

Study of 1Peter 1
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1Peter 1:1-25

*1 Peter, an **apostle** of Yeshua Messiah*

(Now the word Apostle is the Greek word *Apostolos*, Strong's number G652 *ἀπόστολος*, *apóstolos*, from G649; and it means, a delegate, specially, an ambassador of the Gospel, officially it means, a commissioner of Messiah, an apostle, a messenger, he that is sent. It is a composite word, made up of the Greek word *Apo*, which means, from, and the Greek word, *Stello*, which means to send.

Now knowing what the true meaning of the word apostle is, lets see how that fits in with all of Peters other words.

To the strangers scattered throughout

1- Pontus, 2- Galatia, 3- Cappadocia, 4- Asia, 5- And Bithynia.

Here, we learn that Peter is an apostle of Messiah, whom Scripture confirms, **IS**, the actual Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh, which means, that Peter **IS** a **Sent One by Messiah**, and that means that Peter, is a person that is sent to deliver his Master, Messiah's message, and **ONLY** his Master's message. Now, since Peter makes it very clear that he, Peter is and Apo Stello, an apostle, an ambassador of Messiah, who, as I said above, **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, then, we can rest assured, that Peter is bringing Messiah's message, **Messiah's Doctrine** to the people, that he, Peter, will be speaking with. Therefore, we have to ask ourselves, what did Messiah Himself, tell us, His doctrine **IS**?

First of all, let's go to the book of 2John, and see what John himself had to say about Messiah's doctrine, John says in 2John 1:6-11 **And this IS LOVE, that we walk after His Commandments. This is the Commandment, that, as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it (Obey it). 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who do NOT confess that Yeshua Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, IS come in the flesh. These people, ARE deceivers and an anti-messiahs. 8 Look to yourselves,**

WHY?

So that we do NOT lose those things which we have wrought, worked for, BUT that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresses, and does NOT abide in the Doctrine of Messiah, does NOT have Elohim. He that DOES abide in the Doctrine of Messiah, that person HAS both the Father and the Son. 10 IF there comes any one, unto you, and does NOT bring THIS DOCTRINE, (the Doctrines of Messiah) do NOT receive him into your house, don't even bid him Elohim speed: 11 For he that does bid him Elohim speed, IS partaker of his evil deeds.

Now that can be a very scary message for the people that do **NOT** have the Doctrine of Messiah well established in the hearts, for it says **ONLY** those that have and or abide in the Doctrine of Messiah, actually have both the Father and the Son abiding in them, and furthermore, we are told that **IF** a person or persons, come to you and do **NOT** have the Doctrine of Messiah in them, then, Peter admonishes all of us, not to even receive them in our houses, and that we are not even to bid them, Elohim speed.

This makes it very clear to me, as it should be to you, that the people who do **NOT** have the Doctrine of Messiah, have the wrong Doctrine, therefore, it certainly appears to me, that it is of paramount importance that we **KNOW** and understand what Messiah's **Scripturally stated DOCTRINE IS**, so that we do not encounter our heavenly Father's Wrath.

In *John 7:16* Yeshua Himself told us **WHAT** His Doctrine **IS**, when He spoke these words, to His disciples, **MY DOCTRINE IS NOT MY OWN, BUT, IT IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE ONE THAT SENT ME.**

The next question therefore becomes very obvious! And that is, **WHO is it, that sent Messiah, and what is His Doctrine?**

Now it should be obvious to all people that it is our heavenly Father that sent the Words of His Living Torah to earth, the very same Words that were manifested in the flesh as our Messiah, and in whom our heavenly Father said, He was well pleased!

I will give you just a few *verses*, of the plethora of evidence that is found in Scripture, as to whom sent Messiah and what His **DOCTRINE IS.**

Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such a heart in My people Yisrael, that they would fear Me (and please remember, that **the Fear of YAHWEH IS the beginning of wisdom**) and Keep, shamar, guard **ALL** My Commandments **ALWAYS**, that it might be well with them, and with their children **FOR EVER!**

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Yisrael, what does Yahweh your Elohim **REQUIRE OF YOU, BUT** to fear Yahweh your Elohim (the fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of wisdom), to walk in **ALL** His Ways, and to love Him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with **ALL** your heart and with **ALL** your soul, To **KEEP** the Commandments of Yahweh, and His Statutes, contained in the Words of His Torah of Life, which I command you this day for your good?

Proverbs 3:1-4 My son, do **NOT** forget My Torah; **BUT** let your heart **KEEP** My Commandments (My Torah):
WHY?

For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you. Do **NOT** let Let Mercy and **TRUTH** (Torah, *Psalm 119:142*) forsake you: **BIND** them (the Words of My Torah) about your neck; **WRITE** them (the Words of My Torah) upon the table of your **heart**: So shall you find favour and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man.

Proverbs 4:1-2 Hear, you children, the instruction of your father, and attend to know understanding.
2 For I give you **GOOD DOCTRINE**, do **NOT** forsake My Torah.

Our heavenly Father, even went as far as to say, in *Proverbs 28:9* He that chooses to turn his ear away from hearing, and obeying My Torah, even **his prayer shall be abomination.**

Now that we know the **TRUTH**, that Messiah's Doctrine, **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, it makes it very clear to me, and I hope that it is also just as clear to you, that Messiah's Doctrine, **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. Therefore, since Peter proclaims, that

he is a **Sent One**, an, ambassador, an **Apostle of Messiah**, it makes it very obvious to me, that Peter was teaching the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father.

Here, in these *verses*, we are told that Peter was sent to strangers that are scattered throughout these five cities or regions, mentioned in *verse 1*, and he was sent there to preach the Words of Torah that Messiah lived by, and taught Peter, to live by, which are the very same Words that our heavenly Father gave Messiah, to give to the people of the world, that were, and still are, mired in darkness.

Peter's ministry was to his Jewish brothers in Jerusalem and those that were scattered throughout the region, which included these five areas mentioned above. These are the people that Peter gave the message of the Gospel to, and the Gospel **IS** our heavenly Father's eternal and everlasting **TRUTH**, which happens to be **ALL** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and we are told in the book of Acts that they were **Zealous** to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, (*Acts 21:20*).

The fact that he calls them strangers, is because they were Yisraelites that were sojourning in other countries, and to me, it is very telling that Peter mentions only **five** areas. I am sure that there were many Jewish believers in other areas also, **BUT**, Peter chose to name only **five** major areas. I believe that this is a code, that tells us that Peter only taught the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, that Messiah Lived by and taught others to do the same; for there are **five** books in the Torah, and the Words of the Torah, are the Words that Peter is speaking in these areas, as a message that is to be communicated to all these people, these strangers in these **five** areas, who were said to be zealous for the Torah of Yahweh, the very same Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai.

Verse 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of Elohim the Father,

Since our heavenly Father is omniscient, it is obvious that He knows who will, and who will not choose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, therefore, those that He knows will obey, are called, His elected ones. However, we have to understand that **IT IS NOT** our heavenly Father that elects or chooses them, it is their willing surrendered Loving **OBEDIENCE** to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life that brings them into the category of being our heavenly Father's elect, **IT IS** their willingness to surrender their hearts to Him, in total loving surrendered obedience, and their heart felt commitment to observe the Words of His Torah of Life, that prompts and or causes our heavenly Father to choose them, over those that He knows will reject the Words of His Torah of Life.

Through sanctification of the Spirit,

What does it mean to be sanctified by or of the Spirit?

The first thing we have to decide, is what does sanctification mean; the word sanctified is translated from the Hebrew word Qadosh, קָדוֹשׁ, which means to be holy, be sacred, consecrate, was set apart, was forbidden, was hallowed, he dedicated, he declared holy, he cleansed, purified, he devoted, assigned, he betrothed, wedded, he kept himself separated, he purified himself.

Next let's look at what it means to be sanctified by the **HOLY SPIRIT**. To do that we have to go to *Ezekiel 36:23-27* where it says *And I Yahweh will sanctify My great Name, which was profaned*

among the heathen, which **YOU** Yisrael, **have profaned** in the midst of them; and the heathen shall **KNOW** that I am Yahweh, says Yahweh Elohim, when I shall be **SANCTIFIED** in **YOU** (my elect) before their eyes. 24 For I will take **YOU** (my elect) from among the heathen, and gather **YOU** (my elect) out of all countries, and will bring **YOU** (my elect) into your own land. 25 Then I Yahweh will sprinkle **clean water** (a reference to the water of His Word, His Torah) upon **YOU** (my elect), and **YOU** (my elect) shall be **clean**: I Yahweh will cleanse **YOU** (my elect) from **ALL your filthiness**, and from **ALL your idols**. 26 A **New Heart** also will I give **YOU** (my elect), and a **New Spirit** will I put within **YOU** (my elect): and I will take away the **stony heart** out of **your flesh**, and I will give **YOU** (my elect) a **heart of flesh**. And I Yahweh, **WILL PUT** My Holy Spirit within **YOU** (my elect), and cause **YOU** (my elect) to walk in My Statutes, and **YOU** (my elect) **SHALL KEEP** My Judgments, My inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, My Torah of Life and **DO** them.

As you can see, those that are **SANCTIFIED**, **Qadosh**, are actually set apart, chosen by our heavenly Father to do His bidding, they are selected by our heavenly Father, **BECAUSE**, they themselves, have willingly chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, and allowed the Holy Spirit to **CAUSE** them to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

The fact that the **ELECT** are the ones that have chosen to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah of Life is confirmed in these following words.

Through sanctification of the Spirit, UNTO obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Yeshua Messiah:

These words are telling us that the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father sanctifies us **BY causing** every willing heart that allows Him, to teach them to obey the Words of the Father's Torah, in the very same manner that Messiah Himself chose to willingly and lovingly believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of life, and by His Torah obedient exemplary Life, He taught us to do the same, and the blood that He shed for us, is a metaphor for the Torah obedient Life that He willingly and lovingly chose to live, for Scripture tells us that the **LIFE** of all flesh **IS** in the blood, therefore when Scripture speaks of the shed blood of Messiah, what it is really speaking of, **IS** Messiah's Torah obedient Life.

Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

This is a great blessing, **FOR** Peter is saying that the Grace, the **FAVOUR** of a perfect Torah obedient Life, that Messiah, the only begotten Son of our heavenly Father, willingly and lovingly chose to live, and the peace, the freedom that that kind of Life brings, be multiplied onto **YOU**. Now that my friends **IS a real blessing**.

*Verse 3 Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Master Yeshua Messiah,
Who, according to His abundant mercy
Has begotten us again unto a lively hope
By the resurrection of Yeshua Messiah from the dead,*

Here Peter is blessing our heavenly Father for resurrecting our Messiah, for according to Scripture, that means that **ALL** people who choose to walk as Messiah walked, in a total loving surrendered

obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **WILL** also be resurrected, exactly as Messiah was resurrected, onto eternal life in the kingdom of Elohim, to reign with Messiah as His Bride for eternity. Next, in *verse 4*, Peter tells us what kind of resurrection that **the elect** will receive, he says: their resurrection will be:

Verse 4 To an inheritance incorruptible

(Strong's number G862 ἄφθαρτος áphthartos, undecaying in essence or continuance; **not corruptible, immortal**),

And undefiled

(Strong's Number G283 ἀμίαντος, amíantos, **unsoiled, pure, undefiled**)

*And that does **NOT** fade away, Reserved in heaven for you.*

As you can see, Peter tells us that the **resurrection** that **the elect** will receive, will be an eternal inheritance, One that does **NOT** fade away, and one that **IS** reserved in heaven, for the Elect, who **ARE** the people who have willingly chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and the reason that the inheritance does **NOT** fade away, is **BECAUSE**, like our heavenly Father, it too, **IS** eternal, and once He has stipulated that **it is eternal**, He does **NOT** take it back. However, there is a caveat, **WE**, His created beings, cannot be part of His Elect, **IF**, like Esau, we of our own accord, choose to reject our birthright, our inheritance, as many others have and will do, for the only thing left for those people after they have chosen to willingly **reject** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **IS** the second death, eternal darkness, even though they might have thought at the time, that they were going to get something better. And the reason that the inheritance is kept in heaven, is to protect it from being polluted by man, and that is why we are told to seek first the kingdom of Elohim here on earth, and that all other things will be added onto us, here on earth, in our heavenly Father's everlasting Kingdom.

*Verse 5 Who are kept by the power of Elohim, Through **BELIEF**, Unto salvation, Ready to be revealed in the last time.*

These people that are kept by the power of Elohim, **ARE the ELECT**, and the **ELECT ARE** the people who have willingly chosen to **BELIEVE, follow, and obey all** the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, for they, through their willing and loving obedience to the Father's Torah of Life, **WILL** be lead **UNTO** His eternal salvation, and **who** the **ELECT ARE, WILL** be revealed on resurrection Day, which is the climax of the period of time, when our Messiah comes back as our Conquering king to clean up the mess, that mankind has made with His Creation.

Verse 6 Wherein you greatly rejoice, Though now for a season, If need be, You are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

Here Peter says that we are to rejoice, **BECAUSE WE KNOW** that there is going to be a **resurrection** for all the people, and for those **who** have willingly and lovingly chosen to walk as Messiah walked, which is, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, will be ushered into His everlasting

Kingdom. Those that chose to reject the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah while they were alive, will be sent to their second death, in the Lake of Fire.

Peter also says, that, at times, that walk of surrendered obedience to the Father's Torah of Life, **will be difficult** because we will have to go through trials and tribulations, and a host of temptations, **BUT, IF** we can learn to submit to Elohim, and resist those temptations, then, ultimately, we will rejoice in our heavenly Father's promise of our **resurrection**, for what He promises, **always** comes to pass, for those who have willingly and lovingly chosen to believe, follow, and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, as Messiah did.

*Verse 7 That the trial of your **BELIEF, Being much more PRECIOUS** than of gold that perishes, Though it be tried with fire, Might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Yeshua Messiah:*

Here again, Peter tells us to stand firm in our belief, that Messiah Yeshua, who **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, and that we are to mimic Messiah's Torah obedient Life, which means, that we too, **ARE** to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Peter tells us, that the **BELIEF**, that we are to walk **AS** Messiah walked, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **IS MORE PRECIOUS than Gold**. Stop and think about that for a moment. It is not only Peter, **BUT** all of Scripture, points to the fact, that our **BELIEF** in our heavenly Father's eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life, **IS** much more **PRECIOUS than gold**, because, **gold can perish, BUT** our heavenly Father's **TRUTH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, **ARE ETERNAL**, and therefore it does **NOT, NOR CAN IT PERISH**.

Peter admonishes us to stay strong in our **BELIEF** in our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, so that our **BELIEF** which he says, **IS** more **precious than gold**, would be found to be onto the **PRAISE** and **HONOUR** and **GLORY**, of our Messiah, when He returns as our conquering king in end times for His Bride.

*Verse 8 Whom having **NOT** seen, you love; In whom, though now you do **NOT** see Him,*

The majority of believers have **NOT** seen Messiah, **YET**, it is very obvious that we all love Him, or else we would not be walking in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as He did and taught us to do.

Yet believing, You rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Have you ever tried to analyze your love for Messiah, tried to understand what it is **that** makes you love Him? The only answer to that question, is the work that the Holy Spirit is doing within you. It is the Holy Spirit working in you, because **YOU** have willingly chosen to allow Him, to **cause** you to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, that also **causes** you to rejoice with unspeakable joy, of the love that you have for Messiah.

*2John 1:6 And **THIS IS LOVE**, that we walk after His Commandments.*

WHAT ARE Messiah's Commandment?

*This **IS** the Commandment, That, as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.*

The Commandment that this is speaking of, **IS**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

I also believe that Peter is quoting Paul from *Hebrews 11:1* Now belief (*emunah, faith*) **IS** the **substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

Peter is saying that our belief in the Creator of the Universe's **WORDS, HIS TRUTH, IS** what gives us unspeakable **Joy**, the kind of **Joy** that someone who does **NOT** believe Yahweh, cannot, and never will be able to experience.

*Verse 9 Receiving the end (the **GOAL**) of your **BELIEF**, Even the salvation of your souls.*

A goal, is something a person strives to achieve, by putting all of his or her efforts into achieving that Goal, whether it is, a race, an educational degree that they are trying to attain, or a project that they are building. However, the **GOAL** is only achieved once the project (in this case, our life) is complete, which is exactly what Peter is telling us here, the **GOAL** of our Life, here on earth, **IS** to achieve **SALVATION** and the accomplishment of that **GOAL**, only happens at the end of our lives, on Judgement day, where Yahweh/Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, will judge **all** of our **WORKS, TO SEE IF** we have accepted, believed, followed and obeyed the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, or, if we chose instead, to reject them, and toss them aside as yesterday's Trash!

To confirm that fact, Yahweh has told us in *Ezekiel 18:21* But **IF** the wicked will turn from all his Sins, his Torah transgressions that he has committed, and **KEEP ALL** My Statutes (the Words of My Father's Torah), and do that which is Lawful and right, **IF** He keeps My Torah of Life, he **SHALL** surely live, **HE SHALL NOT DIE.**

HOWEVER in *Ezekiel 18:24* we read *But when the **RIGHTEOUS** turns away from his **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and commits iniquity, when he transgresses the Words of My Torah and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live?*

And then Yahweh answers His own question and says:

ALL of his **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, **ALL** of His Torah obedience, that he has done **SHALL NOT BE MENTIONED**: in his Torah trespasses that he has trespassed, and in his Sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die. And the death that Messiah is talking about **IS** the second death, the everlasting death.

To better understand what is being said here, we have to correctly define what the word **RIGHTEOUSNESS MEANS**, according to Scripture? Yahweh defines this word **Righteousness**, for us in *Deuteronomy 6:24-25* And Yahweh Commanded us to do all these Statutes, to fear Yahweh our Elohim, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. 25 And **IT SHALL**

BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO all these Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has Commanded us.

Next, Peter tells us something that is very important, because most of Christianity does **NOT** understand that Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, **WAS** present from the beginning of time, and that His presence, did **NOT** just suddenly appear in what they call the New Testament times. And to prove that point, Peter refers to the prophets of old and says in *verse 10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, Who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Messiah WHICH WAS IN THEM, DID SIGNIFY.*

I hope you can see and understand what Peter is telling us through his words; for he quite clearly says that the Spirit of Messiah was **IN these prophets of old**, even though Messiah **had NOT yet been MANIFESTED in the flesh**. This is a very important **FACT**, for we all know that **salvation** can only come through and **BY** Messiah, therefore, that means that **salvation** was offered to **ALL** people, even before the actual physical advent of our Messiah, and His crucifixion, death and resurrection from the Tomb, for the Lamb of Elohim **was slain from the beginning of Time**, and since the Lamb, who of course **IS** Messiah, **IS** the necessary Sacrifice by which **ALL** surrendered obedient followers of Messiah's Torah obedient Life can attain everlasting Life, **SALVATION, THEN**, that means that everyone ever born, including Adam, actually had the opportunity to attain that promised salvation, by willingly and lovingly obeying the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as Messiah did, when He was here on earth with us, **BECAUSE** the Spirit of Messiah would have taught them to believe, follow and obey the Father's Torah of Life also, just like Able did, for that is what the Living Torah, our Messiah did when He was manifested in the flesh, here on earth.

What did the Spirit of Messiah signify?

It testified beforehand the sufferings of Messiah, And the glory that should follow.

The prophets of old knew, through the Spirit of Messiah, that He, Messiah, was going to suffer and then die on the cross, for our salvation, and since they knew that, **THEN**, I am sure that they taught their disciples and anyone else for that matter, that would listen to them, to believe, follow, and obey all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, because, surrendered loving obedience to the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, to the Words of His Torah of Life, leads all people who willingly and lovingly follow that life Path, to be resurrected onto everlasting life in the kingdom of Elohim, for eternity, as Messiah was also resurrected.

Next we are told that the suffering that Messiah was going to go through for us, including Him being crucified on the cross for our salvation, was revealed to these prophets.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, That not unto themselves, But unto us they did minister the things,

Here Peter is saying that what the prophets of old taught was for our benefit, and what is it that the prophets of old **TAUGHT? They taught everyone that they were to return to, believe, follow, and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life**, for obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah, who would eventually, be sent to earth, and take on flesh, and be manifested as a man, as our

Messiah, was the only way by which we would be allowed to enter into the kingdom of Elohim, for eternity.

Next Peter tells us that the message of the Prophets of old that is now declared to these **ELECT** by the people that are preaching the Gospel, our heavenly Father's everlasting **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life, for they are one and the same.

*Which are now declared unto you by **THEM** that have preached the Gospel unto you.*

That's great, **BUT**, we have to understand what the Gospel **IS**, or what it means, before we can grasp the full meaning of Peter's message.

In *Ephesians 1:13* it says: *In whom you also trusted, after that you heard **THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION.***

Here in Ephesians we are told that the **WORD OF TRUTH IS THE GOSPEL**. So we have to ask ourselves, **WHAT IS** the Word of **TRUTH**?

Scripture makes it abundantly clear what the Word of **TRUTH IS!**

*Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and **YOUR TORAH IS THE TRUTH.***

*Psalm 119:151 You are near, O Yahweh; and **ALL YOUR COMMANDMENTS ARE TRUTH.***

*Psalm 119:160 Your **WORD IS TRUE** from the beginning: and every one of Your righteous judgments **endures for ever***

*John 7:16 Sanctify them through Your **TRUTH: YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.***

As you can see, Peter is telling us that the Prophets of old were preaching Yahweh's eternal **TRUTH**, and, that that eternal **TRUTH, IS** our heavenly Father's Words, His Commandments, His Torah, that is now being revealed to them **THROUGH** His Gospel of **TRUTH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, which is exactly what our heavenly Father, Messiah, the prophets of old and now the Apostles were teaching.

*But unto us, they **DID** minister the things, Which are **NOW** declared unto you, by them that have preached the Gospel unto you, with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.*

Peter makes it very clear that the things that the prophets of old taught, which was now being declared and or revealed, **unto the elect**, by the Apostles, **was NOT the knowledge of men, BUT** that what was revealed to them, was from, and **BY** the prompting of the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father, who only teaches what the Father has instructed Him to teach, and that of course **IS**, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

*Verse 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, Be sober, And hope to the end for the **Grace that is to be brought unto you, At the revelation of Yeshua Messiah; 14 As OBEDIENT children,***

Here Peter admonishes us to gird up, and or protect our minds from the lies of the enemy, and therefore, we are to be sober, discreet, discerning, **AND** filled with hope, because of our heavenly Father's Grace, which is being manifested to them and to us, through the message of the prophets of old, that is now being taught to them and to us by the Apostles at the revelation of the Living Torah made flesh, Yeshua Messiah, as obedient children. Since the **elect** are being taught the message of the prophets of old, which of course **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, therefore, when Peter says, the **elect**, which of course includes anyone and everyone who professes to be followers of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, **ARE** to be obedient children, it means that they are to follow and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Next, Peter warns us to be very aware of our shortcomings, the **lusts of our flesh**, because, it is so easy to give in to the lust of our flesh.

*Not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your **ignorance**: 15 But, as He, who has called you, **IS HOLY, So YOU be HOLY, in all manner of conversation;***

What does it mean to be Holy as the One who called us, is Holy. The word Holy in Scripture is the Hebrew word Qadosh קָדוֹשׁ, which means, to be holy, be sacred, consecrated, was set apart, was forbidden, was hallowed, he dedicated, he declared holy, he cleansed, purified, he devoted, assigned, he betrothed, wedded, he kept himself separated, he purified himself, **therefore** when Peter admonishes us, **that we are to be Holy**, he is telling us to be **set apart** from the Ways of the world, and that can only be done by, willingly and lovingly choosing to believe, follow, and obey all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, His Directives for everlasting Life.

*Verse 16 Because it is written, Be you holy; for I am holy. That is a quote from the Book of the Torah, and it is found in Leviticus 20:7-8 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be you **HOLY**: for I am Yahweh your Elohim 8 And you **SHALL** Keep My Statutes, My Torah. My inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **AND DO THEM**: I am Yahweh who sanctifies **YOU**.*

*Verse 17 And if you call on the Father, Who without respect of persons judges according to every man's **WORK**,*

Now I know that the church father's **FALSELY** teach and believe, that **IF** you try keeping the Law, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as we are Commanded to do in Scripture, **THEN**, according to them, the person that does that, is **WORKING for his or her own salvation**, therefore, they mistakenly teach, that we are **NOT** to follow **NOR** obey, **NOR** do the **WORK of the Law**, because, according to them, we have been freed from that so called burden, freed from doing that kind of **WORK**. However, Peter, **ALL** the Apostles, **ALL** of the Prophets, **ALL** of the Patriarchs, and Messiah Himself, teach us, that we **ARE** to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. Furthermore, Peter and all the Apostles teach us, that in end times, we **WILL** be judged **BY OUR WORKS**, and that means, that we will be judged by whether we choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, or whether we chose to reject His Words and treat them as something that was no longer valid in today's so called sophisticated society.

Now that you know the **TRUTH**, that our heavenly Father, **DOES** indeed expect, and demands, that we **WORK OUT** our own salvation (*Philippians 2:12*), by willingly and lovingly choosing to believe, follow, obey His Words and **DO** the Works that Yahweh Commands us to do, in His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. It is up to **YOU**, whom you will believe, will you believe the Creator of the universe who has Commanded us to **obey** and **DO** the **WORKS** of His Torah of Life, the very same Torah, in which our heavenly Father says, He **WILL** judge us **BY, OR**, will you believe the church fathers who teach the opposite of our heavenly Father's eternal and everlasting **TRUTH**, His Torah of Life, and who say that the Torah is done away with?

*Pass the time of your sojourning here in **FEAR**:*

Why is Peter telling us, *the elect*, to pass our sojourning here on earth, in **FEAR**? The sojourning part, represents the span of our lives here on earth, from birth to death, and the *fear* part is to remind us, that while we are here on earth, we are to **FEAR, Yirah**, our heavenly Father, and while the *word* Yirah, does indeed mean fear, **IT** also means to teach and instruct, therefore when Peter says that we are to pass the time of our sojourning here in **FEAR**, he is actually telling us, to spend our lives believing, obeying and following the instructions found in the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of life, for, **IF** we do indeed do that, **THEN**, when the time of our sojourning here on earth is over, when we die, we will be in a position to be resurrected onto everlasting Life in the kingdom of our heavenly Father, as the Bride of Messiah, on judgement Day, which will be in His Timing; and there, we will rule and reign with Him for eternity over the whole house of Ya'aqov/Yisrael.

*Psalm 111:10 The fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have **ALL** they that **DO** His Commandments (His Torah): His praise endures for ever.*

*Verse 18 Forasmuch as you **KNOW** that you were **NOT** redeemed with corruptible things, As silver and gold, From your vain conversation received by the **TRADITION** from your fathers;*

Here Peter reminds *the elect*, that we have **NOT** been redeemed nor ransomed from our vain (μάταιος, mátaios) and empty (ἀναστροφή, anastrophé) conversations or vain behaviour, that we inherited from the man made traditions of our fathers, their man made doctrines that praise and worship man made false imaginary gods, like money, or earthly riches, **BUT** with the **precious blood of Messiah** (and His shed blood represents His loving surrendered Torah obedient Life), *As of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

Peter is telling us, what we should already know through reading the Scripture, and that is, that Messiah was without blemish, and we have to understand, that that Fact, is **ONLY** possible **IF** Messiah was totally and completely compliant in His obedience to the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, what Christianity has chosen to call the Law, and all the negative connotations that, that particular word, has in today's society, **BUT**, this word Law, actually represents our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. Please remember what is said in *1John 3:4 Whosoever commits Sin transgresses also the Torah: **FOR SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE TORAH.***

This proves to all people that Messiah kept the Torah of our heavenly Father, for had He **NOT** kept the Torah perfectly, then, according to Scripture, He would have **SINNED**, He would have transgressed the Torah of our heavenly Father, and therefore, He **COULD NOT, AND WOULD NOT**

HAVE BEEN OUR SPOTLESS SINLESS LAMB, and that means that we would **ALL** be lost forever.

Next Peter tells us when the Lamb of Yahweh, who of course is our sinless Torah obedient Messiah, was slain, and as you know, or should know, *the Lamb of our heavenly Father was slain at the foundation of the world*, and that means that at Creation, our heavenly Father already **KNEW** that He would have to send His only begotten Son, to die on the cross to redeem us, **BUT** He created us anyway. Think and or meditate on that for a while, and it should give you some kind of idea, of how much He loves us, **IF**, before creating us, He already **KNEW** the very heavy price He would have to pay for creating us.

Verse 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, For the Lamb was slain from the beginning of time.

Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

But was manifest in these last times for you,

Because our heavenly Father knows, that we humans have trouble believing, unless we actually see the proof with our own eyes, He sent the Words of His Torah of Life to earth, which became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of Grace and **TRUTH** (Torah, *Psalm 119:142*).

Verse 21 Who by Him (Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh), you NOW believe in Elohim, That raised Him up from the dead, And gave Him glory;

Here, Peter is telling us that **the ELECT**, of which you and I are a part of, **NOW BELIEVE** in the Elohim of **ALL** Creation, **BECAUSE we KNOW** that Elohim **IS** the One that raised Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, who died on the cross for our salvation, He raised Him from the dead, **TO SHOW US**, that **IF** we follow in Messiah's Torah obedient footsteps, **that WE TOO WILL be resurrected into our heavenly Father's eternal kingdom to be the bride of Messiah.**

That your BELIEF and HOPE might be in Elohim.

Please understand that Messiah, the Prophets, and **ALL** the Apostles want us to put **ALL** of our **BELIEF** and all of our **HOPE in Elohim**. Messiah came to earth to point us to the Father, for Messiah Himself said, the Father is greater than I, therefore, we should see the Father in the same Light that Messiah sees Him, and praise and worship Him as Messiah did, and taught us to do.

Verse 22 Seeing YOU HAVE PURIFIED YOUR SOULS IN AND BY OBEYING THE TRUTH Through the Holy Spirit unto unfeigned, genuine, true. sincere love of the brethren,

Did you **KNOW** this **FACT** before reading it here in the book of *1Peter*? Peter makes it perfectly clear that **WE PURIFY OUR SOULS BY WILLINGLY CHOOSING TO OBEY THE TRUTH**, which means that **WE PURIFY OUR SOULS BY WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY CHOOSING TO OBEY and FOLLOW ALL the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and**

instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. And the only way that we can willingly and lovingly believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, **IS** by allowing our heavenly Father's Holy Spirit, whom He has so Graciously given us, to **CAUSE US, TO DO SO**, as it says in *Ezekiel 36:26-27 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Holy Spirit within you, and I will CAUSE you to walk in My Statutes, and you shall keep My judgments, My Torah and do them.*

Why did Yahweh feel that it was necessary to give all of us a New, Chodesh, or renewed Heart and a New Chodesh, renewed Spirit? It is because after the fall, all of mankind is created in the image of fallen Adam, with stubborn hearts of stone, hearts that absolutely need to be changed, so that they can be malleable, moulded and changed to conform to the Ways of our heavenly Father, and our spirit, when we are born, is in a coma and needs to be regenerated, renewed, or as it is called in our English Scriptures, born again if you will, so that they can develop the willingness to believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Peter goes on to say in the balance of *verse 22*:

Through the Holy Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren,
(Unfeigned love, **IS** pure love, which can only be manifested by a loving surrendered obedient heart to all the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words His Torah of Life).

See that you love one another with a pure heart fervently: 23 Being born again
(In the Greek text the words **born again** are translated as, being *regenerated again*, it is the Greek word Anagennáō, Strong's Number 313 ἀναγεννάω, anagennáō, and Thayer's Greek English Lexicon of the Apostolic Scriptures defines this word as meaning, **to regenerate, to produce again, to beget anew, to thoroughly change the mind of a person so that he or she now lives a new life that conforms to the Will of our heavenly Father,** and what **IS** the will of our heavenly Father according to Scripture? *Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such a heart in them, in Yisrael, THE ELECT, that they would fear Me, and Keep ALL My Commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever.*

It is also translated as being **regenerated** or **born from above** in some English translations, which is a spiritual rebirth that can and does happen often, when we repent from transgressing the Father's Torah of Life; for the penalty for Sin, for transgressing the Father's Torah of Life, is death, and when we are spiritually dead, we need to be **regenerated** again, so that we can walk in harmony with our heavenly Father)

Not of corruptible seed

(man made doctrines)

But of an incorruptible seed

(our Heavenly Father's Words, His Torah of Life, as it is defined in the parable of the sower of the seed),

By the Word of Elohim

(the words of His Torah of Life)

Who lives and abides for ever.

(Yahweh, like the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, abides **FOREVER**)

Next Peter makes a comparison between grass which represents our body, and a flower which represents our lives, our essence.

*For all flesh **IS** as grass,
(our bodies)*

*And all the glory of man as the flower of grass
(our lives, our essence).*

*24 The grass withers
(our bodies get old and decrepit)*

*And the flower thereof falls away:
(our lives, our essence, dies)*

BUT the Word of Yahweh, His Torah of Life, ENDURES FOR EVER.

This statement **CANNOT** be misunderstood, Peter says that the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **ENDURE FOREVER**, and **IF** that is **TRUE**, which Scripture confirms in many other places that it **IS, THEN**, what the church Fathers teach, which is, the Words of the Torah, the Law have somehow been done away with, and nailed to the Cross, **IS A LIE**.

*25 And **THIS** is the Word, the **TRUTH** (Torah, Psalm 119:142), Which **BY** the Gospel, **IS** preached unto **YOU**. Amein*

Peter ens chapter one by making it very clear, that the **TRUTH**, which is defined in Scripture, **AS** the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, **ARE** taught to us **THROUGH** the Gospel, which means that the Words of the Torah and the word Gospel, are interchangeable terms, they are both the same entity, they **ARE** our heavenly Father's eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life. Amein.

I hope that from now on, as you read the Words of Gospels, you will realize, that they are all synonymous with the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. Amein!

*Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.
Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem! Amein!*