

Tuesday, March 5, 1996 Asher

Becoming as a Little Child

*(Letter to Frank)*

(Mt 21:42-44; 1 Pet 2:4-10-11)

There is something in you that needs to be put to death (Gal 2:20). You still want to keep your life. You are not seeing the worth of our Master. You do not see that He was worth having enough to die to get Him (Luke 9:23). To be worthy to have Him and for Him to have you, you must die to yourself, as John 12:25 says. Mark 8:35 — Your death must be just as real as His was (Rom 6:2-5). So what is that must be put to death? The "I" in you must be crucified with Messiah in order for Him to what He paid for (Is 53:11). If not, He is short-changed.

So, you must fall on the Stone and be broken — before the Spirit can enter into you. Unless you wait until the Stone falls on you. You must die to your own understanding. You must be broken of the confidence that you have in you, in your own understanding. For there is a way in you that seems right, but the end is — the Stone comes upon you. You have to die to even "spiritual things," your own will, your own religion, your own morality, and to that confidence in yourself by which you always oppose God — which is the real hindrance of you entering the Kingdom. For unless one is converted and then becomes like a *LITTLE CHILD*, the Stone will ultimately fall on you. You may be "saved" but you are not "being saved" (something stopped the transition) because you are not in the process of "*becoming*" as a little child who has not developed his reasoning. There is nothing in him that reasons away God's word. "Yes, yes" is all he knows. "I will, I will" is all he knows (Mt 1:21; 18:3; 19:14; 21:16). He knows that his father and his mother love him. And when he hears the word he simply obeys. He has not learned to reason yet against the word.

So, your own inherent and deeply-rooted self-confidence needs to be broken — which is God's most difficult work that He must accomplish in us (Phil 2:12-13). He breaks our old self life by driving it to surrender — broken and crushed under the Stone. We have to fall first on the Stone for the Stone to crush our self-confidence or it will fall on our eternal life as a fully developed Son of God.

It seems that to love God is one thing you cannot do. You can do almost everything else, but strangely enough, to love God is one thing you cannot do. You cannot make yourself love God. So, now as before you love yourself above all else. Yet in face of all this, you do not despair (John 14:21,24).

1 John 2:15 — The world is where you want to go to "think about God." How silly do you think that God is who went to all that effort to find you out in the world and to "bring you home" with Him where He lives. You can't find God in the world; you know that He found you out there (John 12:25-26)

He has gone to great length to prepare that place for you, Zeph 3:20 (NIV?)

So, "Frank" (as your name by definition means), you are either a pigsty or in one just fattening up . . . or you are free in uttering your real sentiments, and unbound by any restrictions or limitations — unless you are unrestrained, loose, and licentious — or maybe just ingenuous, or candid, "artless" meaning no hidden agenda. So, who are you? Who do you want to be? John 1:45-51.

*In the grace of my Master and yours, Yoneq*