

The Body of Messiah is a Social Phenomenon

Jn 17:23 — Each member of the Body of Messiah has received the glory of Messiah, the glory which He received from His Father (Jn 17:22). So in order to produce this society, this social phenomenon of a people living together in love, each individual member of this Body must express this same glory, this inner worth received from Messiah's Spirit dwelling inside of him, outwardly by what each one says and how he says it, and what he does and how he does it. This seals the unity that their Master prayed for.

By each one expressing his or her inner worth, the glory in Jn 17:22, the proper respect is demanded, which causes this phenomenon. Eph 4:16 is the final outcome —this phenomenal life of unity and oneness as of the Father and the Son. This is what Col 2:19 aptly expresses: growing up in every aspect (Eph 4:15) with a growth that is obviously and evidently from God — a divine growth. This happens only if *each member* maintains his fellowship with the Head of this Body, which exists on Earth according to how *each member* is joined together in love (Eph 4:1-3; Jn 14:18; Col 3:4; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Rom 8:16-21).

Col 2:19 says that if any one who is a member of Messiah fails to maintain this union and communion with the Head, or the Body which he is a member of, he must then be *cut off* as Jn 15:1-8 says, and as Col 2:18 says must resort to relying upon merely his own human intellect (1 Pet 4:10-11). This member brings then no glory to Messiah or to the Father, since he or she is conceited by his own intellect, which cannot produce a growth that is from the Vine and the Vinedresser. Col 2:5-17 is impossible if one is not abiding in the Vine, and one is so arrogant and conceited to imagine that he can do it in his own strength or intellect, perfecting his own soul and body (Phil 3:12-13; 1 Ths 5:23-24; Col 3:16). Col 2:19 says that each member of Messiah, who altogether are His Body, are to be knit together by the contact and connection as every part grows with a divine growth — not a satanic (abnormal) growth, a growth which comes from Satan, as the whole of the Christian Church today (Rev 18:2). Col 3:3 — For each member of the

Body who bears much fruit (Jn 15:5-8) has died and his life is now hidden with Messiah as in His Body (Gal 3:27). So Col 3:4 is the final and ultimate outcome (Col 3:14-17).

For this phenomenal growth and effect to happen, each one of us must do his or her part (Eph 4:16; Col 2:19), producing this startling or galvanic or galvanizing effect (Isa 52:15) — for kings to shut their mouths, for the nations to be startled. *Messiah's offspring*, from His body and poured-out blood and the suffering of His soul (Isa 53:10-11; Mt 24:14), will produce this consequential effect upon the Earth. We are His offspring, and He will prolong our days just long enough to produce this phenomenal result (Mt 24:32-34; Jn 21:23; 1 Ths 4:16-18).

The result of the suffering of His soul in death on the cross and in Hades must be equal, compatible to Him, since it is the *results*. *Results* means the equal proportion for the other parts who benefited from His suffering, lest He be shortchanged by what the world now sees as tawdry results in comparison to His suffering (Acts 2:24-47; Lk 12:49-52; Mk 8:35; 10:28-30; Mt 10:37-39; Lk 12:31-33; 14:26-33; Acts 4:32-35). Acts 4:32 and Jn 17:20-23 can be the only adequate outcome of the results of His life and death upon the Earth and under the earth (Mt 10:40-41; 12:40). To have His reward, one must share in His death (Rom 6:2-5). Mt 12:46-50 — They alone are the results of the suffering of His soul. For anyone to be as Mt 7:21, he must be as the ones sitting around Him listening as a disciple (Isa 50:4-11; Lk 14:33). Those who do the will of His Father in heaven are His very own intimate family, His brothers and sisters and mother. Isa 50:4-11 teaches us that we must walk as He walked (1 Jn 2:4-6).

So to be worthy of Him and His rule (Rev 3:4; Col 1:10-11; Mt 10:37-38; 1 Jn 2:6), we His brothers and sisters and mothers, must be for Him His presence in this world as a witness of His reign in our lives before the good news can be at all effective, producing its desired results.