

Study of Romans 15
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*1 We then that are strong **OUGHT TO BEAR** the infirmities of the weak, and **NOT PLEASE OURSELVES**.*

This **IS A VERY PROFOUND STATEMENT** and **IS** exactly what Messiah came to teach us to do. He came to teach us to **LOVE ONE ANOTHER** and the act of loving one another according to Scripture, **IS** described for us in *1Corinthians 13:4-8*

1- Love is **patient**

2- love is **kind**

3- Love is **not jealous**

4- Love is **not pompous**

5- Love is **not inflated**

6- Love is **not rude**

7- Love **does not seek its own interests**

8- Love is **not quick-tempered**

9- Love **does not brood over injury**

10- Love **does not rejoice over wrongdoing**

11- Love **rejoices with the Truth (Torah)**

12- Love **bears all things**

13- Love **believes all things**

14- Love **hopes all things**

15- Love **endures all things**

16- Love **never fails.**

I want you to take a minute and contemplate for a moment what kind of world we would be living in **IF ALL** believers in the Elohim of Abraham Isaac and Jacob would follow this very simple **EDICT** of loving one another and striving **TO DO** what it tells us to do in *verse 2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.*

The world would be a completely different place because the world would then be able to distinguish us from **ALL** other societies by the love we have for each other, and I am absolutely convinced that **IF** Christians and Jews could actually show this kind of love for each and every individual in both of their camps, that the world would eventually want what we have and turn to YHVH because of the love that we are displaying. That **WAS** and **IS** Messiah's Message my friends, that **IS** what the Father sent Him to teach us, and that **LOVE**, our heavenly Father's **LOVE**, **IS** displayed in and through His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, for the Torah of our heavenly Father **IS LOVE and GRACE IN ACTION.**

Next we see that Messiah **NOT ONLY** taught us to love one another, **BUT** He actually lived that kind of life, as an example for us, so that we could see for ourselves that **IT IS** indeed possible to live a complete fulfilling and rewarding life, **BY** surrendering our wills to our heavenly Father and loving our neighbours as ourselves. *Verse 3 For even Messiah **PLEASED NOT HIMSELF**; **BUT**, as it is written, the reproaches of them that reproached you fell on Me.*

Paul **IS** showing us here in *Romans 15* that Messiah took on **ALL** of these things, **ALL** that He suffered while He was here on earth, even though **HE DID NOT DESERVE ANY OF IT**, for He lived a sinless Torah obedient Life, and yet He took on **ALL** of these things, **BECAUSE** of His great love for us, and He did **NOT SAY A THING EXCEPT, FORGIVE THEM FATHER FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO!**

You might say, I can't display that kind of love for everybody, and while that **IS** probably true, because *none of us is good, no not one*, we can however begin showing love to those that are around

us, and then slowly but surely, with YHVH's help, that love **WILL** eventually extend to everyone we meet. **IT IS** a matter of **WILL**, **ARE WE WILLING TO TRY**, and **IF** the answer **IS YES, THEN** I can assure you that YHVH's Holy Spirit, which He has placed within each and everyone surrendered obedient heart, **WILL**, over a period of time, **CAUSE** you and me to walk in His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, for obedience to the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, known as His Torah, **IS THE PINNACLE OF LOVING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS OURSELVES**.

Paul tells us that the Torah and all the Scriptures were given to us and written down for a specific purpose, and that purpose my friends, **IS** found in *verse 4 For whatsoever things **WERE WRITTEN** before were written for **OUR LEARNING**, that we **through patience and comfort of the Scriptures MIGHT HAVE HOPE***. Hope in what? Hope in the fact that when we willingly and lovingly surrender our will to our heavenly Father, and willingly choose to obey and follow His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, that we **WILL** take on His characteristics which are mentioned in *verse 5 Now the **Elohim of patience and consolation** grant you to be **LIKE-MINDED one toward another according to Messiah Yeshua**: 6 That you may with **ONE MIND** and **ONE MOUTH, GLORIFY ELOHIM**, even the Father of our Adonai Yeshua Messiah*. So you can see that Paul **IS** indeed following in Messiah's footsteps by instructing us **TO GLORIFY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**. Yeshua was **NOT** self centred in any way shape or form, He was fully surrendered to our heavenly Father's will and He wanted **ALL THOSE** that followed Him to **GLORIFY THE FATHER ALSO**, and **NOT** glorify Him, and here Paul **IS** teaching us the very same thing. It should also be mentioned that YHVH has said *for whatsoever things **ARE WRITTEN***. It is important that we understand that YHVH **EMPHASIZED** the word **WRITTEN, BECAUSE** He knows that He cannot rely on man to transmit His message orally, because it would constantly be changing, mankind has the propensity to add to and or take things away from YHVH's Word, to suit the time and conditions that they find themselves in, and therefore that **IS WHY** YHVH insisted that **IT IS** what **IS WRITTEN DOWN** by Moses that **IS TO BE ADHERE TO AND NOT** what man has orally transmitted over the years. **IF IT IS NOT** written in YHVH's Torah, **and IF it contradicts what the WRITTEN Torah says, THEN IT IS NOT** of YHVH.

Next we are commanded to receive one another. The actual commandment from Paul is found in *verse 7 Wherefore **RECEIVE** you one another, as Messiah also received us to the glory of Elohim*. That statement rolls off the tongue quite easily, *as Messiah also received us to the glory of Elohim*, but what does it mean? Here Paul tells us that through love, Messiah received us onto Himself and when He did that, **IT** brought glory to Elohim because our heavenly Father has said in His beautiful Torah, **IF YOU LOVE ME KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS** and when the Son of Elohim willingly went to the cross and died for our salvation, He was being obedient to our heavenly Father's Commandment, He was **SHOWING HIS LOVE** for His Father and for us **BY KEEPING** and **OBEYING** the Father's Commandments, and that **IS HOW** Messiah **GLORIFIED** the Father, by being **OBEDIENT EVEN ONTO DEATH** and to show us that our heavenly Father **IS LOVE**.

Now I want you to see what this means for us. Every time that we set our desires aside for a brother or a sister, whether that brother or sister is weaker or stronger in the faith than we are, we bring **GLORY TO ELOHIM**, and when we bring glory to Elohim, the people around us will begin to recognize it and look to our heavenly Father for their guidance also. The plan of Elohim **IS** to work through His people, namely **US** to reach the whole world. Our part in Elohim's plan **IS** that **WE ARE TO BE OBEDIENT** to His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of

Life with surrendered loving obedient contrite hearts to our heavenly Father and His creation, which is the definition of loving your neighbour as yourself.

*Verse 8 Now I say that Yeshua our Messiah was a minister of the circumcision for the **TRUTH** of Elohim, (His Torah, for Torah **IS TRUTH**, Psalm 119:142) to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:*

There **IS A LOT SAID** here in this *verse*. First of all, this says that *Messiah was a minister of those that were circumcised, onto the **TRUTH**, the Torah of YHVH, onto His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions*. Now a minister **IS NOT** the leader, but he is a subordinate, a subordinate that **IS** under the authority of someone else, and here we are told that Messiah in His earthly body **IS A MINISTER OF THE TRUTH**. In Scripture the Word Truth refers to the Torah of our heavenly Father (*Psalm 119:142*), therefore this is telling us that Messiah, in His earthly body, **IS SUBORDINATE TO** the Father and therefore obeys and does **EXACTLY** what the Father has Commanded Him **TO DO**, in the same manner that ministers here on earth obey and do what their superiors tell them to do. Rest assured that Messiah **DID IT** by willingly and lovingly living a Torah obedient surrendered life to the Father. We are told that part of Messiah's message was to **CONFIRM** the promises that were made to our forefathers. Where do we find these promises that were made to our forefathers, and written down for our learning? They are found in **THE TORAH** of our heavenly Father, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, given to Moses at mount Sinai.

Why are we to willingly choose to follow in Messiah's footsteps and become ministers of the **TRUTH**, the Torah, the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of the most High Elohim?
*Verse 9 So that the Gentiles **MIGHT GLORIFY** Elohim for His mercy;*

As it is written: For this cause

- *I will confess to You among the Gentiles*
- *I will sing unto Your name*
- *He says also, Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people*
- *Again, He says Praise YHVH, all you Gentiles*
- *Laud Him, all you people.*
- *Again, Isaiah says, there shall be a root of Jesse, and He that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles.*

When we decide to follow in the footsteps of Messiah, **THIS IS WHAT WE ARE TOLD WILL HAPPEN**, In Him shall the Gentiles **TRUST**. To **TRUST** in someone means that you are willing to walk the path that He has set for you, and here in the book of Romans, Paul tells us that the Gentiles **SHALL TRUST** in the prophesied Messiah, of the lineage of Jesse, and that my friends is our responsibility, **WE** are to walk as Messiah walked *1John 2:4-6 He that says, I know Him, and **KEEPS NOT** His commandments, is a **LIAR**, and the **TRUTH**, the Torah, the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH **IS NOT IN HIM**. 5 But whoso **KEEPS HIS WORD**, in him verily **IS** the love of Elohim perfected: hereby know we that we are **IN HIM**. 6 He that says he abides in Him **OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO SO TO WALK, EVEN AS HE WALKED**. We have been given quite a responsibility, for **IF** we choose **NOT** to follow in Messiah's footsteps, our example could cause people **NOT TO TRUST** Elohim and thereby be lost forever and we will have to answer for each and every deed, word, and action that **WE DID OR DID NOT DO** and either suffer or enjoy the resulting consequences for eternity.*

*Verse 13 here Paul says, Now the Elohim of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through **the power** of the Holy Spirit. 14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.*

Paul describes our heavenly Father as **THE ELOHIM OF HOPE**. Why would Paul describe Him in this manner? It is because Scripture tells us that apart from Elohim **WE CAN DO NOTHING, BUT** that **ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE** through the Living Torah, our Messiah who strengthens us. Paul says, **THE ELOHIM OF HOPE WILL FILL US WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE. HOW** will He do this? He will **DO IT** by filling us with His Holy Spirit (*Ezekiel 36:26-27*) that we may abound in hope and believe what He has promised us. What we have to remember **IS** that the only way that we can be filled with YHVH's Holy Spirit **IS, IF** we are willing to fully surrender our hearts minds, souls and strength to YHVH in complete surrendered obedience to **ALL** of His Commandments, and **NOT TRY TO** pick and choose what Commandments we will obey or discard.

*Verse 15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, **BECAUSE** of the grace that is given to me of Elohim, 16 That I should be the **MINISTER OF** Yeshua Messiah to the Gentiles, ministering the Gospel of Elohim, the **TRUTH** (*Ephesians 1:13*) that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

In these verses Paul tells us that he **is a MINISTER of Messiah** to the Gentiles, and what does he minister? He ministers the **GOSPEL**, the Basar of Elohim the Father, and the **GOSPEL** of Elohim the Father, **IS** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, His **TRUTH** (*Ephesians 1:13*). Paul tells us that he ministers the **GOSPEL** of the Father **IN THE VERY SAME MANNER THAT YESHUA MINISTERED IT**, because Paul says that he **IS A MINISTER, A SUBORDINATE OF YESHUA** and therefore Paul obeys and follows the very same path that **MESSIAH FOLLOWED** and taught Paul to do, and Paul does that **BECAUSE** Messiah, whom Paul is a minister of, **OBEYED** and **FOLLOWED ALL** the ways of the One that He ministered to, and that of course **IS** our heavenly Father. Paul says that as a **MINISTER** of Yeshua, he **MINISTERS** the **GOSPEL** of Elohim His **ETERNAL TRUTH** onto the Gentiles, so that the offering of the Gentiles **WILL BE ACCEPTABLE** to Elohim. How can the Gentiles be offered up as an acceptable sacrifice to Elohim? A sacrifice **IS** only acceptable to Elohim, **IF IT IS WITHOUT BLEMISH**, and according to Scripture, **SIN IS A BLEMISH** and gentiles have their fair share of sin in their lives. Sin **IS** defined for us in *1 John 3:4 Whosoever commits SIN transgresses also the Torah (Law): for SIN is the transgression of the Torah (Law)*, therefore the only way that the Gentiles can be offered to Elohim **AS AN ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE IS IF** Paul ministers the Gospel, Elohim's **TRUTH** to them, teaches them YHVH's Torah of Life, the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father; and **IF** the Gentiles can learn to willingly and lovingly surrender their hearts to Elohim, YHVH will in turn fill them with His Holy Spirit who will **CAUSE** them to follow and obey YHVH and walk out Elohim's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, thereby cleansing **ALL** the Gentiles that willingly surrender themselves to Him, and making them an **ACCEPTABLE** sacrifice to Elohim.

Next verse 17 says, *I have therefore whereof I may glory through Yeshua Messiah in those things which pertain to Elohim.* Paul is saying that he has nothing to boast about of himself and that the only thing that he can boast about are the things of Elohim, and he goes on to say in verse 18 *For I will **NOT** dare to speak of any of those things which Messiah has **NOT** wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,* In this verse Paul states that he has done nothing at all, because

ALL that was done, was done **BY MESSIAH THROUGH HIM**. I would love to be able to boast the very same thing, but I am not there yet, but like most of you, I am a work in progress and I am convinced that one day I will be able to say that **IT IS NOT I THAT HAS DONE IT, BUT** Messiah Himself has done it through me.

I have told you many times that while Messiah was here on earth, He did **NOT** perform any miracles, and that it was the Father, by His Holy Spirit that worked these miracles through Messiah, and through all of His disciples (*Acts 2:22*), and here in *verse 19* Paul tells us again that the signs and wonders that were done by Messiah and by all of the Apostles, were not actually done by them, **BUT** that they were done by the power of YHVH's Holy Spirit working through our Messiah and through the Apostles. *Verse 19 Through mighty signs and wonders, BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF ELOHIM; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the Gospel (Truth, Torah, Ephesians 1:13, Psalm 119:142) of Messiah.*

In these next *verses* Paul tells us that he has taught the Gospel, YHVH's **TRUTH** everywhere, **BUT** where Messiah had already taught, *verse 20 Yea, so have I striven to preach the Gospel, the TRUTH, NOT where Messiah was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: 21 But as IT IS WRITTEN, To whom Messiah was NOT spoken of, they shall SEE: and they that have NOT heard SHALL understand.* So Paul saw his mandate as teaching the Gospel, the **TRUTH**, to the Gentiles, and that is exactly what he did. He continues on to say that that **IS** the reason why he has **NOT** had the opportunity of coming to see them, because he was so busy carrying out the work that Messiah had assigned to him. *Verse 22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.* From these *verses* we can see that Paul had wanted to come and visit them, but he had priorities which he had to take care of first, and those priorities are the work that YHVH had assigned to him, which was to go and preach the good news, the Gospel, the **TRUTH**, the Torah to the gentiles, and now Paul was going to be rewarded with some time whereby he could go and visit the people that he had ministered to in Rome. However he had to make one stop in Jerusalem before going to meet the people in Rome

Verse 25 BUT NOW I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. 26 For it has pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. 27 It has pleased them verily; and their debtors they are.

What Paul is saying here in these *verses* is, the Gentiles at Macedonia and Achaia owe a great debt to the saints at Jerusalem because of the grace that the Gentiles have been shown by the saints at Jerusalem through their steadfast obedience to the **TRUTH**, the Torah of our heavenly Father and the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions that they have received. This is a picture of the great debt that **WE OWE TO OUR BROTHER JUDAH**, those of us that have been grafted into and or adopted into Israel, for their steadfast protection of the oracles of Elohim, the **TRUTH**, the written Torah of Moses. Without their determination to guard the written Word of Elohim these 3,000 plus years, the written Word of Elohim would have been lost and or destroyed and we would be wandering in the darkness without YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. However Elohim saw fit, because of His foreknowledge, to choose a people that would keep, guard, and protect His Torah with their lives and reproduce copies of His written Torah with meticulous precision. Without our brother Judah, we would **NOT** have the Scriptures we have today, and life would be even more difficult. Judah has given us the opportunity to actually hold in our hands the exact words that were spoken to Israel on Mount Sinai, and for that **WE OWE THEM A DEBT OF GRATITUDE THAT WE CAN NEVER REPAY**. Therefore I believe that the balance of *verse 27* is

our reasonable service towards our brother Judah. *Verse 27 For **IF** the Gentiles have been made partakers of their, Judah's spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.*

This tells me also that before we go and preach the Word of Elohim to the world that we have to give credit where credit is due, and that credit my friends **IS** owed to our brother Judah, who has provided us with the oracles of Elohim, exactly as they were presented to them at Mount Sinai. This has been a monumentally difficult task and yet this people, Judah, who are so small in number and who should have long ago been wiped from the face of the earth, have protected the Word of Elohim against all odds, against all the nations of the world, against all that have attempted to destroy them, and the Word of Elohim. Let us truly **REPENT** from any evil thoughts and or deeds that we or our forefathers might of ever done against Israel, and truly recognize in our hearts that **WE OWE THEM A DEBT THAT WE CAN NEVER REPAY**, and let us speak out against the bigotry and antisemitism that the world heaps upon our brother Judah and let us stand firm as their protectors in the same manner that they stood firm and protected the Written Word of YHVH lo these many years. Amein

*Verse 29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in **the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel, the Truth of Messiah.***

What does Paul mean when he says *the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Messiah?* What is the Gospel of Messiah? The Gospel of Messiah **IS** His **DOCTRINE** and 2 John 9 says *Whosoever transgresses, and abides **NOT** in the **DOCTRINE** of Messiah, **DOES NOT HAVE** Elohim. He that abides in the **DOCTRINE** of Messiah, **HE HAS** both the Father and the Son.* In 2 John we have established that the Gospel of Messiah **IS** also known as the **DOCTRINE** of Messiah, and **IF** we transgress the **GOSPEL** of Messiah, **IT MEANS** that **WE DO NOT HAVE** Messiah **NOR** the Father indwelling us, therefore **IT IS** important for us to know what the **DOCTRINE** of Messiah **IS**. Let's go to John 7:16 *Yeshua answered them, and said, My doctrine **IS NOT MY OWN, BUT IT IS THE DOCTRINE OF HIM THAT SENT ME.*** Who **IS IT** that sent Messiah and what **IS HIS DOCTRINE?** We all know that **IT IS** our heavenly Father that sent our Messiah, His Son to be the propitiation for our sin, and we also know that the **DOCTRINE** of our heavenly Father **IS HIS TORAH**, His teaching and instructions. *Proverbs 4:2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake you **NOT** My Torah (Law).*

Now **IF** we look at Paul's statement again, how can he be so sure that when he comes to the people in Rome that he **WILL** come with the blessing of the Gospel of Messiah? Well as we have explained, the Gospel of Messiah **IS** the Torah of our heavenly Father, and Paul and anyone else for that matter that chooses to obey the Word or Torah of our heavenly Father with a loving surrendered obedient hearts, **HAS THE ASSURANCES OF** YHVH that he will be blessed and that **IS WHY** Paul can make that claim, because our heavenly Father has **PROMISED IT TO ALL OF US**

Next we have a few verses that any teacher of the Gospel or Torah of our heavenly Father, including myself, would solicit from those that he is teaching and that is found in these last three verses *30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for Adonai Yeshua Messiah's **SAKE**, and for the love of the Spirit, that you **strive** together with me in your prayers to Elohim **FOR ME**; 31 That I may be delivered from them that **DO NOT BELIEVE** in Judea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be **accepted of the saints**; 32 That I may come unto you with joy **BY** the will of Elohim, and **may with you be refreshed.*** And I would like to end this study in the same manner that Paul ended this 15th chapter of Romans. *Now the Elohim of peace be with you all. 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*