

14 July 1993, Wednesday Evening Manasseh

In the Spirit¹

When a person repents, the Holy Spirit comes to him and gives him the power to proclaim YAHSHUA as sovereign. But it is not until baptism, when he dies and receives a new life, that he is sealed permanently with the Holy Spirit. *Repent* means to come to the end of your life. Then after that, you put your old life to death in baptism and the gift comes after that — the permanent gift. He gives it to those who have terminated their life. Anyone who has terminated his life in this world will keep it to eternal life. That is an amazing promise right there (Jn 12:25).

Obviously we have to hate our life in this world. "*Anyone who loves his life in this world loses it and he who hates it will keep it for eternal life.*" Therefore we have to treat it as rubbish, garbage, refuse, and not hang onto it for ourselves. Whoever has love for or concern for his own life here on earth will lose it. Whoever has no love or concern for his life here on earth, but despises that life in the world, preserves it for eternal life. These are really hard words, but no one is saved until he believes that word and terminates his life.

How do you prove you hate your life in this world? You abandon it and give it up by baptism — you bury that dead thing and give it up and then you receive a new life. This is what the Son of God said in Jn 12:25-26. *Then he must continue to follow me.* In the Greek it means to conform wholly to me, to my example — in living and, if need be, in dying. *And where I am my servant will be also and if anyone honors me the Father will honor him.* That is the terms of peace for having eternal life. No one has eternal life unless he comes to those terms, unless he hates his life in this world. Who is willing to do our Father's will and who is not; who is chosen?

There are two things we lose our life for: for YAHSHUA and His word. Two things — YAHSHUA and the gospel. If we have not lost our lives for both of them, we are not saved. That is what it says in Mark 8:35. Then in verse 38 it says, *whoever is ashamed of Me and My word, I'll be ashamed of him...* Then in Mark 5:29, *whoever gives his life up — his mother, brothers*

¹See also 7 July 1993 Morning, *Spiritual, Carnal, Natural Men.*

and sisters, possessions, farms — for Me and the gospel will not fail to receive 100 times as much in this present age. That means that if someone has truly given his life and farm and house, etc., up for YAHSHUA and His word — all his secret desires — and he gives it up because the good news is a greater fragrance to him, then something is going to be happening. We were looking for something to fill that empty void inside of that pit.

What kind of person do you think has communion with God? What kind of behavior would he have? The fruit of the spirit. It is not good enough just to know it; it has to come forth from our lives. All the things that we would think about if we thought about God — that is how He is, that is the one we know. And if we are related to Him, if we are connected to Him, then His Spirit flows through our spirit. And if our spirit is joined to His Spirit, what will we produce? "Hey, you must be from God, because there's love, there's joy, peace, patience, faithfulness..." That is the fruit of the spirit. Anything less than that is the fruit of the flesh. Paul says, *I tell you as I've told you before no one who produces the fruit of the flesh will be allowed in the kingdom of God.* Do we produce the fruit of the flesh? Is he talking to people in the world or to the Galatians? He is talking to disciples who already have the Holy Spirit.

Are we in the spirit or the flesh? Are you in the spirit or the flesh? Rom 8:9 — are you in the spirit or in the flesh? What are you? Are we in the spirit or are we in the flesh? We are not in the flesh but in the spirit, *if the Spirit of God dwells in you.* We are in the spirit. We are in the spirit but we may not be living, walking according to the spirit (Gal 5:25). We are in the spirit, but that does not necessarily mean that we are in communion with the Spirit, though we are *in* the spirit. It says we are not in the flesh but in the spirit if the Spirit of God dwells in us. But then verse 14 says what? We might be living by the flesh, not living and being led by the Spirit, not in communion with the Spirit.

Are you in the spirit? If the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then you are in the spirit. That is what the word says. So you are in the spirit. But that does not mean that you are living by the Spirit that dwells in you. We are in the spirit because He permanently dwells in us. But it does

not mean that the Spirit is dwelling in our hearts — if He were, we would be producing the fruit of the spirit.

He has permanently given us the Spirit. If the Spirit dwells in us we are in the Spirit, but we may not be living by the Spirit. Gal 5:25 — If we live by the Spirit, we walk by the Spirit. What does *walk* mean? Gal 5:24 — Those who belong to Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires — with the flesh's passions and desires, the passions and desires of the old man who had to be crucified. This is talking about inordinate desires. Certainly we have desires, but we have to judge where that desire comes from — whether it is evil or not, whether it is beneficial or not, profitable or not — what kind of desire is it? We judge it. So therefore, by the spirit we judge these things that come into our life. We really are warriors for Him. Rom 8:13 — We are not controlled by the sinful man. We are not controlled by him; we might fall, but we get back up. The righteous fall a thousand times — that means they got back up. If they fall again it obviously means they had to have gotten up again. That is the righteous — they keep getting up. Babies fall and get up and fall and get up over and over again until they can stay up. They do not fall and stay there.

At the sacrifice we put to death our old man the same way we did at baptism. We do not have to go to the waters again, but we take up the cross every day and die on it. Before they offered a burnt offering in Israel, they offered the sin offering first. We have to be forgiven of our sins first. Does He want our old life? no. We offer our new life up to Him. We keep our mind on our new life. If we keep our mind on the spirit, we will live, then we will have life and peace. If you do not have life and peace your mind is on the flesh — you are in the Spirit, but your mind is on the flesh. Understand?