

Study of 1 Corinthians 3

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1 Corinthians 3:1-23

*In 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 And I, brethren, could **NOT** speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Messiah. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto you were not able to bear it, neither yet now are you able.*

Here, Paul speaks to the Corinthians and says, I can't teach you people spiritual things, **BECAUSE** you have not even understood the simplest doctrines of the Torah of Yahweh, and you are **ALL** acting like little children, you are being very childish and you can't even get along with each other. I have given you the simplest teaching possible, something that you should easily understand and **DO**, and yet, you can't even understand and do these simple things that I am teaching you. I have asked you to walk a life that is surrendered to our heavenly Father through and by believing Him, by faith, and instead of following this very simple teaching, you are still walking in the flesh, you are still walking in your own lustful desires, wanting **TO BE RIGHT RATHER THAN DOING RIGHT** as the Scriptures, Yahweh's eternal **TRUTH**, teaches us.

3 For you are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you, envying, and strife, and divisions, are you not carnal, and walk as men? 4 For while one says, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are you not carnal?

Paul says. there **IS ENVY** among you, and envy is based on pride, and pride knows no humbleness, only anger and self righteousness; you strive with each other over the smallest and most ridiculous things, insisting that you **ARE RIGHT** and fighting over **nothing at all, to simply prove your point.**

Our Messiah taught us to be **united** as one body, the body of Messiah, and instead of following His instructions, you are divided in all of your ways, one person can't even agree with the other, and therefore you are divided, even to the point of hating each other and gossiping about each other. That is **NOT** what Messiah came to teach us, and until you **ALL** learn to change your attitude to line up with Messiah's Way of life, His Torah obedient Life, **YOU WILL NOT** be able to learn the deeper matters of the Word of Elohim, given to us by His Holy Spirit, and those deeper meanings are *love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance*: **FOR** against these wonderful attributes, there **IS NO LAW**. There is absolutely no room for selfishness in the Ways of Elohim, instead, we are to seek first the kingdom of Elohim and **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS** and Messiah tells us, that when **WE WILLINGLY DO THAT, THEN ALL OTHER THINGS WILL BE ADDED ONTO US.**

Paul goes on to say, You think that because I Paul or Apollos baptized you that somehow you are special, **BUT** the truth, is that I, Paul, and or Apollos are nothing, we are mere messengers of Messiah, and Messiah is a messenger of our heavenly Father, and when you accept Messiah, who is the Words of the Living Word of our heavenly Father, His Torah made flesh, as your Master and Saviour, **IT IS** Elohim that you are accepting and **NOT** His messengers; **IT IS** Yahweh/Messiah that will lead you into the Father's Kingdom, by the power of His Holy Spirit. Both Apollos and I are

mere messengers delivering the **GOOD NEWS, THE FATHER'S TRUTH, THE GOSPEL** (*Ephesians 1:13*) that our Redeemer lives, and **IT IS HE**, our Deliverer and Saviour, that came down from heaven and gave up His Life for us, and **IT IS HE** that will lead you to the Father. Don't look to any man, including me, or Apollos, for Salvation, **IT IS** the Son of our heavenly Father, and His selfless Life Giving sacrifice that redeems us and leads us to the kingdom of our heavenly Father for eternity.

Who then is Paul, who is Apollos?

*But **ministers** by whom you believed, even as YHVH gave to every man*

I Paul have planted

Apollos watered

BUT ELOHIM GAVE THE INCREASE

THEREFORE

Neither is he that plants anything

Neither is he that waters anything

BUT ELOHIM THAT GIVES THE INCREASE

Paul continues on and says:

*Now he that plants and he that waters are **ONE** (they have the same goal), just like Messiah and the Father have the same goal, for they too, are **ONE**, they are echad, because they are teaching the **ONE AND ONLY REAL TRUTH**, the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, His Living Word, His Torah that was made flesh, and who dwelt among us.*

Furthermore, *every man shall receive his own reward according to his **OWN LABOUR**. You Corinthians, and all you that are reading these verses, please **UNDERSTAND**, that you will be judged by **YOUR LABOUR, THE WORKS THAT YOU DO WHILE YOU ARE HERE ON EARTH**. You will be judged on whether you did the Works of Elohim, and both Messiah, and our heavenly Father, have made it perfectly clear what the Works of Elohim **ARE**, when they said, **IF you love Me, KEEP AND OBEY MY COMMANDMENTS**. Therefore it is up to each and every individual to decide for themselves as to whether they will chose to DO, the Works of Elohim, or choose instead to **DO their** own works, the works that are contained in the man made secular doctrines of the world or in the doctrines of the man made religions of the World, which state, that the Torah of Yahweh, His inerrant and everlasting **TRUTH**, has somehow, been changed, or that **IT HAS** either been partially or totally done away with, **BECAUSE**, denying and or rejecting Yahweh's **TRUTH**, His Torah, the Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Siynay, **IS** the work of the enemy, satan himself, and Messiah makes that very clear in *John 5:45-47 Do not think that I Messiah, will accuse you to the Father: there is however **ONE** that accuses you, **EVEN MOSHEH** in whom you say you trust. 46 For had you believed Mosheh and the Words of the Father's Torah that were given to him at Mount Siynay by Yahweh Elohim, **THEN**, you would have believed Me, your Messiah: for Mosheh wrote of Me. 47 **BUT IF you DO NOT** believe his writings, the Torah, that Yahweh gave to Mosheh, **HOW SHALL YOU BELIEVE MY WORDS?****

All of Scripture including **ALL** of the Father's prophets, and **ALL** of Messiah's Apostles, taught that the Torah of Mosheh, **IS** the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, it **IS** His eternal **TRUTH**.

Then Paul says something that **IS** very comforting to me, he says, *For we are labourers TOGETHER with Elohim: You are Elohim's husbandry, Elohim's building, His Temple.*

Now I want you to take a moment, and think about and meditate on, this statement, and please realize that we are **ALL SERVANTS** of the most High Elohim. Paul goes on, and says that, **OUR BODIES ARE THE TEMPLE** of Yahweh, and therefore **IT IS** up to each and every individual to choose to either willingly and lovingly **DO** the Works of Elohim, which means to **KEEP, FOLLOW and OBEY**, His Torah of Life, and become His servants, His vessels by which Yahweh's redemption onto salvation plan **IS** offered to the whole world, **OR**, we can do our own thing, we can rebel against the Father's Torah, and insist **THAT IT HAS** somehow been done away with, as most of Christianity does, or we can add our own man made doctrines, and our own understanding to the Torah of Mosheh and teach that our man made additions, our oral torah, somehow supersede the Torah of Mosheh as the leaders of the man made religion of Judaism have done, and thereby, become **TRANSGRESSORS** of the Father's Torah, become **SINNERS** (1John 3:4). Since our heavenly Father has seen fit to give us the gift of **FREE CHOICE**, **WE CAN** indeed willingly choose to work against **WHAT** and **WHO HE IS**, by continually **TRANSGRESSING** His Torah, by continually walking in **SIN**, and suffer the consequences of our actions, which **IS** eternal damnation.

Now, this next statement **IS VERY IMPORTANT**, *According to the grace of Elohim which is given unto me, as a WISE master builder, I have laid the FOUNDATION, (Yasod, יָסֹד, to found, to establish, to compose, write) and another builds thereon. But let every man take heed how he builds thereupon;*

Here, we must realize and understand that Paul is saying that **HE IS NOT** preaching from his own knowledge, **BUT** that he **IS** preaching the Word of Elohim, His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and he says that he is doing it by Elohim's Grace, and **NOT OF HIMSELF. THIS MEANS THAT IT IS** our heavenly Father, through His Holy Spirit, that instructed Paul **WHAT TO SAY AND WHAT TO TEACH**, in the very same way that **IT WAS** the Father's Holy Spirit who instructed our Messiah on what to speak and what to do, (John 5:30; 6:38-40; 12:49-50): and Paul is passing on the message that he received directly from the Father's Holy Spirit, and that message, my friends, according to *Ezekiel 36:26-27 IS FOLLOW AND OBEY THE FATHER'S TORAH.*

The Father Himself established His Torah, which is also called, His **Gospel**, and it is the foundation upon which we are to build our lives, in order that we may, by building upon His solid foundation, actually inherit everlasting Life, and that **FOUNDATION IS**, the Father's Torah of Life, His Gospel of **TRUTH** (Ephesians 1:13) the Father's everlasting Living Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, given to Mosheh at Mount Siynay and later, in Elohim's timing, the Words of His Torah of Life, actually became flesh, and was manifested as our Messiah. Now, according to Paul, we, as followers and believers in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, **ARE** to be very careful, that we **ONLY** build our lives on the foundation that Yahweh Himself established for **US**, and that foundation my friends **IS THE FATHER'S** Living Word, His Torah of Life, made flesh, and **NO OTHER, BECAUSE**, there are, and will continue to be, many, many slightly false, to completely false foundations that men have created and will continue to create, and these false foundations **WILL INDEED LEAD** many people who willingly choose to build on these distorted and false foundations, these false doctrines, it will lead them **AWAY** from the **PURE INERRANT**

AND EVERLASTING WORD OF YAHWEH and **AWAY** from His Kingdom and everlasting Life at His side, as the bride of Messiah.

*Verse 11 For **NO OTHER** foundation **CAN A MAN LAY** (although many have and will continue to try) **THAN** what is laid, which is Messiah Yeshua, the **LIVING TORAH MADE FLESH, the Father's directives for everlasting Life.***

As you can see, Paul emphatically states that the **ONLY FOUNDATION** that we are to build on **IS MESSIAH, and Scripture makes it very clear that Messiah IS THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, MADE FLESH.**

Well **IF**, as Paul says, we are to only build our understanding on Messiah, **BECAUSE HE IS THE ONLY TRUE FOUNDATION THAT WILL LEAD US TO EVERLASTING LIFE, THEN IT IS VERY IMPORTANT** that we understand who Messiah **TRULY IS**. Let me quote you a few verses that will help establish who Messiah is.

***John 1:1-5** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word **WAS** Elohim. 2 The same was in the beginning with Elohim. 3 **All things** were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In Him, (the Words of the Living Torah, made flesh) was life; and the life **was the LIGHT of men**. 5 And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness does **NOT** comprehend it. It is very important that we all understand, that Messiah **IS** the Word of Elohim and that the Word of Elohim, **IS Elohim**.*

***John 5:30** I, Messiah, can of My own Self **do nothing**: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is **just**; **BECAUSE** I do **NOT** seek My own will, **BUT** I seek only the will of the Father who has sent Me.*

Here Messiah Himself tells us that He cannot do anything in and of His own will, **BECAUSE** He has willingly and lovingly chosen to surrender His Will to the Father, and therefore He **ONLY DOES** the Will of the Father.

***John 5:46-47** For had you believed Mosheh and the Words of the Torah that Yahweh gave to Him at Mount Siynay, the Father's Torah of Life, you would have believed Me: for Mosheh wrote of Me. 47 But **IF** you do **NOT** believe Mosheh's writings, which **ARE** the Words of Torah of our heavenly Father that Yahweh Himself gave to Mosheh at Mount Siynay, **HOW** shall you believe My Words?*

Here Messiah tells us quite clearly that the prophecy of His coming, and **WHAT and WHO HE IS**, is found written in the Torah of Mosheh, and **ALL THOSE** who choose to **IGNORE** the Torah or toss it out as some useless trash, **DO IT** at their own peril.

***John 6:38** For I came down from heaven, **NOT TO DO MY OWN WILL, BUT TO DO** the will of Him that sent Me.*

Messiah **IS** the vessel of our heavenly Father, and as such, **He ONLY does the Will of the Father, and NOT His own Will.**

***John 6:48 -51** I am that Bread of Life. 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, **and are dead**. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and **NOT DIE**. 51 I am the Living Bread which came down from heaven: **IF** any man eat of this Bread, the*

Living Torah, **HE SHALL LIVE FOR EVER**: and the Bread that I will give, **IS My flesh**, which I will give for the life of the world.

Messiah **IS** our Redeemer and **IT IS BY HIM**, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, that we live.

John 6:57 As the Living Father has sent Me, and I live **BY** the Father: so he that eats Me, even he shall live by Me.

Messiah the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **IS LIFE TO US, just like the Father IS LIFE FOR MESSIAH.**

John 7:16 Yeshua answered them, and said, My Doctrine **IS NOT** My own, **BUT IT IS** the Doctrine of Him that sent Me.

We know that **IT IS** our heavenly Father that sent Messiah to us, and the Doctrine of our heavenly Father **IS THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH OF LIFE** (Proverbs 4:2).

John 8:12 Then spoke Yeshua again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the world: he that follows Me, shall **NOT** walk in darkness, **BUT** shall have the Light of Life.

Darkness in Scripture, refers to the absence of the Word of Elohim, **IT IS** defined as **NOT** walking in, **NOR** surrendered to, the Ways and the Words of our heavenly Father, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

John 10:25 Yeshua answered them, I told you, and you did **NOT BELIEVE ME: THE WORKS that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.** 26 But you **DID NOT BELIEVE, BECAUSE**, you are **NOT OF MYSHEEP**, as I said unto you. 27 My sheep hear (Shema) My Voice, and I know them, and they follow Me, the Words of the Living Torah of the Father, made flesh: 28 And I, the Living Torah made flesh, give unto them **ETERNAL LIFE**; and they shall **NEVER PERISH**; neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who gave them to Me, **IS GREATER THAN ALL**; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's Hand. 30 **I, AND MY FATHER ARE ONE.**

Here Messiah tells us that He and the Father are One, they are echad, therefore we must conclude that Messiah **IS** Yahweh and that Yahweh **IS** Messiah.

John 12:49-50 For I have **NOT** spoken of Myself; but the Father who sent Me, **He gave Me a Commandment**, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that **His Commandment IS LIFE EVERLASTING**: whatsoever I speak therefore, **EVEN AS THE FATHER SAID UNTO ME, so I speak.** Here Messiah again affirms that He only speaks the Words of the Father, His Torah of Life, because He **IS** the Living Word of the Father, the Torah made flesh.

John 14:6 Yeshua says unto him, I am the **WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE**: no man comes unto the Father, **BUT** by Me.

Here Messiah makes it very, very clear, that the only way to the Father, **IS BY and or THROUGH** Him, and since Messiah, **IS** the Living Words of the Father, His Living Torah, His inerrant and

everlasting teaching and instructions, His **TRUTH** (*Psalm 119:142*) made flesh, **THEN, IT IS** quite clear **THAT THE WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE, ARE** the Living Torah, the Father's inerrant and everlasting Teaching and instructions, His directives for everlasting Life.

John 14:21 *He that has My Commandments, AND KEEPS THEM, he, it is, that loves Me: and he that loves Me SHALL BE LOVED OF MY FATHER, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.*

Messiah **IS** telling us again, that He and the Father are One, and, **IF** we willingly choose to keep, follow, and obey Messiah's Commandments, it means that we are in fact, keeping, following and obeying the Father's Commandments, **FOR THEY ARE ONE, THEY ARE ECHAD**, and the Father's Commandments, **ARE the Words of His** inerrant and everlasting Torah of Life.

I have shown you just a few of the verses, where **IT IS** made perfectly clear, that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, the Living Word of the Father, and when we choose to willingly and lovingly believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Commandments of Messiah, who came to do the will of the Father, we are actually agreeing to follow, obey and **DO** the Commandments of our heavenly Father, for as Scripture emphatically states, the Father and the Son are **ONE, THEY ARE THE ECHAD**.

Next we see that Paul gives us all a very stern warning, he says, *Now IF any man build upon this foundation, the foundation that Elohim Himself established, which IS represented here as something VERY PRECIOUS, and if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; then every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's WORK of what sort IT IS.*

Please keep in mind that the Scriptures tell us that our heavenly Father **IS A CONSUMING FIRE**, and according to Paul, **ALL** of the work that **WE DO** throughout **ALL** the days of our lives, **WILL** be tested by fire, tested by our heavenly Father, who, as I said, **IS** a Consuming Fire, our heavenly Father's Word, in the final day, and the Word of Elohim will judge our Works, and Paul says, in *verse 14 If any man's work abides, which he has built thereupon, HE SHALL RECEIVE A REWARD*. I hope that you can see and understand how important **IT IS** to build on the **RIGHT FOUNDATION IF** you want to receive our heavenly Father's eternal blessings.

Next Paul tells us of the mercy of Elohim, and he says, **IF** you are trying as best as you can **TO DO** the work of the Father, **BY BUILDING ON HIS FOUNDATION, THE TORAH MADE FLESH, BUT** your work does NOT withstand the scrutiny of our Father, then the work itself that you did **WILL** be destroyed, **BUT**, your willing heart, will be preserved. *Verse 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: BUT HE HIMSELF shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*

Next Paul makes a very, very important statement, he says in *verse 16 Know you not that YOU ARE the temple of Elohim, and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you?*

I don't know what that does for you, **BUT** for me, it gives me goose bumps, just thinking about having the Creator of the universe, through His great love for all of His created beings, come and make His dwelling place within me. The thought of having the infinite Creator, living in and with me, one of His created being, is awe inspiring, and yet, **IT IS** a promise from our heavenly Father,

who according to Scripture **DOES NOT CHANGE**, which means that His promises, are still in full effect today. It is a privilege that I do **NOT** deserve, but one that I covet with my whole heart.

Paul goes on to tell us how precious we are to our heavenly Father, that is, those of us that have willingly and lovingly chosen, to surrender our wills to the Father's will. He says in *verse 17* *If any man defile the temple of Elohim, him shall Elohim DESTROY; for the temple of Elohim is HOLY, which temple you are.*

Can you see how much Elohim loves His Words of Life, His Torah, for He says, that He will destroy any person, that pollutes and or defiles the temple that is made without hands, their own bodies, with the things and the lustful pleasures of this world, for our bodies are supposed to be the Temple of Elohim, and the Temple of Elohim, is where He abides, **BUT** He will only abide in a temple that is pure and undefiled, a temple that is Holy as He is Holy. That is a warning to all of mankind, that we are to live our lives according to the instructions found the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, otherwise, we **WILL** pollute our bodies, which is supposed to be the Temple of our Elohim, and if a person does **NOT** keep His Temple Holy, then, Yahweh Elohim tells us, that He will destroy that temple, which means, that on judgment day, that person, whose temple was polluted, while he or she was alive, and **NOT** cleansed nor purified before he or she died, will be sent to their second death in the Lake of Fire,

Next Paul is warning us to beware of the so called wisdom of this world, the wisdom of relying on our own or other men's understanding, man made doctrines, rather than surrendering our hearts, minds, souls and strength, our will, to our heavenly Father and His infinite wisdom, and choosing to **TRUST** in, and **OBEY** His Commandments, the Words of His Torah of Life, and acknowledging Him in every area of our daily lives.

Paul says in *verse 18* *Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seems to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world, is foolishness with Elohim. For IT IS written, He takes the wise in their own craftiness.*

To understand this statement, we have to understand that our heavenly Father **IS** an infinite being, He is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, and we, you and I, are but **FINITE** beings, and even **IF** we put all of mankind's brain power together as one entity, we cannot even come close to measuring up to our heavenly Father's infinite wisdom. We have to understand that a finite being **WILL ALWAYS BE FINITE and FALL FAR SHORT OF THE ONE AND ONLY INFINITE BEING'S WISDOM** who will **ALWAYS BE INFINITE** and the two, the finite and the infinite, are so far apart that they cannot even be compared to each other.

As finite beings we cannot know the thoughts that are going on in another person's head and or his heart, **BUT**, our heavenly Father **IS** quite capable of doing so. Therefore, **NOTHING** can be hidden from our heavenly Father, including our own inner most thoughts. Therefore when Yahweh say let him become a fool, that he may be wise, He means, that we will be called fools according to how the people of the world judge us when we choose to keep the Torah of our heavenly Father, where the majority of the peoples of the world believe and teach, that is utter foolishness, to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, **BUT**, Yahweh in His omniscience, says, that believing, following and obeying the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, **IS** what makes us **WISE**.

*Verse 20 And again, Yahweh knows the thoughts of the wise (that is the peoples of the world that profess to be wise, **BUT** that do **NOT** follow nor obey the Wisdom of Yahweh Elohim, which happens to be, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life), that their thoughts are vain.*

What Paul is saying, **IS** that **ALL** peoples whether they believe **IT OR NOT**, cannot measure up to the wisdom of Elohim, therefore, Paul admonishes us, **NOT TO TRUST** in man's wisdom, no matter how smart you think you are, or how smart you think that your teachers or the persons that you rely on, are; rather, we are to **TRUST** in the Living Word of the Father, our Messiah, who came to earth to teach us the Ways and the Words of the Father, so that we, in turn would learn to follow His instructions, and begin to believe, follow, and obey the Word of the Father, His Torah of Life, in the exact same manner that Messiah obeyed them, when He was here on earth, and that **IS**, with a complete loving surrendered obedient heart to our heavenly Father.

*Verse 21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; 22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; **ALL ARE YOURS.***

What came to mind for me, when I read this verse, **IS**, that Messiah told us, *we can do **ALL** things through Messiah, the Living Torah, the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father made flesh, who strengthens us,* and here, Paul affirms that, by saying that **ALL THINGS** are ours, *Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; **ALL ARE YOURS.***

And then, Paul ends with extremely comforting words, he says in *verse 23 And you are Messiah's; and Messiah is Elohim's.* Our heavenly Father loves us so much, that He gave us His only begotten Son, who willingly died on the Cross because of His great love for our heavenly Father and His great love for us, and, **IF** we will simply learn to believe that he **IS** indeed the Son of our heavenly Father and choose to follow His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, which happens to be the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, that were given to Mosheh at Mount Siynay, without adding anything to it nor taking anything away from it, **THEN**, our heavenly Father will make His abode with us, for eternity. Amein

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein!