

Lesson No. 132 – The Ambassadors For CHRIST

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For Christians, there are a lot of times when the Bible is read where various Bible phrases are skipped over without considering, what did that just say to us. And to some, it really may not matter what these phrases actually say, as long as they believe they are Christians and are walking as they see necessary in their own lives.

This marks our 132nd Sabbath night lesson, and it is fascinating that as we continually plunge into the WORD of ELOHIM, we increasingly discover more of these phrases that should make Christians say, hmmmmm, what does that really mean. Once again, there was a phrase we read in the prior lesson that seemed worthy of further consideration for all Christians as I was preparing that lesson to be published onto the website.

And for those Christians that are in the preparation period to appear before ELOHIM on that most important appointed time ELOHIM's WORD calls Passover, I believe we each will agree that this Lesson No. 132, The Ambassadors For CHRIST, comes at an appropriate time.

Perhaps each of us hearing or just reading this lesson may find some thought or action that as Christians, we are in need of strengthening, as we each prepare to appear before ELOHIM at the time appointed. We encountered this phrase written by the Apostle of CHRIST called Paul. The Apostle and his spiritual Brother Timothy wrote this epistle to the following people.

- 2Co 1:1 **Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God**, and Timothy *our* brother, **unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia**: 2Co 1:2 Grace *be* to you and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

Immediately Christians are taught by the Apostle himself, along with Timothy, that his intended audience was the church of ELOHIM which was at Corinth and all the saints which were in all Achaia. Through simple study Christians should accept and agree that the word church was translated from the Greek word “ekklesia” which at its core essence means “called-out ones”. The Apostle also targeted saints, translated from the Greek word “haggios”, meaning those who are holy and sacred, morally blameless. Those who take the time to study ELOHIM’s WORD probably know that this targeted audience in Corinth and Achaia is consistent with the Apostle’s writings of all the Books attributed to him. Later in this same epistle we read the following.

- 2Co 5:15 And *that* **he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.**

ELOHIM’s WORD teaches Christians that YAHWEH of ELOHIM constantly sought for the Children of Yisrael (COY) to live as a nation unto HIM, the Holy One of Yisrael. They constantly refused. **Christians should know that the Holy One of Yisrael was HE that came unto the COY in the flesh and yet died for all, not just for the COY, that all should live unto HIM, and not unto themselves.** This is a decision that all must eventually make. Do we live unto the ONE who died for all, or to ourselves? And very importantly to Christians’ knowledge, not only did HE die for all, HE also “rose again”. Believe it or not, the fulness of this apparently is a great mystery to many Christians, which we will discuss a little later in this lesson.

- 2Co 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more. 2Co 5:17 **Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he* is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

Note that the Apostle first teaches that any man that is in CHRIST is a new creature. This verse represents a powerful resolution that all Christians must consider. Are they walking as new creatures? Have their old lives passed away? Have they truly become new?

- 2Co 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

The Apostle here is first speaking of himself and Timothy as he speaks and proclaims, they have been reconciled to ELOHIM by YESHUA CHRIST, and been given the ministry of reconciliation. If we look at the Apostle's total body of work, it appears that his entire commission could be said to be a ministry of reconciliation. He tried to help the COY reconcile the Old and New Covenants. He teaches Christians how to reconcile the New and the Old Covenant, and the New Covenant from the ways of the world. He then teaches an interesting concept, assigned first to he and Timothy.

- 2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Now the Apostle proclaims that both he and Timothy are ambassadors for CHRIST. As I read this verse, I believe the NASB provides a clearer version of what the Apostle is proclaiming.

- 2Co 5:20 (NASB) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

This word ambassador is presented only twice in the New Covenant. We shall read the second instance soon.

Based on what we are reading, the Apostle and Timothy have been commissioned as a ministry of reconciliation on behalf of, or as stand-ins for CHRIST, to appeal to these Christian saints that they be reconciled to ELOHIM, by living unto CHRIST, and not unto themselves.

We will come back to 2 Corinthians shortly. But let's look at the context of the second use of this word ambassador, translated from the Greek word "presbeuo", which carries the meanings of being older and ambassador.

- Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

We read these words quite often as we study ELOHIM's WORD because they are relevant to everything we study about HIS WORD and in particular, the New Covenant. I wanted to read in context to get to the following verses.

- Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, **to make known the mystery of the gospel**, Eph 6:20 **For which I am an ambassador in bonds**: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Apostle exhorts “called-out ones”, which is what Christians are supposed to be, to be strong, to “put on the whole armor of ELOHIM”, to stand and take the shield of faith and the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit (the WORD of ELOHIM), and pray with supplication, watching with prayer and supplication for all saints in the spirit.

And then, there are the words we often skip. He asks “called-out ones” to do the same for him, for his boldness of speech, for what purpose? So that the Apostle may boldly make known the mystery of the gospel, the Kingdom of Heaven. Why does he request this for himself? Because he is an ambassador in bonds. As Christians read through the Book of Acts, the Apostle’s bondage is well documented. He needed prayer to accomplish his commission as an ambassador for CHRIST. Later, the Apostle testified the following about himself to the “called out” Corinthians.

- 2Co 12:6 For **though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.** 2Co 12:7 And **lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.**

This may be a lesson to us all as we continue to grow in the WORD of ELOHIM. Perhaps this is why YESHUA HIMSELF desired for HIS disciples, which includes all “called-out ones”, “to be converted and become as little children” in Mathew 18:3. All mankind has egos which grow stronger as we succeed in whatever life brings. And yet, the WORD of ELOHIM requires “called-out ones” to become as little children in humility even more particularly as we become stronger in our knowledge of the truth. Satan was allowed to buffet the Apostle so that he wouldn’t become exalted beyond measure. So too for “called-out ones”. This is why all “called-out ones” are in constant need of prayer.

- 2Co 12:8 For this thing **I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.** 2Co 12:9 And **he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.** 2Co 12:10 Therefore **I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.**

This is why he was an ambassador of ambassadors. He possibly endured greater persecutions than all of the apostles.

Let's understand something about the Apostle Paul. We also know through study that he himself was an instrument of Satan to buffet those new "called-out ones" of the New Covenant, even with consent of murder. However, with his calling, he became an ambassador for CHRIST. He called Timothy an ambassador for CHRIST as well. Yet, none of the other New Covenant writers spoke of themselves as such. We read this recently.

- Act 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for **he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:** Act 9:16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

What does each one of us think about when we consider the task of being an ambassador? YESHUA HIMSELF proclaimed that the Apostle was a chosen vessel unto HIM, to bear HIS name before nations, kings and the COY. Think about those persons appointed ambassadors for the many nations of the world in modernity. They represent their home nations before foreign nations around the world. Their words and their mannerisms should reflect the ideals, customs and desires of the nations they represent. They stand in the place of the leadership of their own nation as they appeal to these other nations.

So, for the Apostle and his student, Timothy, the WORD of ELOHIM is clear. They were ambassadors for CHRIST, and, they continue in this role through their words committed to writing, for the edification of modernity's "called-out ones". Does this mean that they alone were ambassadors? What about the other apostles, and those who would come unto YESHUA through their words?

After proclaiming himself and Timothy to be ambassadors, he wrote this.

- 2Co 5:21 For **he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

ELOHIM made YESHUA, the CHRIST, who knew NO sin, as sin for he and Timothy. Why was CHRIST made sin? FATHER ELOHIM made HIM sin "that we might be made the righteousness of God in him". Is the "we" here speaking of the Apostle and Timothy only? Yes and no. The Apostle is asserting his ministry with Timothy to get a message to these saints that they might become reconciled unto ELOHIM. The challenge was for these "called-out ones" and saints to do what another Apostle challenged Christians to do.

- 2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure**: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 2Pe 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Peter, wrote this epistle "to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour YESHUA CHRIST". And yet he is teaching that even these "that have obtained like precious faith" with he and the other apostles must "give diligence to make" their "calling and election sure". The Apostle Paul taught "called-out ones" and "saints" in Corinth and Achaia to become reconciled to ELOHIM by living unto YEHSUA and not unto themselves.

Christians should see that the commissions of these two apostles are presented to various targets in a spirit of unity towards the same goal. The fact that both Apostles addressed their audiences as they did testify that both their audiences had repented and been baptized as required under the New Covenant. Yet, just because these audiences had taken these initial required steps did not mean that they had achieved the goal.

The only Apostle to which the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven were committed by YESHUA CHRIST HIMSELF, wrote this of Paul.

- 2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless **we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.** 2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, **beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

Peter speaks to all who look for new heavens and a new earth to be diligent to be found of YAHWEH in the Day of YAHWEH (verse 10) “in peace, without spot and blameless”. Christians should know that YAHWEH and CHRIST are one and the same. Christians should also know and agree that the Apostle speaks of these things as he also discusses the Day of YAHWEH in the context of a day being as 1,000 years to YAHWEH (verse 8). This Day of the LORD or YAHWEH, is being taught to “called-out ones” as being a 1,000-year time when the promises of spiritual salvation will begin to be fulfilled on this earth (read verses 7 thru 14). He is encouraging those who look unto this day to be diligent so that they may be found of CHRIST “in peace, without spot, and blameless”, which is necessary to partake in the first resurrection to take place at the beginning of the Day of YAHWEH. It is fascinating, that after the Apostle explained more about this day, he turned his attention towards the Apostle Paul.

- 2Pe 3:15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; **even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;**

Did we get this from Peter? He proclaims loudly “to them that have obtained like precious faith with” he and others “through the righteousness of ELOHIM and our Saviour YESHUA CHRIST”, that the Apostle Paul’s epistles were written, according to the wisdom given unto him, unto them as well. This is important because there are some in modernity that teach that the Apostle Paul ONLY taught Gentiles. The Apostle Peter, who was the ONLY disciple given the keys to the Kingdom, begs to disagree.

- 2Pe 3:16 **As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**

For those Christians that can see it, the Apostle Peter here asserts that the Apostle Paul’s epistles are approved to guide the man of ELOHIM to be perfect and appropriately furnished unto good works. The Apostle Peter was chosen to validate the teachings of the Apostle Paul, as he cautioned “called-out ones” that they were at times hard to understand, which some wrest unto their own destruction, as they do also other scriptures.

And, did you get what else Brothers and Sisters? As we study, Peter is informing us in verse 16 that the Apostle Paul’s epistles are indeed scripture. I highlight this because there are some Christians that teach that only the Old Covenant writings are scripture. The Hebrew Yisraelite given the keys to the Kingdom begs to disagree.

- 2Pe 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

Anyone teaching otherwise is led by the spirit of error of wickedness.

- 2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and forever. Amen.

As we began this lesson, we spoke about phrases that sometimes are skipped over. In verse 18 the Apostle write for “called-out ones” to grow in grace. This is a popular statement and teaching amongst Christians. However, he also writes for these same Christians to grow “in the knowledge of our LORD and Saviour YESHUA CHRIST, which both he and the Apostle Paul are teaching all “called-out ones” and saints to live unto, rather than unto themselves.

This teaches Christians another vital point to this discussion. Both Peter, Paul and all the other apostles were in fact “ambassadors for CHRIST”, walking and teaching as envoys for CHRIST with the same messages to whomever they were sent to.

With this background of the original ambassadors for CHRIST, let’s look at another very familiar set of scriptures written by the Apostle Paul.

- 2Ti 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** 2Ti 2:16 But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

Christians must discern whether these words were meant only for Timothy from the Apostle. They should be totally aware of the principle of duality in ELOHIM’s WORD. The writings and teachings in the WORD of ELOHIM are always given to a targeted audience of that specific time, to be understood as being applicable to the larger audience of future workmen and workwomen in the faith unto YESHUA. This becomes clear as we continue our study.

- 2Ti 2:17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 2Ti 2:18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

The Apostle Peter spoke of those who subvert the truth. Remember the Apostle Peter's words. This teaching about the resurrection was Biblically in error and obviously deceiving some. It exists even in modernity.

- 2Ti 2:19 **Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

The Apostle teaches that YESHUA CHRIST knows those that are HIS, given to HIM by HIS FATHER. It is the next sentence that provides the context, the duality, the key. **This was sent to Timothy, and yet the Apostle writes it also “to everyone that names the name of CHRIST”, that they depart from iniquity.** Remember what we learned, how the Apostle Paul's writings were also sent to those whom the Apostle Peter taught.

Now, to all that are seeking to live “unto CHRIST”, and not unto themselves, they should know that these lessons being taught to Timothy, of whom the Apostle has already asserted that he is an ambassador for CHRIST, are also lessons to them as well. What then is both the Apostle Paul and the Apostle Peter teaching those who look forward to that day when YESHUA CHRIST shall call for those who are HIS?

Paul's continuing words here should provide Christians a wealth of understanding towards this lesson's topic of ambassadorship.

- 2Ti 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 2Ti 2:21 **If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.**

Perhaps for many Christians, this role only applies to the pastors, the teachers, the deacons and elders, or even perhaps the apostles.

A such, these Christians would be relieved of considering themselves as ambassadors for CHRIST.

What about the role of Christians? Should each Christian be an ambassador for Christ? Isn't each Christian required to live unto CHRIST? Isn't each Christian required to make their calling and election sure? So, let's once again diligently seek out whatever the WORD of ELOHIM teaches Christians about whom ELOHIM considers to be HIS ambassadors for HIS SON YESHUA, known to the world at large as Jesus Christ.

Above the Apostle plainly states that the man that purges himself of dishonor and distortion of truth shall be "vessels unto honor, sanctified and meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work". Is this for Timothy only? Of course not. And while we are at it, let's clear up any other confusion, that could arise in discussions with others, about this being for men only.

- 1Pe 3:1 Likewise, **ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;** 1Pe 3:2 **While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.** 1Pe 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

Sadly, particularly in the communities of the descendants of slavery, the marriage ordained by ELOHIM's WORD is in shambles. Even when the husband is not a "called-out one", the Christian wife has a responsibility of subjection and chasteness to win their husbands by their conversation. Consider for the moment to what are these wives being urged to win their husbands to. The WORD of ELOHIM is all about winning souls to life eternal with our conversations. And then notice this discourse to the "called-out" men.

- 1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, **dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.**

Verse 7 is why I spoke of this discourse being towards “called-out” men, because it says that they should dwell with the chaste woman “according to knowledge”. And, it speaks to others as not obeying the WORD. Most men disobey the WORD because they have no knowledge. Called-out men should have knowledge and know that their “called-out” wives deserve honor as weaker vessels, **as co-heirs together of the grace of life**, so that their prayers will not be hindered.

As such, both “called-out” men and women are vessels unto CHRIST. The Apostle Paul and Timothy were ambassadors of CHRIST, vessels towards the commissions they were chosen to fulfill. Likewise, all of the apostles of CHRIST were vessels unto CHRIST and as such, they were also ambassadors of CHRIST. Also, likewise, all “called-out ones” should be vessels unto CHRIST, as they are called, both men or women.

- Eph 4:1 **I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,** Eph 4:2 **With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;** Eph 4:3 **Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

The Apostle Paul wrote this to the saints at Ephesus, and yet all Christians, as “called-out ones”, should know that this also applies to each one of them, male or female. They are all called to a vocation to forbear one another in love. And note verse 3. **These ambassadors for CHRIST are to endeavor “to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”.**

The New Covenant with the Houses of Yisrael and Yehudah, was and is made up with individuals, and not with these two nations as a whole.

After its initial implementation with the called-out Yisraelite disciples (which includes those who walked with them) and with those “called-out” Yehudans at the Appointed Time of Weeks, beginning with Cornelius, those of another fold (the nations, sometimes called Gentiles) were grafted in.

Together, we now have the following:

- Eph 4:4 **There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;** Eph 4:5 **One Lord, one faith, one baptism,** Eph 4:6 **One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

This body was never designed to walk in separate directions based on each persons’ individual beliefs. In modernity, some amongst the “called-out ones” are failing in their vocations because they are so easily deciding to walk in separate paths. It was not designed so. Where did this “let’s agree to disagree” teaching enter into the minds of Christians? Did the original ambassadors for CHRIST walk in separate paths? According to the Biblical evidence we have read in this lesson, the answer is an overwhelming NO! They worked it out together.

- Eph 4:7 **But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.**

All called-out ones”, whether a pastor or other vocation, have been given grace according to the measure of the gift of CHRIST. And what is that gift of CHRIST each “called-out one” has been given? That ambassador for CHRIST to whom was given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, was commissioned to help with this.

- Act 2:38 Then **Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

- Act 2:39 For **the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

He began his explanations with those to whom the promise was first promised, the Houses of Yehudah and Yisrael. Yet, he did so while guiding the future Household of Faith in how this promise/covenant was also given unto all of the nations of the earth. It simply was begun with the COY.

On this momentous occasion of the New Covenant, each of the apostles had been given a measure of this gift to begin their roles as ambassadors for CHRIST. Let's read how this developed.

- Act 1:26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.
- Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. Act 2:4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.** Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? Act 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

This was the first instance of the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the original ambassadors for CHRIST, HIS disciples/apostles. It was not meant to be the only evidentiary form of the gift of the Holy Spirit, as many Christians in modernity are being taught.

YESHUA HIMSELF had already established the foundation of this “gift of the Holy Spirit”.

- Joh 14:15 **If ye love me, keep my commandments.** Joh 14:16 **And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;** Joh 14:17 *Even* **the Spirit of truth;** whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- Joh 14:26 But **the Comforter,** *which is* **the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

By YESHUA’s own words, this gift is the Spirit of Truth which has a commission to teach all things in the name of YESHUA, whatsoever HE has said unto HIS disciples, the original ambassadors of CHRIST. Many are deceived and without knowledge to understand that the true gift of the Holy Spirit is the knowledge of the truth. The apostles were given this gift at Weeks (or Pentecost) by teaching the truth to Yehudans out of every nation under heaven.

It was necessary for the Holy Spirit to speak through them in the native tongue of all those Yehudans who heard them. This was also a sign, which Yehudans seem to always need before they truly believe. However, this form of sign is not always necessary. And furthermore, the babbling typically heard as evidence of the gift of the Spirit seems to never impart upon the hearers any knowledge of the WORD of ELOHIM, the truth.

The Apostle Paul continues to shed light on our discussion.

- Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, **When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.**

- Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) Eph 4:11 And **he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

What “called-out ones” must recognize about the whole body of ELOHIM’s WORD is that this list given by the Apostle was never meant to be all inclusive. It is but an example of gifts of the Holy Spirit given to the different callings of leadership that included teachers. A teacher can be male or woman according to the vocations given them as ambassadors for CHRIST for the following purpose.

- Eph 4:12 **For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:** Eph 4:13 **Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

Remember, does ELOHIM only require males to come in the unity of faith and the knowledge of YESHUA unto perfection and the measure of the stature of the fullness of CHRIST? Of course not. Men were chosen by ELOHIM to serve in certain positions of leadership. However, all “called-out ones” are given a measure of the gift of the Holy Spirit, as we have already read. And this is why.

- Eph 4:14 **That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness,** whereby they lie in wait to deceive; Eph 4:15 **But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**

Here is where we need to step back and ensure we are all walking in “the unity of faith”.

The Apostle states that “we be no more children”. YESHUA HIMSELF said the following:

- Mat 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

Do we have a Biblical disagreement between YESHUA and the Apostle Paul? Heaven forbid. YESHUA commands that we be converted. What does that mean? It means Christians must do as the Apostle admonished Christians to do earlier. We began this lesson by reading in 2 Corinthians 5:15 how that “called-out ones” and saints (which are really one and the same) should not live unto themselves, but unto YESHUA. This is the conversion YESHUA commands. YESHUA then explains what HE is commanding of those who come unto HIM to walk as little children.

- Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

It is the Apostle Peter who gives us the understanding of what the MESSIAH is requiring of Christians.

- 1Pe 5:6 **Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:** 1Pe 5:7 **Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**

These words explain both the conversion and the humility commanded by YESHUA for Christians to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Then the Apostle issues a warning of why this is so important.

- 1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

YESHUA also spoke of Satan, the devil.

- Joh 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Satan is a liar and the father of lying. He seeks to deceive.

The Apostle Paul said “be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive”. Mankind is given a choice as to which type of a little child they should walk as. One being tossed to and fro, or one who chooses to humble themselves “under the mighty hand of ELOHIM, that HE may exalt them in due time” by “casting all their care upon HIM”.

Allow me to make a bold statement as we discover more about the ambassadors for CHRIST. **No one is drawn and called by YESHUA ELOHIM or YAHWEH ELOHIM in the vocations in which they have been called, for the purpose of covenanting to agree to disagree.** This is what it means to be tossed about to and fro. Our common vocations must be for the edification of all saints towards oneness and togetherness in the Spirit of Truth.

- Eph 4:16 From whom **the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth,** according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

All “called-out ones” supply the body that was created to be “fitly joined together” “in love”. Why is this so important to Christians?

- Rom 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners**, **Christ died for us**.

Yes, CHRIST died for these saints in Rome that the Apostle is writing to. And yet we also know that HE died for all. It is these saints who make up the New Covenant church who simply have been drawn, called and chosen during that dispensation of ELOHIM's plan of salvation. The Apostle continues to teach the importance of what we read in 2 Corinthians.

- Rom 5:9 Much more then, **being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him**.

So, HIS blood, the result of HIS death, justified these saints. However, the Apostle says the saints SHALL BE saved from wrath through HIM. How shall this be accomplished?

- Rom 5:10 For **if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, **being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life**.

In his role as an ambassador for CHRIST, the Apostle was admonishing the "called-out" saints of Corinth and Achaia to be reconciled to ELOHIM by walking unto YESHUA and not unto themselves. Once Christians begin to walk unto YESHUA, we see that HIS death and blood reconciled them to ELOHIM.

However, the Apostle is teaching the saints, even those of modernity, that this was simply phase two of CHRIST's commission. Now that HE died, justified and reconciled them, THEY (the saints) shall be saved by HIS life. Remember, it is for those who now live unto CHRIST and not unto themselves, that HE died, and also rose again. HE died for ALL. Yet, HE rose for HIS saints. Here, Christians are taught that to be justified, reconciled and saved, HE had to rise again.

And then the Apostle teaches the purpose for these two phases of the commission of YESHUA the CHRIST.

- Rom 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom we have now received the atonement.**

The end result of this death and resurrection, that should cause Christians joy in FATHER ELOHIM through the fulfilled commission of YESHUA CHRIST, is that they have now received the atonement.

This brings a source of disagreement to my mind that exists amongst Christians about the Appointed Time of Atonement. This has become the subject of much confusion amongst many Christians in modernity because they have been taught that somehow the future putting away of Satan for the 1,000-year reign of YESHUA and HIS saints, will become an intricate phase of the atonement.

An interesting point of emphasis hit me as I was preparing this lesson. According to the Apostle in this epistle to the “called-out” Romans, verse 11 teaches that it is through YESHUA CHRIST that they HAVE NOW received the atonement. I.e., **if any Christian has attained the status as a saint or “called-out one”, they have already received the atonement.** The only future action needed is entirely by the Christian that has attained this status, not Satan.

- Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. Mat 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

YESHUA is teaching HIS disciples, who became the first “called-out ones” of the New Covenant, the signs of the end of all things. False prophets shall arise to deceive many at the time of the end, all the while iniquity shall abound. HE then told them one of the most vital future actions that they and those who would follow them must accomplish.

- Mat 24:13 But **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved**. Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

HE teaches HIS disciples and all “called-out ones”, that it is those disciples that shall endure until the end that shall be saved, before teaching them that the Gospel of the Kingdom must be taught to all the world for a witness unto all nations before the end shall come. This my Brothers and Sisters is a lesson unto itself.

However, for this study, we have just learned that if any of us have chosen to live unto CHRIST as the scripture teaches us, we have become “called-out ones” and “saints”, and have already received the atonement through the death and reconciliation of YESHUA CHRIST. The only future action necessary for our spiritual salvation is to endure until the end. As such, no future action related to Satan is a required part of the atonement, as too many have been taught. How enlightening is this to the Christian that lives unto CHRIST?

Now, should all Christians that live unto CHRIST be ambassadors for CHRIST? Remember HIS words to HIS disciples when HE first began to teach them.

- Mat 5:13 **Ye are the salt of the earth**: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Mat 5:14 **Ye are the light of the world**. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Mat 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Mat 5:16 **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

The answer to that question depends on how one discerns these words by YESHUA to HIS disciples. HE tells HIS disciples they are the salt of the earth to be the light of the word to shine before men to glorify ELOHIM. Is this applicable for all of YESHUA disciples, even those who would come to HIM through these disciples' words?

Well, as we close this lesson, perhaps the words of the apostles can once again guide the thoughts and actions of Christians.

- Col 3:1 **If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.**

How are Christians risen with CHRIST? We should know that through repentance and baptism into CHRIST, we rise with CHRIST as new creatures. As such, they should seek those things which are above, led by the Spirit of Truth.

The Apostle spoke the following popular verses to ambassador Timothy as well.

- 2Ti 2:24 And **the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,** 2Ti 2:25 **In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;** 2Ti 2:26 And *that* **they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil,** who are taken captive by him at his will.

Is Timothy the only servant of the Lord? Who are the servants of the Lord?

- Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Rom 6:16 **Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**

- Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but **ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.** Rom 6:18 **Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.**

It is obedience that determines whose servants Christians are. Have they become the servants of righteousness? If so, each one is also a servant of the Lord, that must be apt to teach according to the vocation in which they are called. As such, they too are ambassadors for CHRIST, and, as we have read, their purpose is to let their light shine, grow in unity with fellow ambassadors, and endure until the end. During this walk, we instruct as we are called and have opportunity, until all have obtained the unity of the faith.

The Apostle Paul was the primary apostle called to teach “called out ones” of their roles to walk as ambassadors for CHRIST. He and all the Apostles maintain a consistent instruction path, as they were called, that attained the unity of the faith. As ambassadors, it is necessary that “called-out ones” work towards this unity without fear.

We spoke about the belief that Satan is part of the atonement. There are those who do not accept that YESHUA’s words are not simply instructions to HIS disciples, but commandments. There are those that do not accept that the prophecies given to the prophets of Yisrael by YAHWEH of ELOHIM shall all come to pass. Many Christians have not been taught many of these prophecies and as such are lost in their understanding of the times, as they live under the conditions of modernity. Too many Christians believe theories in which ELOHIM’s WORD expressly state otherwise.

The Apostle that wrote 52% of the New Covenant was led teach “called-out ones” to put on the whole Armor of ELOHIM. Finally, he also taught them the following:

- 1Co 13:9 For **we know in part, and we prophesy in part.**

It is easy to see that if we read this verse in part and not in context, Christians can be misled to think differently about the contents of ELOHIM's WORD. We would believe that each of us only know in part. However, the Apostle does not allow for this as he continues.

- 1Co 13:10 But **when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.**

That which is perfect YESHUA will bring with HIM when HE returns, and then that which is in part shall be done away. Think about what we have learned over these past lessons. When HE returns, the Appointed Times shall no longer apply to the saints who shall rule with HIM. For those who shall exist in flesh and blood during those 1,000 years, only the Passover, Unleavened Bread and the first seven days of Tabernacles shall apply. There shall be new rules, new knowledge. The old part shall be done away. However, for now, we prophecy that part which we know, ELOHIM's WORD. For the ambassadors for CHRIST, their charge is to accept what CHRIST gave them as HE prepared to die for all.

We read this earlier.

- Joh 14:26 But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

If Christians live unto CHRIST, rather than unto themselves, this is the measure of truth that is available unto them. This Spirit of Truth exists to teach us "all things" that YESHUA has spoken. YESHUA is YAHWEH of ELOHIM. All things include whatever HE told HIS prophets.

As the Apostle Paul announced himself and Timothy as ambassadors for CHRIST, he urged the "called out" saints in Corinth and Achaia to be reconciled to ELOHIM.

As Christians grow in the knowledge of the truth, their individual reconciliation is recognized by ELOHIM. The Apostle challenged those reconciled to ELOHIM.

- 1Ti 2:1 **I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;** 1Ti 2:2 **For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.** 1Ti 2:3 **For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;** 1Ti 2:4 **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.** 1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 1Ti 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

This is the role of the ambassadors for CHRIST. This is the challenge for the Body of CHRIST, the Household of Faith, to understand that CHRIST died for all and desires all to come to the knowledge of the truth. The Apostle says that YESHUA is the mediator between ELOHIM and men who gave HIMSELF as a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. YESHUA was asked the following:

- Joh 14:22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

HE answered.

- Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

This is how we become reconciled to ELOHIM. We keep the words of CHRIST, ALL of the words of CHRIST. If not, we do not love HIM. CHRIST further explains what HE is commanding of HIS disciples.

- Joh 14:24 **He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.**

Many claim a belief in YAHWEH, but not in YESHUA. Many claim a belief in Jesus Christ, but not YAHWEH. Many claim a belief in Jesus Christ, but not YESHUA. Many claim a belief in Jesus Christ, but not in all HIS sayings.

As ambassadors for CHRIST, there is a responsibility to represent CHRIST in accordance with our calling. It begins with the manifestation of our love for CHRIST, believing in the whole armor of ELOHIM through the sword of the Spirit, the WORD of ELOHIM. This testifies of our reconciliation to ELOHIM through the atonement, the circumcision of CHRIST.

Let all that have the atonement continue to reach for all truth, until we have all attained the unity of faith, as those reconciled to ELOHIM through YESHUA HAMASHIAC, as the ambassadors for CHRIST.

Shalom!!