

Citizens of the Commonwealth

Nun — The word “community” is rooted in “commune,” which has become a derogatory term through the way it was misrepresented in the Hippie Movement. We are, in the truest sense, a commune, as we have a common life and a common wealth.

Commune/communion — living together and being together is true fellowship. This incorporates and saturates every aspect of our life, expressing the very nature of our Elohim, glorifying His very essence: tri-une, three in one. A three-strand cord is strongest. We need to be like Him. This is the charge our Father is giving us as leaders (Mt 18:20), to truly be “communing” which is the essence of our constitution as a people.

Eph 2:12 — To truly be a commonwealth, one has to acquire citizenship in that separate nation, one where all wealth is shared. No one keeps anything for himself, not even “just in case” they need it, or might need to use it for themselves sometime, or “pocket money” and things of this nature (Jn 14:30). Many people have been with us who kept just enough money in reserve for a bus ticket, “just in case” things didn’t work out. They were never part of the Commonwealth of Israel. A commonwealth is community, or co-unity, which means no longer living for ourselves, by definition. The worldly definition of commonwealth does not apply. We must use the right “dictionary” — our Father’s Word — in which Paul defined and wrote by the Holy Spirit about the “Commonwealth of Israel.”

Can the people of Hiddenite say they live in a “community”? Definitely not, by definition, nor can the “church” at the corner truly be called a church. Can they spend their lives doing Phil 2:2-5 and Eph 4:1-3? Do they have Eph 4:4-6? This does not make sense. It is not a church any more than the township of Hiddenite is a community. And Christianity is definitely not “The Church,” the Body of Messiah.

We are the light to the nations. We have to show the world what a “church” really is, and what a “community” truly is.

Hilkiyah of Yoceph — There is a struggle we face, even administratively, to define and display what a “commonwealth” is to the whole world, and what a “church” is to the governments of the nations. This is our task.

Mevaser of Yoceph — “We belong to Messiah; we are his to do with as He pleases... He won’t forsake us; He has bought us with his blood...” What more could our Master give to us? What more could He pay? He has given everything to us, so it takes us giving everything to show the world who belongs to Messiah, and what it means to belong to Messiah. The true church is going to demonstrate this. Mk 14:9 is the true church, and this is what creates the commonwealth — doing what He did, trusting all into our Father’s hands, just as He did, in a covenant.

When we sing, “We belong to Messiah,” it means, “We belong to one another.” We trust, letting Him do with us as He pleases. Trusting is salvation. Now, many people say they believe in God, but they do not trust Him to do with them as He pleases. But we do. When we say, “We trust Him,” it means we literally trust the Body of Messiah, as salvation comes through the Body. And that is eternal life. No one receives eternal life unless he trusts the Body of Messiah.

Gad — We learned recently that true communion is Jn 17:10, “All things I have are yours, and all things you have are mine.”

That is it. We have to be just like the Father and the Son. That is “The Body of Messiah.”

Hakam — Looking around the circle in the minchah, I was overwhelmed in my heart, looking at those whose hearts were captured by our Father, and that we actually do love one another. Love is more powerful than mistakes or anything. Where people stumble is when they stop trusting, and so forget what our Master did for us, which is why we belong to one another. The hope of the universe is our trust for one another (Lk 12:32).

Shrinking back comes from fear. We have to be fearless, in the truest sense, putting our dependence on Him, because we have no life apart from Him. But if our dependence is upon anything else, we will not be able to hear Him through one another; we will not be able to be led.

We are going to be one as the Father and Son are one (Jn 17:11,16,18,21-23), and we are going to actually love one another as He loved us (Jn 13:34; 15:10,12-13).

"If only He could be here" at this time, in person, what would be next? "Everything would be so clear." But it is supposed to be clear just with His Spirit here. And that takes faith.

We are on a journey, and by the end of this journey, every "selfish bone" in our body has to be dealt with by our Father. That is what we are saying, when we sing, "Cleanse me from all selfish will." Selfishness is sin. And that is why our Master Yahshua died and went into death: to forgive us and free us of our selfishness. Sin is living for yourself.

The world can't help but live for themselves. They may try to do the best they can, but they still have to live for themselves — going to get their own groceries, their own clothing, their own house. How else can they? They live by themselves, but not so in the Body of Messiah (2 Cor 5:14-15). "We no longer live for ourselves" because we have our brothers and sisters to look out for our needs; and we do our part (Eph 4:9-13,16).

1 Cor 2:9-10 — We are our Father's "holy habitation," the dwelling place for Elohim to dwell in, eternally. He will rule the world and the entire universe through us redeemed humans. The nations will only see us in the eternal age, just as no one could see the Father except through our Master (Jn 14:9; 13:20). Even now we should be able to say the same thing, "He who has seen us has seen the Father."

This is why we have been chosen, and all this is now being revealed to us by His Spirit (1 Cor 2:10-12; Jn 14:10,11,15-17). "The increase of His government will never end" (Isa 9:6-7). How will this actually happen? We are the bride, the wife of the Lamb. Yahshua is the husband. There would never be any mention of Him as the husband or us as the wife unless there was going to be some kind of propagation, in a spiritual way. We do not know how it will be done yet, but we do know we will be "married" to Messiah in order to have spiritual offspring.

The nations will be propagating physical offspring, increasing continually, until the universe is filled. But will that ever happen? Will the universe ever be filled up? Will the increase of His government ever come to an end? No, the propagation of the nations

will continue forever and ever. And this is why we have been chosen: to reign forever (Rev 22:5). Can we give up our "rotten, stinking lives" for that? Whoever wants to, lift your hands.