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Living for the Flesh Leads to Death

With the way of the world as it is, and knowing what Yahweh's Way of Life is, shouldn't take us long to figure out that we need to permanently put away those things that are against Yahweh's will for us.

"And you were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, as also the rest," Ephesians 2:1-3 TS.



"Son's of disobedience," is not a title we want. We want the title of "obedient children"; we want the title of "Saints." It's ours if we submit to Yahweh's Spirit, even the title "children of Yahweh."

"Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of Elohim is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them," Colossians 3:5-7 NKJV.

If we are no longer living in them, then we are doing well, but if not we must die. That is what Scripture says:

"For if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are sons of Elohim," Romans 8:13-14 TS.

So what does it mean to live according to the flesh?

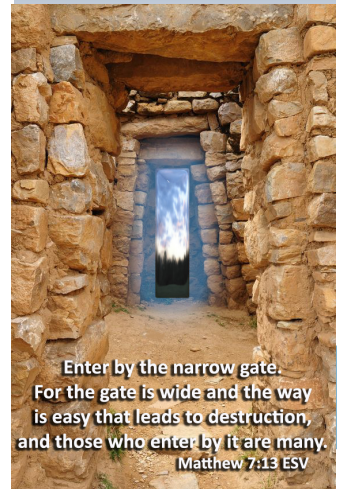
It's stated clearly in Galatians 5:19-21 NIV, "The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of Elohim."

In living a life for Yahweh we must overcome our former life of sin and put it far behind us.

Doing this is accomplished by the Spirit of Yahweh and our humble

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to Yahweh, for it does not submit to Yahweh's law; indeed, it cannot.

Romans 8:7 ESV



Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. Matthew 7:13 ESV

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submissive attitude toward Him and His Word.

Overcoming the Flesh, with The Spirit

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace, Romans 8:5–6 NIV.

How important is it to recognize the Spirit within us and submit and conform to it? Overcoming the flesh with the Spirit brings life, even eternal life. The opposite is true concerning the flesh and living according to it.

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please," Galatians 5:16–17 NASB.

If the Spirit is in opposition to the flesh, then the Spirit is going to help prevent you from living in the flesh, but only if you make the decision to live according to the Spirit. That means we recognize and then conform to the Spirit of Yahweh. Otherwise, we will be conforming to the influence of Satan and carrying out the things of the flesh which leads to death, even eternal death.

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not," Galatians 6:8-9 KJV.

If we faint not. If we don't give up. If we don't walk away.

If we sow to the Spirit, if we submit and conform, then we won't faint, we won't give up and walk away. Remember, "if" is conditional.

We'll also gain the spiritual attributes above and beyond the basic laws of Yahweh. We'll be growing in the very character of Yahweh and of the Messiah.



Emphasizing the Spiritual

"Therefore, as the elect of Elohim, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Messiah forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Elohim rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Messiah dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Master," Colossians 3:12–16 NKJV.

Emphasizing the spiritual attributes within our lives by conforming to the Spirit is one of the greatest blessings in this life, because it is these attributes and character traits of the Spirit which we can take with us into eternal life.

All the negative and wrong fleshly attributes will be left behind. So it's important to understand what the fruit of the Spirit is and have these things in abundance.

No Laws Against These

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law," Galatians 5:22–23 NIV.

There is no law stating you cannot have love or joy or peace. In fact, obeying the law in many respects produces these very things.

Think of it this way: the Spirit helps one to keep the law of Yahweh which in return produces the fruit of

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the Spirit. Conforming to the Spirit of Yahweh helps us to conform to the law, which in turn produces good character traits which can be taken into eternal life.

To say, however, that we can just conform to the law of Yahweh and be saved is not accurate. Since, we are only saved through Yahshua's sacrifice. This is why the Saints are said to have both attributes of commandment keeping and also hold to the testimony and faith of Yahshua in both Revelation 12:17 and 14:12.

We need to be obedient, we need to also have faith that Yahshua's sacrifice cleansed us from our previous sins.

"And for this reason do your utmost to add to your belief uprightness, to uprightness knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control endurance, to endurance reverence, to reverence brotherly affection, and to brotherly affection love. For if these are in you and increase, they cause you to be neither inactive nor without fruit in the knowledge of our Master Yahshua Messiah. For he in whom these are not present is blind, being shortsighted, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his old sins," 2 Peter 1:5–9 TS.

This says a lot, it says that the law wasn't done away with, when you consider that "old sins" is lawbreaking, 1 John 3:4. You also cannot have uprightness, without obedience to the commandments of Yahweh.

"If anyone loves Me, he shall guard My Word. And My Father shall love him, and We shall come to him and make Our stay with him. He who does not love Me does not guard My Words. And the Word which you hear is not Mine but of the Father Who sent Me. These Words I have spoken to you while still with you. But the Helper, the Set-apart Spirit, whom the Father shall send in My Name, He shall teach you all, and remind you of all that I said to you," John 14:23–26 TS.

It's said that the Word of Yahweh is as a double-edged sword, able to discern and judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hence, if one is about to step out of line and Yahweh's Spirit is strong within you, one will be reminded of the Master's own words.

"And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom Yahweh has given to those who obey Him," Acts 5:32 NASB (See also Heb. 5:9).

Elder David Brett

Recent News Headlines: Smoking Kills

New Smoking Report

REUTERS (January 17, 2014)

By Julie Steenhuysen and Susan Heavey

Another 5.6 million American children may die prematurely unless smoking rates fall in the United States, according to a report by the U.S. surgeon general which links a range of new illnesses to the habit.

Fifty years after the first surgeon general's report declared smoking a hazard to human health, the new study adds conditions ranging from colon cancer to diabetes and arthritis to the tally of tobacco-related diseases.

The report, the first in more than a decade, found that smoking has killed more than 20 million Americans prematurely in the last half century...The new report adds liver and colorectal cancer to that list, but it also details several other conditions caused by smoking, including diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and impaired immune function, and cleft palate in infants.

And in a startling statistic, the report found that exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of stroke by 20 to 30 percent.

"It really is astonishing that even 50 years in, we are finding new ways that tobacco maims and kills people," Dr Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said in a telephone interview."



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Drugstore Drops All Tobacco Products

REUTERS (February 5, 2014)

CVS Caremark Corp said on Wednesday that it would stop selling tobacco products at its 7,600 stores by October, becoming the first U.S. drugstore chain to take cigarettes off the shelf...Some retailers stopped selling cigarettes years ago: Target Corp decided to drop them in 1996, while East Coast supermarket chain Wegmans Food Markets did so in 2008.

Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, which advocates for tobacco control, said that CVS's announcement could drive momentum for declining tobacco use...Although adult smoking rates have fallen from 43 percent of Americans in 1965 to the current 18 percent, smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, killing more than 480,000 people each year.

Actor Leonard Nimoy Suffering From COPD

BBC (February 6, 2014)

The 82-year-old wrote on Twitter that despite stopping smoking 30 years ago he had developed chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

He urged his 808,000 followers to "quit now" ...Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is an umbrella term for a number of illnesses including emphysema and chronic bronchitis, and affects millions of people around the world.

It damages air sacs and passages to the lungs, and can make breathing a struggle. The majority of cases are caused by cigarette smoke.



For further study, please see article: "Say 'No' To Cigarettes" (May-Jun 2012 YAIY Beacon magazine). Reprints are available upon request.

Should we say Bible or Holy?

The words Bible and Holy basically mean, "books" and "set-apart." One cannot remove all words from our language because they are associated with pagan sources. For example, there was the priest of On, who was a pagan, Gen. 41:45. We are not now to stop saying, "on." Like "turn on the light."



However, if we borrow a pagan name and worship Yahweh calling Him "On," then, there is a problem. When Yahweh speaks of not speaking "their" names, He is speaking of worship, not every day communication, Josh. 23:7. Therefore, even though "Thursday" may be from "Thor's day," it is still something we can say and speak to be able to communicate to others concepts and ideas.

Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Michelle Love and Family, Dolores Parker, Maxine Conrad, Terrell Frasure, Lois McDonald, David & Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Robert and Patricia Potter, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Donnie and Roland Miller, Paul Oliver, Dan & Geri O'leary, Karen van Schalkwyk, Oliver Lister and Family, Frances Rodgers and Family, Diana Abbot, Sharon Grobler, Seth Tao Moore, Peter Sill, Terrence Williamson, Ingerborg Hendricks, Stella and Sean Rogers, Loretta Reyes and Family, Robert Creech, Jill Smith and Family, Clair Kane, Trellis Naples, Ellen Marnhohz, Pat and Tia Ford, Winifred Aspinall, Cindy Gustke, Elder George J. Baptiste, Kelly Miller, Raphael Kurnew, Johnny Seymour, Byron Bolan, Patrick Roether, Earl Braxton III, Deborah Grouwstra, Jordan Vira, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Harry Sharod James, Philippine Brethren, Dewey Moore, Danny O'Connor and Family, Jordan Vira and Family, Deborah Grouwstra, Rina van der Merwe, Charmaine Potgieter, Maria Barnard, Jaco van der Merwe, Julian Aguero, Michael Potgieter, Mervyn Salomons, Brethren around the world, Jerusalem and all of Israel.

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