. It is written for the one who is genuinely concerned about whether he knows Him or not. He wants to know Him and have the assurance of it (1 Jn 3:14,16,23-24). All who are willing to do His will, will know that there is no way that they can obey His commandments in the state they are in. It is the state of their involvement in the world, knowing they hardly can help but be *of it* (Jn 17:13-19).

In order to obey the Creator's commands to His holy people, you must find Him or He must find you. All whom He finds must be as Abraham was in Gen 18:19. They must be willing (Jn 7:17) to be found by a sent one as Jn 7:18 describes — one who is seeking the glory of the One who sent him. Such a true sent one is seeking Yahshua's glory and has no falsehood in him (Jn 13:20).

The Light of 1 Jn 2:8

Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. (1 Jn 2:8)

This is speaking of this day. But if one never heard the "faith" (or has not been persuaded) in order to be saved into Messiah's holy nation, it is because of several different reasons. Mainly it was because it was not the time of Dan 2:44 and Mk 9:11-12, and it was not the days of Mt 24:14. It was not the time for the restoration of the nation the First Church forsook (Mt 21:43) and never accomplished (Acts 26:7; Mal 1:11). They lived in the days when 1 Pet 2:9 was non-existent and Isa 49:6 was not being raised up for its designated purpose. But when the time comes, all who hear from one sent to them (Lk 10:16) will either receive them or reject them (Jn 3:18,36).

The people living on earth who have never encountered one of these sent ones, one of the members of the Body of Messiah, must also live by a certain standard ordained by the Creator in Gen 3:22; 3:16-19; 9:1-7; Isa 24:5; Rom 2:14-16; 2:6-11. He has instilled into the conscience of man the knowledge of good and evil. They did not have the light of 1 Jn 2:8. So man has a choice between these two ways of life. Those who lived by the standard of good, will inherit the Kingdom prepared for them (Mt 25:34). Those who do not, will inherit the sentence of the second death (Mt 25:41,46), which is eternal (Jn 5:28-29).

This judgment will be for all of mankind who did not know the Son of God and so could not obey His commandments, but either kept or didn't keep a good conscience. They either did or didn't live as best as they knew how. Heb 9:27 – All die and go to the first death, but after they are raised to life, they are judged at the judgment seat in Rev 20:12-15, which determines their eternal state — a second life or a second death as described in Rev 20:14-15.

But then comes 1 Jn 2:8. If one claims to know Him but does not do what He commands, he is a liar and is not of the truth (Jn 18:37; 10:14,27; 1 Jn 2:3-6). So 1 Jn 2:3-6 is written to those who claim to believe (1 Jn 5:13) and claim to know Him. 1 Jn 2:8 and Jn 13:34-35 — This love was seen in Him and also in His true disciples who obey His commandment to love as He called them to love. They kept this "new commandment."

Jn 13:34 – A New Commandment I Give You

This new commandment, which establishes His new community after His ascension (Jn 7:37-39), came into existence on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:36-47 and 4:32-37), fulfilling all His commandments (Mt 28:20) as a light to the world, starting in Jerusalem. The command changed from "love your neighbor" (Lev 19:18) to "love one another" (Jn 13:34), starting again the community of the Kingdom of Priests. The royal

priesthood (1 Pet 2:9 as Ex 19:5-6) did not come about due to Ex 32:26-34. 1,400 years later the Word of God incarnate gave the decree that Isa 49:6 would be fulfilled by another nation who would produce the fruit of the Kingdom (Mt 21:43) and be truly a Kingdom of priests. This would come about in the very last of days. Rev 1:6 and 5:9-10 would finally be fulfilled.

This event in the history of old Israel was the foretaste of the gospel, which was to be obeyed when this new nation would rise up in the future. Ex 32:27 – Our Master said He came to bring a sword to cut off all earthly (secular) family members who would not follow the Son as all true disciples will do (Lk 14:26; Mt 10:34-38; Lk 12:49-53; Mk 3:31-35), and who would hinder one from drinking of the water of life (Rev 21:6-8). The new family is Mk 3:35. Other family members of one's secular family had to be cut off in order to take up the cross and follow Yahshua (Mk 10:21-28-30).

The sword is: Mt 10:34,37; Lk 12:49,51-53; Mk 3:33-35; Lk 14:26,33; Acts 2:44-45; Acts 4:32-37.

From the very beginning, those who followed our Master heard the commandments such as the many other words of Acts 2:40. This is as the apostles were commanded by Him in Jn 13:34 in order to be Jn 13:35. And as Mt 28:20 says, they were to command others to keep His commandments. This is the gospel of the Kingdom to be able to enter into the reign of the King Yahshua and in the community, the witness of the coming Kingdom. To know Him is to keep His commandments (1 Jn 2:3-6). So the new commandment was to begin a new social order, a *counter-culture*, a new lifestyle altogether — new.

This love is impossible without communion with the Holy Spirit. 1 Jn 3:14,16,23,24 — This expresses Messiah's sacrificial love as the model. 1 Jn 2:8 – In Him this love was witnessed, just as it is seen in us. To love as Jn 13:35 takes a community of believers, which is the only place where this love can be expressed to all men. The words "love one another" expresses community life, as does 1 Jn 3:16. Where else can it

happen again? How else can it happen again? But this time, it will be to bring about the end of the age (Mt 24:14).

Jn 13:35 — "If you have love for one another" — the word love here is #26, which is confined only to the Community of the Redeemed. This kind of love cannot be expressed outside, independent of the Body of Messiah, which is the community that has Messiah as its head (Col 1:18).

The word *agape* in 1 Cor 13:1 means to lay down one's life for his brothers, for one *another*, as Messiah's love was expressed to them, just as He loved them (1 Jn 3:16). If we have this *agape* (#26), then we can love our brothers. #25 is in Jn 13:34 and 1 Jn 3:14, which is to direct our will to love as He loved, because He had that love in Him from the Father, and we have that same love in us. His love has been poured out into our hearts (Rom 5:5).

The Rom 5:5 love is #26, since we have the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is love (*agape*), the same Spirit our Master received in Mt 3:16-17. This love gave our Master the unshakeable certainty of who He was and where He was going. He didn't turn back. He received faith, the persuasion of His Father's voice, as to who He was. He went right over to be tempted by Satan in Mt 4. He continued to be persuaded by His Father's voice, as we are (Jn 18:37).

We are the witnesses now of this love, as 1 Jn 2:8. The darkness is soon to pass away and the true light, which will illumine the whole world, will shine forth (Lk 1:79; Mt 5:14; Isa 49:6). Regardless of how blamelessly their counter-culture expresses its new life in Messiah, it will invite rejection from the surrounding township they live in to be its light, since living by different values will suggest that their values are evil (Jn 15:18-20). The tension will be obvious. The pain will be real.

The World is the Sum Total of Human Culture and Institutions

Mt 16:24 — We cannot love our Father and have His love in us and love the world and the things of the world at the same time (1 Jn 4:4; 2:15-16). Jms 4:4 — Friendship means having common interests (Mt 12:30; 6:24). Friendship is *phileo* love (#5368) — having common interests, as even in the news. The reason we have current events is to understand the times (1 Chr 12:32), but not to be engrossed in worthless things of the world.

The things of this world can be very tricky. It is not just football teams or worldly music — high and low-brow and rock is obvious — but some things of the world are very subtle. Christians are unsurpassed in the things of the world. They participate in the sum total of human culture and institutions (1 Jn 5:19; Jms 4:4; 1 Jn 3:13). Jn 15:12-21 — Not Christian but "you" — "you" and "us," His counter-culture. Those we thought were of us were never of us (1 Jn 2:19). When they leave they go out from us into the world and lap up all they can stand, as a dog who returns to its vomit (2 Pet 2:20-22).

The world in Jn 3:16 is humanity in need of love and a Savior. They need to see a light shining in the darkness (Lk 1:78-79). The world in 1 Jn 2:15-17 is culture, which is hostile to God.

Our relationship to their perverse culture cannot be friendly (Jms 4:4). We have a totally different orientation (Jn 17:15-18). To maintain this new orientation we must be victorious over the prince of this world and the culture we have been delivered from (Acts 2:40), in order to show others in darkness the light of love (Jn 1:4-9). In Lk 1:78-79, in some translations, are the words "rising sun" or the orient, meaning to give men the true orientation to the daybreak, the dawning, or toward the east where the rising sun is: to shine on those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the path of peace.

Emotional Energy – You can't Serve Two Masters

Mt 6:24 — What our Master meant is that it is impossible for a person to serve two masters, for a person only has so much emotional energy. If a person is investing himself in the values of the culture of the world, there can't be enough energy left to serve or invest into our Master Yahshua's values. What He values is His Kingdom. We are to seek first and foremost for His Kingdom. All our energy is invested in what is most essential for His glory, even as most Christians are not investing in the works prepared for them, to build up the Body (Eph 2:10; 4:16).

They have no idea what in the world they are to do, to do our Father's will. Eph 2:10 and 4:12,16 is a strange doctrine to them who are spending most of their time and energy on the things (or culture) of this present world and not in the Community of the Redeemed (Acts 2:44; 4:32-37). All Christians are placed at the disposal of what they are emotionally invested in, meaning, "Where their treasure is, there will their heart be also." (Lk 12:34)

1 Tim 6:9 — This is their life. Their life is 1 Tim 6:9 instead of Mt 6:33. They live like all other Gentiles do (Mt 6:31-32). Here is a brand-new brother's testimony. Qashar wrote this:

"I live daily for Him and for my brothers and sisters. I strive to be like Him in every way. This to me is a life worth living, to glorify His name and to bring His Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. Whatever that is like, we see the beginnings of it here and I'm sure it is a goal worth striving to achieve. Hopefully, I won't stumble too much along the way."

How does this compare with the new Christian without brothers, sisters, and community? This new brother has heard the many other words and knows why he was saved (Eph 2:8-10; Lk 12:34). His heart and soul was invested in the work God saved

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him to do. This means 1 Jn 3:16,23 and this is the daily life of the community as each person does his or her part.

His talents are put to use in doing his works by the gifts God has given him. Everything we do is for Him, whom we serve where He is. All of our energy is invested in doing these works on His behalf in the Body here on earth. We are all deeply invested in the true values of this new life and this new culture. No longer are we wasting our talents or our emotional energy on the things of the world.

You can't serve God and mammon. There is only enough emotional energy to invest in the things of God – none to waste on the things of the world. Col 1:13 is either fact or fiction, as it was fiction for me for so many years in Christianity. But now we display what we value most – all our time and energy is spent on the building up of the Body, which is God's dwelling place (Rev 21:3; Eph 4:16).

Our treasure is Him and His will for our lives. If our investments go to one place they cannot go to another. You can't serve both or drink out of two cups. Our Master demands exclusive loyalty. He is a husband who will not share His wife with anyone else. It is all or nothing (Lk 14:26,33 or Mt 10:37-38). The person going out to be executed on the cross (Mk 10:21) has invested all of his wealth and reputation, even life itself, in the cause for which he is dying. There is no future separation from that cause (Jn 18:37). It is total commitment to which Yahshua calls all His followers.

Jn 12:25-26 — The word serve in Jn 12:26 is the investment of all your talents, to employ all your gifts to do all your works to build up His Kingdom in order to serve in the works to be done (#1247). Such an attendant (servant) accompanies our Master, or follows Him where He is and serves Him there, and is honored by the Father. He is highly esteemed.

Can you imagine a human being besides our Master being highly esteemed by God? He is a bond slave — one who serves willingly — one who could be "free" but refuses to leave His Master whom he loves. This service (Eph 4:12) of serving cannot be

done independent of the works prepared for one to do in the Body (Lk 12:16-21), as all serve night and day (Acts 26:6-7), serving one another in the new family of Mk 3:34-35.

Jn 9:4 – Nightfall

James wrote to a failing twelve-tribed nation in the second century, which was not bearing the fruits of the Kingdom (Mt 21:43) as it had in the beginning (Acts 4:32). They were invested in the world (Jms 1:10-11; 2:2-3,5-7; 4:13; 5:1; Lk 12:16-21; 1 Tim 6:9; Mk 10:23-27; Lk 6:20,24). Rom 14:23 – We must give ourselves wholeheartedly, for that is the value of our Master, the pearl of great price, buying the field. Otherwise, 1 Jn 5:21.

I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. (Jn 9:4-5)

Jn 9:4 – Nightfall. In the second century, night fell. The lampstand was taken out of the way. It became nighttime when no one could do the works in Eph 2:10 and 4:12, and this lasted for 1,900 years. No man could work due to the fact that the Holy Spirit, faith, was no longer available for them. The light went out for the world.