

Grafted In

Grafted; a piece of living tissue from the shoot of a plant that is joined to the stem and root system of another plant, resulting in the growth of a single plant. We are spiritually and physically, through our actions, grafted from a wild olive branch to be part of the tree which gives life.

1Corinthians 7: 10~16 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For **the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.** But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?

One is sanctified through the actions of others, as the children are sanctified through their parents as they are joined, partaking in the family unit. Participation is the visual sign that one is a member of the unit. Many have joined different groups or activities at times, yet when one ceases to participate they lose the right to call themselves members for their lack of involvement. This same principle holds true in the family unit. A family that stays together works together as one unit, all participating. With no participation there is no unity, just individuals coexisting for ease of existence.

Acts 2: 37~41 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **For the promise is unto you, and to your children**, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

This promise is not only to us, those that are called to “The Way” but also that which is ours, referring to our children and those parts of our unit, to also partake of the blessings through truth.

Deuteronomy 29: 9~15 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and **do them**, that ye may prosper in all that ye do. Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; **your captains** of your tribes, **your elders**, and **your officers**, with **all the men** of Israel, **Your little ones**, **your wives**, and **thy stranger** that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water: That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day: That he may establish thee to day for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. **Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; But with him that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God (meaning the participating Gentiles), and also with him that is not here with us this day: (future generations).**

Note this covenant and oath is not only with those of the nation of Israel, those being of age able to understand what is being said. But with him that stand here with us this day before the LORD our God; your captains, your elders, your officers, with all the men of Israel, your little ones, your wives and

stranger, meaning the participating Gentiles, those joining into the family and also with him that is not here with us this day referencing future generations.

Deuteronomy 31: 9~13 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel. And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Gather the people together, men, and women, **and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates**, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: And that **their children**, which have not known any thing, may hear, and **learn to fear the LORD** your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

The children learn to fear, respect Yah through the parent's teachings. They themselves did not make a covenant with Yah on the mountain, but through the promise given to their parent's do they obtain the gift.

Romans 11: 1~4 I say then, Hath God cast away **his people**? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away **his people** which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

Romans 11:5~11 Even so then at this present time also **there is a remnant** according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back away. I say then, Have they stumbled that they should **fall**? God forbid: but rather **through their fall** salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Romans 11:12~15 Now if the **fall of them** be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the **casting away** of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, **but life from the dead**?

Romans 11:16~21 For **if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches**. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert **grafted in among them, and with them partakest** of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were **broken off**, that I might be **grafted in**. Well; **because of unbelief they were broken off**, and thou standest by **faith**. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

Romans 11:22~32 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: **otherwise thou also shalt be cut off**. And they also, if they **abide not still in unbelief**, shall be **grafted in**: for God is able to **graft them in again**. For if

thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is **wild by nature**, and wert **grafted** contrary to nature into a **good olive tree**: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, **be grafted into their own olive tree**? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that **blindness in part is happened to Israel**, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, **they are enemies for your sakes**: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance (*change*). For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy **through their unbelief**: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in **unbelief**, that he might have mercy upon all.

*The fate of Israel was set in motion after accepting the calling out of Egypt. For the nation of Israel there are only two roads to walk. The first consists of a **faithful walk** in covenant with Yah and that walk was not only for them, but to their generations to follow. Their children, following in the parent's footsteps, honor Yah as they have been taught His laws, drawing even closer in relationship with their Creator through the means of the parent's teachings, a head start given. The other road is the fate prophesied in the book of Leviticus Chapter 26 of the faithless and their **falling away**.*

Once called into covenant with Yah and proceeding on the walk, the generations that followed, the children and those that attached themselves to the called family were not called again in their generation to make a covenant with Yah over and over again from generation to generation. Once the family line was called all that partook of the line were part of the promises of the covenant. The generations that followed the first families that came out of Egypt did not personally go up to the mount into covenant with Yah, generation after generation. Nor did each succeeding generation receive the commandment from Yah personally, but were taught through their parents as the promise was inherited.

The same is true with our children who are sanctified through us in our belief in Yahshua. They are already part of the family, part of the wild olive branch grafted in and do not need to apply to join. They need only comply with Yah's righteous requirements to stay grafted in and inherit the blessings.

If you are one of the wild olive branches grafted into the tree of life, which is referring to Yahshua, you are counted as one with the tree. You are part of the first and only nation Yah has called to be His. As one that is now part of the tree, being grafted in you are required just as the original branches to produce fruit. You will be dealt with as one of the original branches and pruned as needed to flourish into becoming a healthy branch on the tree. Your purpose, as all the branches are is to grow and provide beauty to the Creator. You will be asked to produce fruit, referring to the righteous requirements according to Yah's laws. Some will also be given the opportunity to produce off shoots of their own. As you are made in the likeness of your Creator, ergo they are also made in your likeness, repeating the process.

*These off shoots are sanctified through your belief until they are mature enough to discern for themselves. Their fate is not to be grafted in as they already are, but to stay the course and produce fruit. For them there is but two walks to be had. One of the **faithful walk**, following in the parent's footsteps and honoring Yah as they have been taught drawing even closer in relationship with their head start given. The other is the fate prophesied by Yahshua of the faithless and their **falling away**.*

*Did you get that? The off shoots don't get an opportunity to be grafted in, for they are already a part of the tree. They only get the opportunity of a **faithful walk** or **falling away** which is something they never knew before. They are as one born into the nation of Israel and need only to participate.*

The parents, who were wild branches that are grafted in, came from outside of the chosen nation. They had to repent, meaning, change their ways and come in line with the teaching of the truth. Once accepted as a natural branch and grafted into the trunk of the tree their goal is to honor their Creator by their actions.

Now being a branch grafted into the one true tree, if two of the opposite gender branches start to touch, and so get intimate with each other, they may join as one, according to the law of Yah. Being joined as one, this new branch can produce off shoots in their likeness, which is in the likeness of their Creator. As the off shoots are produced they are nurtured by the branch. This nurturing or life giving force is Yah's Holy Spirit passing through the tree into the branches and onto the new off shoots, giving them life.

Nowhere does it refer to the new shoots ever being displaced or made to be grafted into the trunk of the tree for themselves. No... they are part of the branch, the family line that is attached to the trunk of the tree. At no time are they required to apply for nourishment, they are part of the branch which is part of the family line attached to the trunk of the tree already partaking of the inheritance.

*Once again from the aspect of the new off shoots there is but two ways to proceed. Follow in the family line attached to the tree of life bearing fruit **walking faithfully**, or **fall away**. Falling away is to wither away, dry up as an old leaf and fall to the ground. Also those that refuse to bear fruit are also pruned by the master gardener as He sees fit.*

Hosea 2: 23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them **which were not my people, Thou art my people**; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

Joel 2: 28~32 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and **your sons and your daughters shall prophesy**, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before** the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the **remnant whom the LORD shall call**.

Are the off shoots to partake of the inheritance of Passover and the Feasts of Yah?

In the book of Exodus all the family took of the Passover and the children asked why we are doing this? They too were taking of it to be sealed by the request of their parents without personal commitment to a calling. Many of them were the first born in their family, which this seal was to protect. The reason for them asking why, what is the meaning of this event, shows that they didn't know themselves of the depth of it, but did partake of it.

Even us, as we mature we get a deeper meaning of the event that we practice, yet our commitment to this walk started while unaware of the many aspects that we now see. Even to the point when looking back, we can admit that we didn't really know what we were getting into. So why are many forcing their fears on other to do differently? Was this not all part of the walk, to develop in the learning and training through experience?

Exodus 12: 43~49 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, **This is the ordinance of the passover**: There shall no stranger eat thereof: But **every man's servant** that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. **In one**

house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. **All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.** And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let **all** his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and **he shall be as one that is born in the land**: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. **One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.**

*The ordinance of the Passover requires that all in the family are to partake. **One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.***

Had you noticed all of our former brethren from different groups who all were baptized and partook of the Passover? Where are they now? Was taking the Passover insuring their walk or was their baptism saving them now? Is not our calling according to our actions, what we do with the information given? It's according to the doing not the hearing or knowing. But one cannot do what one does not know. We learn as we practice, actively participating, personally doing our part in the walk, not watching someone else walk.

A stranger could take the Passover if he joins the family of Israel in their belief of Yah. They did not have to be baptized first. Circumcision was the mark that you were an Israelite, called out for a purpose. Are not your children sanctified through you as being part of your family? Do they participate in other events as the Sabbath and Feasts? Do they join in meals with you, and partake of the many blessings feasting before Yah at the feasts? Do they live with you and follow Yah's ways as they are shown it?

There are three different kinds of sin; Ignorant, Hidden and Presumptuous. Two hold the same punishment of being beaten for their trespass. If I'm to be beaten for something, would not it be better for something that I had not done well, rather than for something I was not allowed to participate in?

In the New Testament none of the apostles that partook of the Passover with Christ before He died was recorded as being baptized first. Forty years after the exodus, Joshua brings the people into the Promised Land. Before they are allowed to eat the crops of the land they must first partake of the Passover. No one was recorded as having to be baptized first, but the males to be circumcised. While crossing the Jordan or Red Sea there's no record of a total submersion. All that was required is that their males be circumcised, meaning the sign of being part of the family of Israel.

*Funny how the existing groups, to which we once belonged want to control all aspects of our walk. They force you to gather together according to their ways for the Passover, as in a large congregation, instead of as a group according to your **families** at your houses. Also putting the requirement on who is allowed to take the Passover verses being sanctified **through your parents** as you gather as a **family member**. Eating of a **single** loaf of bread, broken and given to all verses handing out pieces of store bought matzo's. Also in the drinking of **wine from one cup**, showing that we are all part of His one body and one blood verses grape juice from individual little cups.*

*We are seeing many different reasons in taking the Passover, as being part of the group. Yet I fail to find any scripture to suggest that one must **prequalify first to participate**, other than **wanting to be part of the body of believers**.*

Passover is the first of seven Feasts, a service in remembrance of our sealing, being called out. Every Sabbath we join to acknowledge His will. So by keeping the Sabbath and the Feasts are we not saying that He is our God for we are following His will? How is this any different by following His commands to remember this day and doing so according to His instructions? You go to the Feast every year and participate in its blessings, is that not the same as reviewing the plan of salvation. Yet we are told that

participating in the Passover is **different** or perchance we are still looking for a way out, but there is only one way out alive and that's by giving up your life.

Would it be better not to take of the Passover at all, rather than take it in an unworthy manner? Is not sin given the same reward for noncompliance? Well, when do we become ready? Would it be better to not have committed to His ways and **fall**, rather than not to have tried at all? The same recompense is given to both.

Better to have tried and lost; then have never tried at all.

Critics don't Count:

*It is not the critic who counts;
Not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled,
Or where the doer of deeds could have done them better*

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena;

*Whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood;
Who errs and comes short again and again . . .
Who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause;
Who at the least knows in the end the triumph of high achievement;
And who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly,
So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls*

Who know neither victory nor defeat?

(Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt)

*Next year, Next year – It is next year! Next year may never come. Has God been patiently fertilizing, pruning and watering so that we might produce? Has the time come for His harvest? Only you can answer this question, but woe to the one who answers, “Not yet, Lord. You will have to wait longer for me.” For Yah waits for no man, and will come as a thief in the night. Can you hear the message...Honor the King **now** or perish!!!!*

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