



Topic: "Identifying with Messiah Yahshua" Pt 3
Scripture: 1 John 1:7
Definition: "Walking in the Light"

Identifying with Messiah Yahshua

***In Part 1 and 2 we learned aspects of what it means to walk as Messiah walked...
1 John 2:6 "The one claiming to rest in Him, ought to walk, himself, even as He walked.***

In the previous lessons we looked at Messiah's relationship with the Father. He (Yahshua) did nothing of his own will. Only that of the Father. Yahshua, although very much independent from the Father, considered Himself helplessly dependent on the Father. He only did what He was sent here to do...the will of His Father.

We are admonished in chapter 2 of 1 John to "walk as He walked." But John stated it earlier in chapter 1...

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of His Son Yahshua Messiah cleanses us from all sin.

Before we can move through this we need to identify some key understanding points to make sense of this.

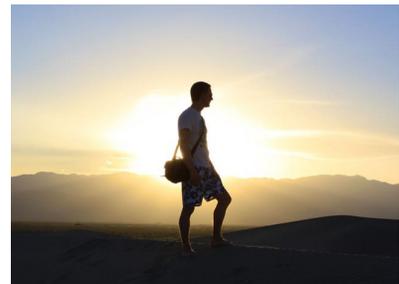
Yahshua walking in the light?
That conditional word we love to hate...If.
These promote and establish fellowship?
And...HmMMM?

Let's back up and read from verse one...

vs 5. God is light, in Him is no darkness at all.

Clearly John is using light and darkness here as a metaphor of YHWH's character. Light being truth, pure, holy with no evil in him.

vs 6. If we walk in darkness, the opposite of truth, purity, holiness we are not in fellowship with the Father.



vs 7. But “IF” we walk in the light...just as (vs 1-3) testifies that Yahshua does indeed follow in obedience the will of His Father, then we too will experience fellowship with our Creator.

vs 7b-10 Why this process of sin being mentioned?

Several verses later John says, “Everyone practicing sin also practices lawlessness, and sin is the breaking of the Torah.” (4:3)

So how does this walking in light, a characteristic of YHWH, tie into the process of sin in our lives?

vs 6 tells us that if we are practicing sin we are not following truth. And we know that YHWH’s Word is truth. So if we’re not practicing (walking in His commandments) the Torah we are practicing lawlessness. We are not in the light but rather we are sinning (walking in darkness).

Let’s see how Yahshua ties in this idea of walking in the light from His message in Matthew 5-7...The Sermon on the Mount.

ch 5 vs 14. You are the light of the world.
vs 16. Let your light shine before men.

That’s normally where we stop, But Wait!...



“...SO THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND MAY GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN!.”

IT GETS BETTER....

vs 17-18 “Do not think that I came to annul the Torah or the Prophets; I did not come to annul, but to fulfill. Truly I say to you, Until the heaven and the earth pass away, in no way shall one yod or one stroke pass away from the Torah **until all** comes to pass.”

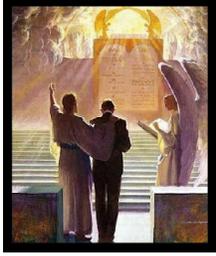
The rest of the sermon Yahshua gives explanation of what He has just declared.

Strong warning. Chilling results (or rather HOT results of hell fire).

The importance of following and keeping Torah, YHWH’s instructions, is to keep us in the light (the very character of YHWH) so we are in fellowship with Him and Yahshua His Son.



Skip through the sermon...



The caviar...7:21-23 "It will not be that just everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power? And then I will declare to them, from everlasting, I never knew you; "depart from Me, those working lawlessness!" (Psa. 6:8)

Psalms 119:105 Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

John 1:4, 5 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men; and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

John 8:12 Then Yahshua again spoke to them, saying, I am the Light of the world. The one following Me will in no way walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.

Psalm 27:1 YAHWEH is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? YAHWEH is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 119:130 The entering of Your Word gives light, giving instruction to the simple.

John 12:36-37 While you have the Light, believe into the Light, that you may become sons of Light. Yahshua spoke these things and departed and hid from them. Though He had done so many miraculous signs before them, they did not believe into Him,

James 1:16, 17 Do not go astray, my beloved brothers, 1:17 every act of good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Heavenly lights, with whom is no change or shifting shadow.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are an elect race, a royal priesthood; a holy people, and a people for possession⁴; that you should proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness to His precious light:

Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, that they might shine in it, for the glory of YAHWEH illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb.⁷⁶

Ecclesiastes 2:13 Then I saw that there is advantage to wisdom above folly, even as light has advantage over darkness.

“Walk in the light, as He is in the Light!”