



Topic: "Identifying with Messiah Yahshua" Pt 8  
Scripture: John 3:1-21  
Definition: "What's in your Obituary?"

## Identifying with Messiah Yahshua

- Part 1: Yahshua's Unity with YHWH the Father
- Part 2: Yahshua aligned His will with the Father's will.
- Part 3: Yahshua walked in the Light, the Father's instructions
- Part 4: Walking in Newness of Life (walking in the Spirit!)
- Part 5: Looking at Yahshua's "Life & Conduct"
- Part 6: Fruits of the Spirit
- Part 7: Called to Persecution

### ***Part 8: "What's in your Obituary?" or "Dying to self"***



Death was a result of man's disobedience to YHWH. When the Father created all things death was not part of His original creation. Man brought that upon himself and all of YHWH's creation.

Since then, man has struggled with the concept of death. So many questions, doubts, fears, anxieties surround this topic.

Speaking of the death of a person it is something that everyone faces.

- \* Genesis 3:19 (YHWH speaking) "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until your return to the ground. For you have been taken out of it; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Job 7:21, Ps 146:4)
- \* Ecclesiastes 3:20 "All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all return to the dust."
- \* Ecclesiastes 9:5 "For the living know that they shall die; but the dead do not know anything; nor do they have any more a reward, for their memory is forgotten. (Ps 115:17)

- \* Hebrews 9:27 “And as it is reserved to men once to die, and after this, Judgment;”

***Death does not define us, what we do while we live defines us!***



When you die what will people think of you? What will be said of you? How will your life be expressed to others? How did they see you?

While those are important questions because they are our ‘testimony,’ however, the most important read will be the obituary that Yahshua reads to the Father.

**Either for or against Him:**

- \* Matthew 12:30 “The one who is not with Me is against Me, and the one who does not gather with Me scatters.” (Lk 11:23)
- \* Exodus 20:1-3 “And Elohim spoke all these words, saying, I am YAHWEH your Elohim, who has brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. You shall not have any other Elohim before My face.”
- \* Joshua 24:14-15 “Now, then, fear YAHWEH, and serve Him in sincerity and truth, and turn away from the gods which your fathers served Beyond the River, and in Egypt; and you serve YAHWEH. And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve YAHWEH, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods whom your fathers served Beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. But as for me and my house, we will serve YAHWEH.”

As we conclude this series of “Identifying with Messiah Yahshua” the last element we want to look at closely reflects all of the previously taught insights.

In walking as Master Yahshua walked we must die to self. This is not a New Testament teaching but rather a Scriptural teaching that goes back to the entire Words of YHWH.

***Let’s prove this by using the Brit Hadashah (NT).***

***John 3:1-21***

***Nic at Night:***

- \* Nicodemus: a Pharisees, ruler of the Jews (vs 1), teacher (vs 10)
- \* You do not know these things?



Wait... A teacher of Israel, before Messiah’s death, burial and resurrection. He’s a teacher of the Scriptures, a Pharisee. Yahshua asks...

You teach the children of Israel My Word but you don’t know this truth?

Yahshua is telling of the 'spiritual birth'...being born again as if it were something that Nic was already suppose to be teaching. He should have already known!

The way to a right relationship with YHWH, which by the way can and does lead to eternal life provided we obey His instructions (for we know that sin is not keeping His instructions as John writes in another letter of his [1 John 3:4]), is to be re-born.

*A process of dying to oneself and living for the purpose of another.*

This does not mean we loose our identity. It means we are becoming exactly what the Father had always intended for us to be. Those qualities of life that can only come through the Spirit, the Fruits of the Spirit are manifested more and more as we die to ourselves and let Yahweh change who we are from the inside out.

It's not what we do, it's who we are becoming. More like our beloved Messiah, Yahshua. And in so doing pleasing and glorifying the Father.

The prophet Joel says this that reflects not only of a time that was and a time that will be, but also of a time that is for each individual...

- \* Joel 3:14 "Multitudes, multitudes in valley of decision! For the day of YAHWEH is near in the valley of decision.

Joshua declares for he and his house, they would SERVE Yahweh.

We are either slaves by force or by choice. Choose to serve YHWH.



**Slave**



**Servant**

How about you? Will you willing to give your all, your life, your family, your job, your time, your money, your thoughts, your actions...your all to YHWH? You must according to Yahshua's teaching to Nic.

Be born from above. Seek Him while you can. Trust what He says and obey His instructions.

*Father may your Ruach (Spirit) move us to be more like Your Son!*

## **Scriptural Thoughts:**

### **What does the Scriptures say?...**

John 3:30 He must increase, I must decrease

Galatians 2:20-21 Crucified with Messiah, I no longer live

1 Cor 15:31 I die daily

Gal 5:24-25 Belong to Messiah, nailed to the cross are your passions and desires of the sinful nature.

### **The New Creation...**

Eph 4:22-24 Put off old self, be made new

Col 3:10 Put on the new man after Him that created Him.

2 Cor 5:17 The old has gone, the new is here!

No longer slaves to Sin. We do not practice (live a lifestyle of) sin...

1 Pet 2:24 Die to sin and live to righteousness

Rom 6:1-6 Die to sin, buried with Him through baptism into death, no longer slaves to sin

Rom 6:8 Die with Messiah will live with Him

Rom 13:14 Be clothed in Messiah, do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh

### **The cost of following Messiah:**

Lk 14:28-33 Count the cost

Lk 14:27 If you don't carry the cross and follow Him you are not His disciple

Matt 10:37 Love Messiah Yahshua more than yourself or family

Lk 9:23 To be Yahshua's disciple you must deny yourself, take up your cross (daily-choose daily) and follow Him

Lk 9:24-24 To save your life you must lose it

Matt 10:33 If you don't take up your cross and follow Him you are not worthy of Him

### **Set apart (a holy people) from the world:**

Rom 12:1-2 Offer your bodies as living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to Elohim

James 4:4 A friend of the world becomes an enemy of Elohim

### **Think on these:**

Mark 8:38 If you're ashamed of Him, He will be ashamed of you

1 Cor 6:19-20 Your body is the temple of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit)

Matt 22:37-38 Yahshua quoting the Torah, "Love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart, soul and mind

Prov 3:5-7 Trust in Yahweh with all your heart! Submit to Him

### **This is Glorifying to YHWH:**

1 Cor 10:31 "Then whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all things to the glory of Elohim."

Col 3:17 "And everything, whatever you do in word or in work, do all things in the name of our Master Yahshua, giving thanks to YAHWEH the Father through Him."

### **Remember:**

Matthew 6: 24 You can't serve two masters

Rev 3:15-16 He will spit you up (the lukewarm)

Rev 3:31 Be an overcomer

2 Cor 6:17 Come out from among them

Philippians 2:12-13 "So then, my beloved, even as you always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much rather in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for ***it is Elohim who is working in you both to will and to work for the sake of His good pleasure.***"