

I am honored to assist you in coming to Yeshua, the Christ. I pledge to be a witness to your repentance and salvation through Yeshua, the Christ.

But first consider that in coming fully under the Christ will cause the world to hate you. What makes the world hate those who follow Yeshua, the Christ?

The fact that you are here is your very confession of Yeshua against an unbelieving world. You have thrown off the natural man at least for an hour in favor of the one seeking the spirit of G_d. This is why the world hates those who follow Yeshua. In fact we come here in danger and great peril when we assemble. We are no different here in America than the underground churches of Asia and the Middle East. In our day and times there are those who think they are woke. There are those who want to dismantle the holy temple of G_d which is really the unity and the assembly of followers of Yeshua (Jesus) gathered together in the name of our Lord.

I am a witness to your faith in our Lord against an unbelieving world. Why did Yeshua say there is no one good but the father? All of what the world thinks of as virtue is but dirty rags in the presence of the Father. We cannot on our own merits ascend back to the Father in clean robes without the intercession of the Saviour, without the great work of the Cross.

Have you ever heard anyone say "oh he needs Jesus"? Well I am here to tell you that we all need Him. None of us, saved or unsaved will ever achieve the perfection of the Son by ourselves. Why do the unsaved believe that good works will save them? The unsaved tend to prescribe to a lie perpetrated by Satan, the father of lies that if we do good that we will reap good karma and not bad, that if we follow our good intentions, we will get what we want. In fact Satan incorporates this dogma into all worldly religions through the ideal of charity. But it does not get one any closer to G_d.

My friends, this lie is the single most dangerous trap for the unsaved and it often prevents them from coming fully toward the Cross. Why can this belief in good works become a denial of the powerful work on the cross? There are four vices which separate us from G_d.

1. Pride and his daughter Envy
2. Self-righteousness and her son, Pride
3. Denial and his daughter Self-righteousness.

When you deny the truth of the cross, this leads to the kind of self-righteous that makes you begin to think your own good works are your perfection. That leads you ultimately to become proud of yourself making you believe you deserve G_d's blessings, mercy and love. With time, you even begin to think you deserve the same position G_d has in heaven. This is the greatest error of all. You begin to feel envy of G_d, a desire to become your own god and do whatever is fitting in your own imperfect eyes to replace Him. And then, like Satan you fall into a great churning whirlpool: a multitude of sins.

So seekers, don't fall into error. Don't think that by denying the Cross you can spend time doing good works that you think will earn you merit in Heaven. Don't see yourself as better than the worse sinner on earth. For this slowly will become your unraveling which is a device that lies in wait as a snare created by the devil. And don't use your privilege as the numbered few in the body unity of followers of Yeshua as a way to puff yourself up and glorify your status with G_d in the face of others.

Yeshua said only that we are numbered as Saints of G_d but He did not say we are now as G_d. He said why do you say "I am good". For there is no one that is good but the Father who is good. What He meant was why do you call yourselves good and say that any man can be

good or worthy when only G_d can rightly be called good? All good things come only from G_d. not man.

Making yourself believe you are good automatically puts you in a position to desire to be as G_d or in other words to desire to be your own god in your own life! Isn't this the envy that got Satan thrown from heaven? He wanted to usurp the position of G_d because he believed he was perfect. Those four vices lead to perdition. Denial of truth, self righteousness, pride, envy...

So what of virtue and good works and trying to honor G_d with these? Should we just NOT try to do anything good at all? And how will we know if we are saved and set apart from the world? My friends, there are 3 qualities that are signs but not virtues that distinguish us as saved, not perfect.

The first is that you are constantly searching for G_d. You are earnestly seeking the laws and precepts of G_d and searching after His wisdom. Do you know any among you like this? They will find it.

The second is that you are repentant and sorrowful for your sinfulness. If you are to receive the covering of the price paid for you at Calvary you must desire to change your sinful mind and nature. You must desire to walk away from the world and reject all its trappings. And you must confess Him who has died in your place in the world. But you cannot do this yourself. You must ask G_d for the grace to help you overcome sin and the world, confessing the Lord Yeshua, the Christ and open the door to a life spent walking with G_d. If you do not ask, you will not receive. Didn't He say this? When Yeshua told us this, He wasn't talking about anything else. He was talking only about asking for a true repentance, a change of life and spirit. So don't tell me you can use this asking G_d for anything else. To get any other blessing from G_d and for your other prayers to be answered, you must first experience a true repentance for which you must ask at the Cross of Calvary.

The third is not so obvious. But it is a powerful reminder that we need and are able to enjoy the protection and power of the Presence of our Lord all the time. It is our desire to spend time with Him, in full devotional intimacy, a sincere and honest spiritual prostration before Him, an act of humble surrender, a complete engagement of prayerful repose. How often we as seekers do this is the real measure of how much we love Him.

Our love however is imperfect but He is the other part of that relationship which satisfies our deficiency if we would only spend as much time with Him as we do our cell phones, our social media, our jobs, watching the stock markets, etc.

And yet the world doesn't know anything about and doesn't include this kind of love in its dictionaries. If it does, you will be hard pressed to find it, I challenge you. Look it up. 'love of G_d'. It is found nowhere.

Let us conclude not with a mantra, an affirmation or a chant. Let us conclude with a resolute prayer.

Dear Father I confess through Yeshua, that it is only You that is good. I want to seek your laws and precepts and wisdom to taste what is in You, that is good. Help me to experience a true repentance. Give me the grace to turn my back against the world and to turn my face to you at the Cross in love of Your Son. Teach me, help me make the space in my life for You Lord and take everything out that threatens my salvation. Help me to commit to you Lord. Bless me with power to do so. Protect me Lord from all temptations and the snares of the evil one. May it be all for Your Glory Alone, in the name of Yeshua, I pray. Amen.



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