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Helping Each Other to Keep Our First Confidence

[Last night seven youth got baptized and washed.]

I want to encourage the newly-baptized, newly-washed youth to keep on crying out like they did last night. They have the same power to do this today and every day from now on. The Word teaches us to keep this confidence (Heb 3:13).

2 Pet 1:4 — We have partaken of the divine nature. Last night I was laying in bed, and I just wanted to understand His divine nature in me. We are always going to be human, but we also partake of His divine nature. You who got baptized last night joined yourselves to Messiah (1 Cor 6:17 — *Become* — you haven't been before), some of you; those who got washed rejoined themselves to Messiah.

2 Pet 1:4 — escape by flight; there is moral decay in the world, rottenness and corruption. The moral decay is caused by covetousness, greed, lust, wanting to do your own thing. You have to step over someone to get somewhere. You have to take something away from someone else to get somewhere. That's the lust that causes corruption.

Divine nature means uncreated nature; human nature is created. What is uncreated is now together with His creation. That's comforting to know. I will always be human. He will always be divine. Divine nature made human nature to dwell in. You can't see divine nature — it's so high. You cannot dwell in divine nature. There is a compatibility there. Human nature has to completely surrender to divine nature and not be anymore under the persuasion of this rottenness. We have a great marvelous gift by surrendering.

Last night you saw our youth surrender their will to the will of God. Divine nature came to them. He found a dwelling place. It made Him extremely happy. Our human nature has to be perfected to become exactly like divine nature — not *become* divine nature but become like divine nature. The Holy Spirit encourages us, warns us. If we love one another we express concern for one another. If we hate we won't show that. Hate in the Bible just means to not show concern for someone who goes off the road.

1 Jn 4:20 — Hate doesn't necessarily mean that you show an outward act of anger; to just merely not show any concern is already hatred.

Last night we saw our youth overcoming Satan. 1 Jn 2:14; Rev 21:7 — We overcome the world and all its persuasions when we call out to Yahshua. We have eternal life. Nothing can take eternal life away from us. We have overcome the enemy as far as eternal life is concerned. Our names are already written in the Lamb's book of life. He wouldn't give His Holy Spirit to anybody whom He doesn't know. What you overcame last night you have to overcome every day, that rottenness, the flesh. That pleases Him. We overcome His enemies.

Lk 9:23 — In the Body of Messiah it's a daily thing, something we have to do every day we live, not a weekly thing.

Heb 3:13,12 — Wickedness means that we don't call upon Yahshua every day, don't put to death the flesh every day.

1 Jn 3:4 — For us as believers wickedness is lawlessness.

Your spirit is not in control of your soul. Therefore what comes out of your mouth is lawlessness. It's out of control. If I don't love you I won't warn you when you are on another road that leads to death.

Heb 3:13,12 — unbelieving heart means wicked heart. What is unbelief? A heart that refuses to believe in, rely on, and trust in our Master. Verses 18-19.

Verse 13 — But instead warn, admonish one another every day. This is a commandment. This is how we endure until the end, how we are partakers of Messiah. We encourage one another every day.

*Hardened* means into settled rebellion. *Every day* — you have to be in a place where you can do that. Trickery, deceitfulness, delusive glamour of sin, strategy of sin; the delusive glamour of sin may play on us.

We've become fellows of Messiah. In fellowship, as friends, in agreement with Messiah. We share in all that He has for us if we hold on to our first confidence. I read that for those of you who overcame yesterday you said, "Thank you Yahshua." You can do that every day, giving your thankfulness and appreciation to Yahshua, overcoming in the same way.

Heb 13:13 — You can't find that in Judaism, nor in the Catholic Church, nor in the Greek or any reformed, or any other church. There is no reproach of Jesus. We have to bear the same shame as Him.

Verse 15 — *Praise* means like the first part of *hallelu-yah*. That means you have confidence to do that. There is nothing that hinders you, that holds you back. The only thing that could hinder you is your flesh. If your flesh is crucified you are free. If you can't do that you need to be warned, if you can't do that before everybody. Psalm 116.

Heb 3:14 — Keep that first new-born confidence of a crucified flesh. Heb 3:6 — Last night we were boasting that we were God's people and the enemy was overcome. *Praise* means shout like you are drunk. *Boast* doesn't mean *proud*. Heb 3:14 — the boast of calling out to Yahshua. To be washed you have to go back into the water and let the whole universe know that you belong to Yahshua, you belong to another order. They didn't do that in the first edah. The new covenant scripture is the account of the fall of the first church. It left only the Roman Catholic, the Greek, and later on the Protestant Churches.

Lk 7:27,29,35 — He has to be justified again.

Heb 13:13 — Outside the camp, whoever the camp is, outside of the camp of Christianity. Verse 15 — As long as we are doing what verse 16 says we'll always be able to do what verse 15 says. Verse 16 holds the whole Body together.

*Koinonia* — this is what held the first church together. Acts 2:42 — *koinonia*, fellowship of faith. There is no greed in the Body. Greed is in the world, where there is the moral decay by lust, greed. *Koinonia* — Acts 2:42 — distribute, the distribution of all goods.

How do we exist? Through people's contribution and distribution of the goods. We can't exist alone through our work. The wealth of the nations has to come in. Heb 13:16 refers to the needy in the church. Unless you share with your needy brothers there is no embodiment and proof of fellowship. 1 Jn 3:17 — You are laying down your life and possessions for the sake of others. If you have encouragement and you withhold it from someone who needs it, there is no fellowship there.

*Communicate* means you give everything you have for the sake of others. That's what we are saved for, for good works. We are saved for what we can give that maintains the community and the unity our Master prayed for before He laid down His life for us so we could lay down our lives by His Spirit.

One last word: Remember, when you were baptized you were filled with the Spirit, and we have to be filled with the same Spirit every day. You don't have to beg Him to come into your heart; He is begging you to come in.