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The Breath of God

John the Baptist — John 3:29.

Jn 3:27 — A man has no authority on his own, only what he receives from heaven (Jn 3:31; 7:18; 3:32-36). What he has seen and heard is what he testifies to, as Jn 1:6-8. The testimony of John was true, and all who believed in the Coming One believed through John. The testimony of Yahshua is true, and is accepted as true by those who escape the wrath of God.

John 20:22 — Those whom He sends (verse 21) must receive the Holy Breath first, that is, be filled with the Spirit, before the Spirit can come upon them (Acts 1:5,8; John 7:17-18).

Gen 2:7 (the old creation) — Now the first fruits of the new creation, Yahshua, breathed life into His own. His disciples, to be apostles, received His very own (Spirit) Holy Breath. Yahshua rose from the dead, overcoming Gen 2:17 and Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7 for those who are saved out from the nations, and those in the old covenant under the law as well, bringing the first fruit into a new creation as well as a new covenant.

The old creation began with the breath of God. Now the new creation begins with the same Breath, but sets them apart from the nations and the old covenant under the law by receiving the Holy Breath. This is the set-apart Breath of the Son of God Who overcame *The Death* — first and second deaths associated with Adam and his seed.

John 8:31,32,51 — frees us from all death as John 3:36. Death is God's wrath, His righteous judgment for all His creatures who hate Him — Rom 1:18 — 2:16. Even those who live in accordance to the second covenant must die a first death. This first death is overcome by Messiah's resurrection, and all who are in Him, and who obey Him are also with Him. They share in His resurrection (Phil 3:10-11). They will not even *taste* death (John 8:51-52) since He tasted death for all mankind (2 Cor 5:15).

Those who are sent now (Jn 3:27) must not only be filled with the Spirit, but His authority must be upon them; as no one can do anything apart from Him, or being filled with His Spirit. Those who are sent can do nothing apart from having received His authority — the Spirit upon them. This enduement of the power or authority of the Holy Spirit is given to the ones God has sent (Jn 20:21).

The one who is sent is sent to impart the Holy Breath to the ones to whom he is sent, imparting eternal life to those who receive him (Jn 13:20; Lk 10:16), since faith comes from hearing the word through sent ones (Rom 10:17).

John 3:36 — The word *has* indicates a present possession (Jn 3:15; 5:24), verified as certain by 1 Jn 3:14,16-19,23,24, since loving your brother requires obedience to the gospel (Jn 13:34) and obedience to Him. If a person truly believes in Him, that is, trusts in Him, has faith in Him, loves Him (Jn 14:15,21), he will obey Him. This is the Word (1 Jn 3:23).

John 3:36 — the wrath of God *remains*. *Remains* as John 9:41 says *remains*, as Rev 19:2-3.

Their guilt remains forever and ever as Num 15:31 *remains*.

*Wrath* — His wrath will not eventually fade away, but is total and permanent. There is no greater evil than for a person to claim to believe, to have faith in, trust in Him, and then not obey Him. It is just as evil to claim to see but not see. This person is a false witness, or a false prophet, apostle, shepherd, teacher, elder, or a false sheep who influences other sheep, bearing a false testimony — as the blind who leads those who see, but corrupts the vision, or distorts the understanding, and distorts the anointing (1 Jn 2:20-28). Jn 9:39 — "*For judgment I came into the world so that the blind will see, and those who see will become blind.*" Christians who claim to see show their complete unawareness of their spiritual blindness and need. Though they claim

to have sight, their actions are evidence of their blindness. Christians find it as incredibly hard as the Pharisees did. Not anyone would consider them blind, but they were blind guides. If anyone claims to have spiritual sight or insight, wisdom, then his life is a model for others. But they cause stumbling (Mt 18). Their guilt will remain, since they corrupted the whole world (Rev 19:2-3), and by their sorcery the whole world was led astray (Rev 18:23).

Then our Master goes to say after John 9:41, in 10:1, *I tell you the truth...*, speaking about one who is among the sheep, claiming to be a sheep, but is a wolf in sheep's clothing, that is, he claims to see spiritually. They actually come in over the wall, not through the gate. They become thieves and robbers in the community — thieves of your time, robbers of your strength, never building up, but tearing down (Mt 12:30), false lights, bringing Messiah down as one who cannot save to the uttermost those who come to Him.

John was a true witness (Jn 1:7; 10:41). What we say about Him must be true. How we live must declare His praises and His excellencies (1 Pet 2:9), or we altogether are a false light for the world, or any one of our Tribes is a false light (Isa 49:6).

The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep (Jn 10:2). Yahshua is the *watchman* of His flock, over which he has a shepherd who enters in through Him, for the rest of the sheep to enter the same gate. Yahshua was the first man to enter by His death. Death is the gateway (Rom 6:2-6). All who follow Him are His flock (Heb 6:18,20; John 10:7).