

Salvation through Sanctification and Belief

2Thessalonians 2:13~14 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath **from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:** Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*These are some revealing words Paul is giving us. He states that from the beginning we have been chosen to obtain **salvation**.*

Salvation #4991. *soteria, (so-tay-ree'-ah) meaning; rescue or safety, deliver, save, saving.*

*We were called, chosen to be saved, to be rescued from the penalty of sin, which is death. We know that grace was afforded us by the sacrifice of our Lord Yahshua on the cross. But Paul continues to say that this calling to salvation is through **sanctification** of the **Spirit of Yah**.*

Sanctification #38. *hagiasmos, (hag-ee-as-mos'); properly-purification, the state of purity; a purifier, holiness.*

*We are called to salvation, to be saved through the **sanctifying** work of the Spirit of Yah. So to be saved I must first be called, then I need to be sanctified by Yah's Holy Spirit. The calling is an outward physical condition that brings me to a place in time. Once I'm there, the true battle begins with Yah's Spirit working within me. This work is done spiritually from within, the overcoming of self to serve the living God.*

*Salvation is not just a calling; it's the act of overcoming self, first by changing the physical, then the Spiritual. I was called physically, but I'm sanctified spiritually from within. Also stated; not only am I to be sanctified by Yah's Holy Spirit working within me, convicting me of my errors that must be changed but I'm also required to have **belief of the truth** as I yield to His Spirit.*

Believing in the truth is more than a thought process, but the procedure of doing that which is true, it's an action. Salvation comes from the cleansing within to produce an outward manifestation of the truth. Simply put, the inside controls the outside. For me to walk a truthful walk, I must control my desires and be led by His Holy Spirit to produce right actions. True salvation happens from the inside out; in producing righteous fruit for others to be nurtured by.

If we just dress the outside while ignoring the inside, which is the cause of the problem, we are no better than the Pharisees who were berated by Yahshua for their hypocrisy, the cleansing of the outside of the cup, while the inside is full of sin.

Matthews 23:25~26 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

1Peter 1:1~5 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten us** again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God **through faith unto salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.

Once again, it's the **sanctification of the Spirit** by which we are cleansed by His Holy Spirit working within us to produce **obedience** to His will...the law. Grace, which is; "unmerited pardon," is shown me by the blood of Yahshua to inherit eternal life with Yah. He has taken the first step in creating this relationship between us, through His son. He then garnishes us with gifts to assure His part of this new relationship. He imparts to us His Holy Spirit to adorn will His riches. This unadulterated gift, cleanse us from any former relationships with others and or self which could diminish this new bond uniting us with our creator.

Yah's is totally proactive once He calls us into covenant with Him. The gifts of His Spirit not only cleanse us outwardly, but working inwardly to produce obedience. Obedience on our part is observed by our action that shows the working of His Spirit within us. This action is called "**Our Faith**": the action of your belief. If you don't show action, you are not showing any belief, ergo... **No Faith**. Faith is an attribute seen through your actions; it's not a thought process.

Mark 2:5 When Jesus **saw their faith**, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

Yahshua is quoted as "**seeing their faith**" which is indicative of how the bible defines faith. Faith simply cannot exist as a hidden thought in the heart. Believing and the fruits of belief ..."**action**" are so bound together that neither could exist apart from the other, according to scripture.

The Bible sees faith as more than simply a confession of knowing. Faith must be followed by our actions to bring about a transformation. Unless a transformation is seen and felt in our lives, **faith: the action of your belief** has not occurred. Until I act, faith is only a word used by the world. It is not a reality in my life nor is its consequences revealed until it **produces fruit**. To believe is not to gather mental or spiritual cargo. To believe is to...**do**.

We are given the Spirit of Yah to overcome the self, the inner me so that I can produce the **fruit of His Spirit** living in and through me. I must transform the inside to have the outside look and act differently. That is why religion, which is an organized form of worship, has little change on a person's behavior. The effect of religion addressing only the outside of one's appearance allows the inner desires to surface and defeat the tangible changes that have occurred. When no one is watching we're right back doing those things that we have done before. True change must occur from within and work its way outwardly through your actions.

The conquest of self...the final frontier

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