Living in the Way of YaHuWaH

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Debarim (Deut.) 28:9, "YaHuWaH does establish you as a set-apart people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you guard the commands of YaHuWaH your Aluahiym and walk in His ways."

We are commanded by YaHuWaH to guard His commands and walk in His ways in order to be established as His people. We must turn away from the world/sin in order to be a set apart people to YaHuWaH. we must study Torah in order to be priests of YaHuWaH. YaHuWaH is calling many people, but if we do not study Torah and walk in His ways we will not be chosen to rule with Yahuwshuwah in the Kingdom of YaHuWaH as Kings and Priests. The Torah teaches us the perfect character of YaHuWaH and to be perfect as He is perfect. MattithYahuw 5:48, "Therefore, be perfect as your Father in the heavens is perfect."

We have an opportunity to be perfect as YaHuWaH is perfect if we study the Torah and walk in His ways. If we repent He will enable us to obey Him. Philippians 2:13, "For it is Aluahiym who is working in you both to desire and to work for His good pleasure."

The word "WALK" in Debarim 28:19 is #1980 in Gesenius' Hebrew Lexicon, and means to walk, i.e. to live, to follow any manner of life, to follow anyones footsteps, to imitate him in life and manner, to follow the precepts of YaHuWaH. Yahuwshuwah taught us that we must obey YaHuWaH in every way. MattithYahuw 4:4, "But He answering, said, 'It has been written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of YaHuWaH.'" MattithYahuw 4:10, "Then Yahuwshuwah said to him, 'Go satan! for it has been written, 'You shall worship YaHuWaH your Aluahiym, and Him alone you shall serve.'"

TOHAH OF YAHUWAH MAKES YOU PERFECT

It is the Torah that teaches us to be as YaHuWaH-Is. What an amazing Aluahiym We have: to give us such a simple instruction manual (Torah) to teach us to be as He-Is. His Torah teaches us how to over come sin and worldly lusts so we can endure to the end. MattithYahuw 24:13, "But he who shall have endured to the end shall be saved." (see also Mt.10;16-22)

Tehillim (Psalms) 19:7-9. "The Torah of YaHuWaH is perfect, bringing back the being; the witness of YaHuWaH is trustworthy, making wise the simple; the orders of YaHuWaH are straight, rejoicing the heart; the command of YaHuWaH is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of YaHuWaH is clean, standing forever. The right-rulings of YaHuWaH are true, they are righteous altogether."
The above scriptures teach us six important truths:
1. The Torah or YaHuWaH is perfect.
2. The witness of YaHuWaH is trustworthy,
3. The orders of YaHuWaH are straight.
4. The commands of YaHuWaH are clear.
5. The fear or YaHuWaH is clean.
6. The right-rulings of YaHuWaH are true.

What the above does for us:
1. The Torah can make us perfect through Yahuwshuwah's Power.
2. The witness of YaHuWaH makes us trustworthy.
3. The orders of YaHuWaH places us on the straight path.
4. The commands of YaHuWaH helps us see clearly.
5. The fear of YaHuWaH makes us pure.
6. The right-rulings of YaHuWaH makes us true.

Romans 7:12, "So that the Torah truly is set-apart, and the command set-apart, and righteous, and good."
The attributes of Torah become the attributes of those who obey Torah.

PUT OFF THE OLD MAN

The Emissary Shauwl teaches us to put off the old man and to put on the new man in order to put on love which is the bond of perfection.

Colossians 3:9-17, "Do not lie to each other, since you have PUT OFF THE OLD MAN with his practices, and have PUT ON THE NEW ONE who is renewed in knowledge (Torah - Hosea 4:6) according to the likeness of Him who created Him, where there is not Greek and Yahuwdim circumcised and uncircumcised, foreigner, Scythian, slave, free, but Mashiyach is all and in all. Therefore, as chosen ones of YaHuWaH, set-apart and beloved, put on compassion, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, indeed as Mashiyach forgave you so also should you, BUT ABOVE ALL THESE, PUT ON LOVE WHICH IS A BOND OF THE PERFECTION (Torah). And let the shalom of YaHuWaH rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be filled with thanks. Let the Word of Mashiyach dwell in YOU richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom: Singing with pleasure in your heart to YaHuWaH in psalms and song of praise and Ruwachual songs. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of Master Yahuwshuwah; giving thanks to the Father through Him."

By putting off the old man (lawlessness) and putting on the new man (Torah observant) we are actually in the act of repentance. Repentance is turning away from transgressing the Torah of YaHuWaH and learning to obey every word that comes forth from the mouth of YaHuWaH.

STEP 1 - REPENTANCE.
Mark 1:2-4, "As it has been written in the prophets; 'see, I send MY messenger before your face who shall prepare your way before you; a voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of YaHuWaH, make His paths straight.'"

Yahuwchanan came immersing in the wilderness and proclaiming an immersion of repentance for the removal of sins.

Once Yahuwshuwah was immersed, He began to preach the message of repentance. Mark 1:15, "And saying, 'The time has been filled, and the reign of YaHuWaH has come near. Repent and believe the besorah".

The talmidim (disciples) of Yahuwshuwah went out and proclaimed repentance. Mark 6:12, "And they went out and proclaimed that men should repent." (See also Acts 2:38-40).

We are now in the last days and the called-out-ones of YaHuWaH must preach the message of repentance to this lost world.

STEP 2 - CONFESSION

Romans 14:11, "For it has been written, 'As I live, says YaHuWaH, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to YaHuWaH.'"  
1 Yahuwchanan (John) 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is trustworthy and righteous to forgive us the sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

To understand what sin is let's read 1 Yahuwchanan 3:4, "Everyone doing sin also does lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness."

Did you read that?! SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE Torah. All religious groups who teach that the Torah is done away with are 100% anti-Mashiyach/Messiah and are the synagogues/churches of satan. To teach the Torah is done away with is calling YaHuWaH a liar and making satan your father. (Yahuwchanan 8:44) Yahuwshuwah said that satan is the father of lies. The Tehillim (Psalms) says the Torah of YaHuWaH is truth, (Tehillim 119;142,151). To say the Torah is done away with is speaking lies and satan is the father of lies. Therefore, satan is the father of all who teach lawlessness.

The word "CONFESS" in Yahuwchanan 1:9 is # 1845 in Strong's Greek dictionary, and means, "acknowledge, agree fully, profess, promise."

When a person confesses to YaHuWaH his sins, he acknowledges his sins. He fully agrees that he is in violation of transgressing the Torah. He then promises to do better at obeying the Torah of YaHuWaH. When we confess our sins to YaHuWaH we agree that the Torah of YaHuWaH is right, and agrees completely to come out Of this world of sin by obeying the Torah of YaHuWaH.
Remember the opening verse? Debarim 28:9, "YaHuWaH does establish you as a set-apart people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, IF YOU GUARD THE COMMANDS OF YaHuWaH YOUR ALUAHIYM AND WALK IN HIS WAYS."

The Torah of YaHuWaH isn't as easy as saying a "sinners prayer" as chr-stianity would have you believe. It comes with a change of character, The Torah of YaHuWaH allows you to live a life of morality and love for all mankind. Without Torah our lives are full of hate and misery. If you are being called today, YaHuWaH desires to write His Torah upon your inward parts and upon your hearts.

If you will repent and be immersed into the name of Yahuwshuwah haMashiyach for the removal of your sins, HE will write His Torah upon your inward parts and your hearts. Then if you remain in the belief and overcome/endure to the end you will rule with Yahuwshuwah in the Kingdom of YaHuWaH as Kings and Priests and you will be the teachers of Yishra'al at the full restoration of all things. Then you will witness their repentance and the Torah written upon their inward parts and their hearts.

YirmeYahuw 31:31-34, "See, the days are coming, declares YaHuWaH, when I shall make a new B'rit with the House of Yishra'al and with the House of Yahuwdah, not like the B'rit I made with their fathers in the day when I strengthened their hand to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim (enslavement) My B'rit which they broke, though I was a Husband to them, declares YaHuWaH. For this is the B'rit I shall make with the House of Yishra'al after those days, declares YaHuWaH I shall put My Torah in their inward parts, and write it on their hearts. And I shall be their Aluahiym, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall they teach, each one his, neighbor and each one his brother Saying, know YaHuWaH, for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, (Mt. 5:17-19) declares YaHuWaH. For I shall remove their crookedness, and remember their sin no more."

When one realizes he/she is a violator of Torah and understands the penalty of their violations is death (physical & eternal) as stated in Romans 6:25, then that person(s) repents from breaking/disobeying the Torah of YaHuWaH. This leads to studying Torah and begins a life of conversion/character change, Once Steps #1 and #2 are complete then you are ready for step #3.

**STEP 3 - IMMERSION**

If we are instructed by Yahuwshuwah ha Mashiyach and the Emissary Kepha (Peter) that immersion is part of the plan of deliverance (salvation) and without it one cannot be a part of the Body of Yahuwshuwah. Many will argue with me on that statement, but if you will do a study on the Body of Mashiyach you will find it to be true.
A great place to begin is Romans chapter 6. Read it so many times until you have it memorized. one might say, "What about the man impaled next to Yahuwshuwah?", if you read Luke 23:39-43, you will see that Yahuwshuwah promised Paradise to the man impaled next to Him. He never promised the Kingdom of YaHuWaH to him. I personally believe that Paradise is fully explained in Revelation chapters 21-22, I believe there will always be a debate concerning the many teachings among us today, but we will all come to a complete understanding at the return of Yahuwshuwah haMashiyach Mark 16:16, "He who has believed AND has been immersed shall be saved, but he who has not believed, shall be condemned."

Acts 2:38, (Read verses 1-37 for whole context), “And Kepha said to them, 'Repent, and let each one of you be immersed in the name of Yahuwshuwah Mashiyach for the removal of sins. And you shall receive the gift (reward) of Ruwach ha Kadosh." This gift (reward) is also mentioned in Romans 6:23.

When we are immersed in the name of Yahuwshuwah ha Mashiyach we take upon ourselves the family name of YaHuWaH (Rev. 7:1-8; 14:1-5), and become part of the Malek-Zadok Priesthood in training. We must study the Torah to learn how to live a set-apart life as YaHuWaH is set-apart. We must overcome/endure until the return of Yahuwshuwah or we will be separated from the set-apart and cast away. (Read all of MattithYahuw 13 over & over until you get it. Also refer to my two part study on the Kingdom of YaHuWaH available upon request from the Assembly of YaHuWaH-Is.)

Outside of obedience to YaHuWaH no one will receive the Ruwach ha Kadosh. (Acts 5:27-32). Those who rebel against the Torah of YaHuWaH are cut off from Yishra'al. This leads us to step #4.

STEP 4 - CONVERSION

Acts 3:19 -20, "Repent therefore and turn back (be converted) for the blotting out of your sins, in order that times of refreshing might come from the presence of YaHuWaH, and that He sends Yahuwshuwah haMashiyach pre-appointed for you."

Romans 6:1-4,“What, then, shall we say? Shall we continue in sin to let favour increase? Let it not be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do You not know that as many of us who were immersed into Mashiyach Yahuwshuwah were immersed into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through Immersion into death, that as Mashiyach was raised from the dead by the esteem of the Father, so also; we should WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE."

Conversion involves studying, learning, growing and obeying the Torah of YaHuWaH, Once we repent we must prove to YaHuWaH that we are fit to rule in His Kingdom and we do this through the process of conversion. Ibrim 6:1-2, "Therefore, it is time to leave the word concerning the telling of the beginning
of the life of Messiah; for so we grow in maturity to move again to establish a foundation of (1) repentance from dead works, and of (2) belief toward Aluhym, (3) of immersions, (4) teaching and of the (5) laying on of hands, and of the (6) resurrection from the dead, and of (7) everlasting judgment. And this we will do if Master YaHuWaH permits. (Hebrew Version *)

* In the Hebrew version of Hebrews, one leaves the mere study of the life of Messiah and moves onto maturity by establishing a foundation of seven areas that move us on to maturity. Now this is a big difference. The Greek text says that we should "leave the principles of the doctrine of Messiah" ?!!! while the Hebrew only says that we should move beyond a mere study of the life of Messiah. The Greek points us to move on from a study of six items while the Hebrew tells us we should continue in studying seven items. Of course in the Scriptures seven is normally the number of perfection while six is generally the number of man (created on the sixth day) and imperfection. The Greek translator mistook the phrase "of immersions, of teaching" as "of teachings of immersions" (i.e. of doctrines of baptisms) thus leaving out "teaching/study" as one of seven foundational items that help us move onto maturity. The Hebrew points us in the direction of maturity while the Greek tells us that the very things we need to grow in maturity are things we should leave behind (and leaves out "teaching" entirely).

2 Timothy 2:19, "However, the solid foundation (Torah) of YaHuWaH stands firm, having this seal, YaHuWaH KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS: and let everyone who names the Name of Mashiyach TURN FROM UNRIGHTEOUSNESS." The word "UNRIGHTEOUSNESS" could be rendered as "LAWLESSNESS".

MattithYahuw 3:8-10, "Therefore bring forth fruit worthy of repentance! Don’t think to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our abba,’ for I tell you that the Aluah is able to raise up sons to Abraham from these stones. “And behold the axe is placed at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire."

In bringing fruits worthy of repentance, we learn that we must live in complete compliance to Torah. The Torah is our lamp/light to guide us to a path/walk which pleases YaHuWaH and gives us understanding.

Tehillim 119:105, "Your WORD is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Tehillim 119:130, "The opening of your WORDS gives light, giving understanding to the simple."

Once we repent, and are immersed into the name of Yahuwshuwah then we must walk in the LIGHT of YaHuWaH which is to live by Torah. Then the BLOOD OF YAHUWSHUWAH will take away our sins. If we obey the Torah we will be walking in Torah and will have fellowship and with each other.

1 Yahuwchananan 1:5-7, “And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that YaHuWaH is LIGHT (Torah) and in Him is no darkness (sin) at all. If we say that we have fellowship with HIM, and walk in darkness, We lie and are not
doing the truth. But if we walk in the LIGHT as HE is in the LIGHT, we have fellowship with one another, AND THE BLOOD OF YAHUWSHUWAH CLEANSES US FROM ALL SIN."

WITHOUT OBEDIENCE TO TORAH WE WILL BE SEPARATED FROM THE RIGHTEOUS WHEN OUR SAVIOR, YAHUWSHUWAH RETURNS FOR HIS BRIDE.

MatithYahuw 13:47-50, "Again, the Reign (KINGDOM) of YaHuWaH is like a dragnet that was thrown into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was filled, they drew to shore, And they sat down and GATHERED THE RIGHTEOUS INTO CONTAINERS, BUT THREW THE ROTTEN AWAY. Thus shall it be at the end of the age: the messengers shall come forth, AND SEPARATE THE WICKED OUT OF THE MIDST OF THE RIGHTEOUS, AND SHALL THROW THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

OBEYING TORAH REQUIRES A TRANSFORMATION

When we obey every word that comes from the mouth of YaHuWaH, we become transformed.

Romans 12:1-2, "I call upon you, therefore, brothers, through the compassion of YaHuWaH to present your bodies a living offering, set-apart, well pleasing to YaHuWaH, YOUR REASONABLE WORSHIP. And be not conformed to this world, but be TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind, (why?), so that you prove what is that good and well pleasing and perfect desire of YaHuWaH,"

When we study Torah and live by it we are transformed and our minds are renewed. Then and only then are we able to PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD AND WELL PLEASING AND PERFECT DESIRE OF YAHUWAH. (See again Tehillim 119:130).

Galatians 5:16-25, "And I say, WALK in the Ruwach, and you shall not accomplish the lust of the flesh, And these are opposed to each other; so that you do not do what you desire to do. But if you are led by the Ruwach, you are not under Torah. And the works of the flesh are well known, which are: adultery, whoring, uncleanness, indecency, idolatry, drug sorcery, hatred, quarrels, jealousies, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, envy, murders, drunkenness, wild parties, and the like, of which I forewarn you, even as I also said before, that those who practice such as these SHALL NOT INHERIT THE REIGN OF YaHuWaH. But the fruit (singular) of the Ruwach is LOVE! (Love is defined as - joy, shalom, patience, kindness, goodness, trustworthiness, gentleness, self-control.) Against such is no Torah. AND THOSE WHO ARE OF MASHIYACH, IMPALED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND THE DESIRES. IF WE LIVE IN THE RUWACH, LET US ALSO WALK IN THE RUWACH."
TO LIVE AND WALK IN THE RUWACH ARE CHARACTERISTICS OF WHICH NO PART OF TORAH CAN SPEAK AGAINST. BUT THE TORAH SPEAKS AGAINST ALL THE LUST/WORKS OF THE FLESH. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE TORAH IS DONE AWAY WITH AS CHRISTIANITY TEACHES. IT MEANS THE FRUIT OF THE RUWACH IS WHAT THE TORAH IS ALL ABOUT.

1 Yahuwchanan 2:3-6, "And by this we know that we know HIM, IF HE GUARD HIS COMMANDS. The one who says,'I know HIM', and does not guard HIS commands, is a liar, and the truth (Torah) is not in him, But whoever guards HIS WORD (Torah), truly the love of YaHuWaH has been perfected in him, By this we know that we are in HIM, the one who stays in HIM ought himself also to WALK, EVEN AS HE WALKED."

NOTICE THAT THE COMMANDS OF YAHUWAH (VS, 3) AND THE WORD OF YAHUWAH ARE SYNONYMOUS. THE TWO CANNOT BE SEPARATED.

WE MUST OVERCOME TO BE REWARDED

Those who are converted by obeying the Torah of YaHuWaH and overcome in these last days will live forever with YaHuWaH and will inherit the following blessings:


Revelation 3:21-22, "HE WHO OVERCOMES, I SHALL GIVE TO HIM TO SIT DOWN WITH ME ON MY THRONE, AS I ALSO OVERCAME, AND SAT DOWN WITH MY FATHER ON HIS THRONE. HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT RUWACH HAQADOSH SAYS TO THE ASSEMBLIES."

1 Corinthians 15:51-58, BEHOLD, I TELL YOU A MYSTERY. WE WILL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE WILL ALL BE CHANGED, IN A MOMENT , IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMP. FOR THE SHOFAR WILL SOUND, AND THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED INCORRUPTIBLE, AND WE WILL BE CHANGED. FOR THIS CORRUPTIBLE MUST PUT ON INCORRUPTION, AND THIS MORTAL MUST PUT ON IMMORTALITY. BUT WHEN THIS CORRUPTIBLE WILL HAVE PUT ON INCORRUPTION, AND THIS MORTAL WILL HAVE PUT ON IMMORTALITY, THEN WHAT IS WRITTEN WILL HAPPEN: “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.” “DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? SHEOL, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?” THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN, AND THE POWER OF SIN IS THE TORAH. BUT THANKS BE TO YAHUWAH, WHO GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR MASTER
YAHUWSHUWAH HAMASHIYACH. THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BROTHERS, BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN YAHUWAH'S WORK, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN IN YAHUWAH.

As the Apostle Shauwl has encouraged us to remain steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of YaHuWaH, I, too, encourage you to do the same. It is only by overcoming that we inherit the REIGN OF YAHUWAH! WE WILL BE HATED FOR THE NAME OF YAHUWSHUWAH, BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ENDURE TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED. (Matt. 10:22).

May YaHuWaH watch over you. Love, MikaYahuw.

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