



Walking with Z in Thessaloniki as I gave him his first Hebrew New Covenant!

Dear Precious Friend,

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The Holy Spirit - Part 2

In my last newsletter, I spoke about how we need to honor and treat the Holy Spirit as God and not to grieve Him or shut Him out of our gatherings. The following are relevant scriptures the Lord has given me to remind us how much we need the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

In *Ephesians 4:3* it says that “we are to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Why do we still not have unity? Why are there divisions, strife, major rifts in the body of Messiah? The word says, “endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit” with a capital “S.” Without the Holy Spirit there can never be genuine unity. The early believers were in one accord by the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. (*Acts 2:1*), not by doing programs together, nor were they merely in the same building singing the same songs. They had become one body, one heart, one voice, one passion, one

fire which is an impossibility without Him. You cannot have that without the active presence of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say to you, Except a man be born out of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. *John 3:5-6*

We were born into sonship by the Spirit, capital "S." Sometimes I wonder if we have the right concept of being born out from (*gk. ek*) the Person of the Holy Spirit, not merely born of "a spirit," small "s." The Holy Spirit birthed us. As in a natural birth, so in our spiritual birth from above, we were born out from (*ek*) a Person, in this case, the Holy Spirit. It's an amazing thought and yet we don't give Him His rightful place and His complete honor. It's like not honoring your father or your mother. The Nicene creed refers to the **Holy Spirit** as **the Lord and Giver of Life, The Creator Spirit**, present before the creation of the universe and through His power everything was made in Jesus Christ, by God the Father.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18

The Holy Spirit conforms us to the image of Christ. We will not truly change to become like Yeshua unless we give place to the Third Person of the Godhead!

"Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God." Romans 8:14. Those who are led by the Holy Spirit are true sons. If we don't allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, if we are led by the flesh, or by another spirit, we cannot genuinely function as authentic sons. Only the Spirit of God can lead us into that genuine sonship which comes out of obedience to God's voice and His ways.

For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him that we may be also glorified together. Romans 8:15-17

The Holy Spirit IS the Spirit of Adoption: *gk: υιοθεσία*/the placing as a son. He is the Person of the Godhead who places us as a son in the Kingdom, in the family, in the Son Himself, creating in us a genuine cry in our hearts, Abba, Father!

Likewise, the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to God. Romans 8:26-27

We don't know how to pray but the Holy Spirit prays within us. Where are the groanings of the Holy Spirit? If we grieve, quench or resist the Holy Spirit, we're not going to have that intercession that connects us to God and causes us to cooperate and agree with the absolute will of God. We need the Holy Spirit.

Don't you know that you are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which you are. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

God does not dwell in temples made of silver or gold by man's hands, but the Holy Spirit dwells in us, in flesh and blood. His presence makes us into a temple! Just as a man without the Holy Spirit is not a temple of God, so a building without the Holy Spirit is not a church. We must honor and guard the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, even as we guard our own hearts.

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 Corinthians 3:17

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. John 4:23

We are crying out for the Holy Spirit to bring revival again to Israel, Cyprus, Greece and to every nation. We can do absolutely nothing without the Holy Spirit! He must lead our worship. It is written, "The Lord is the Spirit" with a capital "S". And "those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." 2 Corinthians 3:17, John 4:24. Without the presence of the Holy Spirit, we can't fully please the Father who seeks true (*gk. not concealing*) worshippers who worship Him in spirit and in truth. True worshipers keep nothing concealed from God. They are transparent and pure, radiating the glory of God.

Beloved, let us desire to be more sensitive to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Let us not grieve Him in His heart. We praise You, Holy Spirit. We praise You and adore You. You are precious to us, Lord. We don't want to grieve You the way the world grieves You. We don't want to resist You and quench You the way the world quenches You. We desire to receive and adore You as God Almighty.

Good News from the Bible lands:

Eight months ago, I was looking for a Hebrew online teacher to brush up on my Hebrew. On one particular site, there were so many native Israeli teachers that I had a hard time deciding which one to choose. I felt a God-tug in my heart when I found a young man named Z. From my first lesson, I knew Z was open when he said, "I am secular, but I wish I had faith." However, since Z only offered a few hours that were always booked, I never managed to find a slot. I found another young man, N who turned out to be an excellent teacher. I continued with him for a few months, but I couldn't get Z out

of my mind. After a few months, I managed to find an open slot with Z and grabbed it! He immediately opened up when I spoke about Yeshua and we began to read the word together in Hebrew in our lesson. He was touched, even let me pray for him a number of times. I continued to have lessons with N who is involved in the New Age, but open to listen to my real life stories about walking with the living God. During this time, the intense jealousy of the Lord for His people intensified more and more in me and I found myself pouring out my heart to the Lord in prayer for Z and N.

One night, I heard a preacher share how he prays in tongues daily and though I also pray in tongues, his words caught my attention. I woke up the next morning with a strong desire to pray in tongues for at least an hour which is unusual for me. As I did, I suddenly heard an old song in my spirit from *Isaiah 61* in Hebrew that I haven't sung in years:

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings to the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those bound; To appoint to them that mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

As I sang, the Spirit literally overshadowed me and though I knew those verses were first for Yeshua as He entered His public ministry, I knew that they were a present word for His body and for me personally! It was a renewal of my call to evangelism, especially to the people of Israel.

In our next lesson, after reading the word together, I told Z that I desired to pray for him and he was eager to receive. In the middle of my prayer, the Holy Spirit said, "ask Z if he wants to pray to give his life to Me." I asked him and he said, "yes, why not? He's ours!" As he prayed, he said he felt the presence of the Spirit upon him and his heart beating very very fast. We continue reading the word together and it's a huge blessing! A few weeks ago, Z surprised me saying he was coming to Greece with a friend! Yesterday, I had the amazing opportunity of seeing my spiritual son face to face and sharing a meal with him, his friend O, and Sylvie! What a blessing! Z and O told us that everywhere they traveled in Greece, they were welcomed and treated with warm love, hospitality and favor from the Greeks, beyond anything they have ever known in any other nation! What a testimony! This my friend is the result of years of prayer for the Jewish-Greek bridge. The enemy, antisemitism, has been dealt a huge death blow in Greece-Cyprus and we are truly celebrating!

Thank you for your prayers for Z, N, O and the many more Israelis who are on their way to accepting their Messiah! Thanks for loving me, encouraging me with notes, support and prayer! I so appreciate you!

Shalom and Agape,

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