

## Love is a Substance

*2 Tim 3:1-5*

The whole of Christendom has become so completely enmeshed in the toils of selfish-sense-satisfactions that they have lost consciousness of their relationship to and dependence on their Creator. Just as Israel of old had lost all harmony *with law*, and had become ignorant of the fact that law, the divine law, operates in connection with every thought and every act of life. They were taken into a far country, remote from their Father's house, were lost, bewildered, and destitute of the true knowledge that would save them from the destructive cycle of events that they would fall prey to as a result of their persistent violation of the law.

Meanwhile, the working of the *Holy Spirit* in the New Covenant Church of Mt 16:18 described in Eph 2:12-22 and 4:11-16 is going on. But in Christianity the love of the many has waxed cold and lawlessness has increased (Mt 24:12) already. The first and greatest commandment of that divine law Yahshua the Messiah said was that “you shall love YHWH, your God, with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your soul (will, emotions) and all your strength and substance and resources.” And the second greatest commandment is like the first, “You shall love your neighbor as your own self.” In these two commandments of the divine law lie the whole secret of life and immortality. Half the secret is hidden in the first, and the other half is concealed in the second.

Love is the fundamental law of the kingdom of heaven. There is no greater expression of the kingdom to come than this. No one can then enter that kingdom when it comes unless he is now participating in demonstrating its power today. We then who are in Messiah as 1 Jn 2:4-6 says and 3:14-18; 5:12-13, must be manifesting the creative power of the word of YHWH — “a peacemaker, not a peacebreaker” — if we are to be called the sons of YHWH Himself. We must be an instrument in His Hand to bring about Rev 11:15; Heb 10:13; Col 1:18. For resident in all of us together are all His enemies that must be put under His feet, making Him pre-eminent in all things. Then this world will become His Kingdom righteously.

Mt 28:20 is what the apostles will teach for Yahshua taught in the highest expression of the law that we should love. Thus love is the fulfillment of the whole divine law of YHWH. In other words the reason one must sit at the apostles feet is because you can not learn anywhere else what He taught and the purpose He taught it.

Love is not an act or condition or a quality (1 Ths 4:9). Love is a principle, a substance, the highest state of awareness, totally void of passivity and apathy. Love is substance like faith is the substance of our hopes and makes certain the realities we do not see. All faith is based upon love. There is no faith apart from love (1 Cor 13:1-7). Love is the substance of creation, which is conscious, active, constructive and harmonious, whose essential nature is to pour itself out in the

doing of the Creator's will. We restored creatures have the capacity and power to transmit His divine will to others. The doing of His will is the ultimate reason we live. As Yahshua said, this is our goal in life (Mt 7:21; Acts 20:27).

So the kingdom of heaven has as its fundamental law, “you shall love.” But the *present* system of this world order is built upon the principle of “seek to satisfy your own desires — my, me, mine” which results in injury to one's neighbor, and the operation of this law creates fear, envy, hate, and death. So the perfect application of this fundamental law of the kingdom does away with these repercussions. When we love we will not suffer these repercussions for we will be in perfect harmony with the *creative law* of the whole universe. Love is the fulfilling of this law.

By this law to love it distinguishes between those who serve YHWH and those who *cannot* (Rom 8:7-9; Mal 3:18), between the lawful or righteous and the lawless.

Even modern psychology has discovered the aspects of man's subconscious mind as well as the conscious mind. The subconscious mind not only conditions and motivates our conduct but controls the inner activity of the body and brain so that the total result is that whoever has received the Spirit of Truth regenerating his dead spirit (*dead* means separated from fellowship and oneness with its Creator) can now LOVE according to the commandment and the total result is that we will become like Him. For we will become like that which we love and what we think on, or like what or who we worship. By loving Him and His purpose (Acts 20:24,25,27,32), we gradually unfold within ourselves His very life in all its beauty and perfection and wisdom. We are created in His likeness — or the Spirit who has come to live in us is a creative Spirit and we are sanctified and become like what we know of and see in Messiah. We send our love to Him and to our brothers and sisters with all our hearts and receive in return His love into the inmost center of our nature. It is a law of whatever we sow we reap. Then “it is better to give than receive.” To just be on the receiving end is to end up in poverty; waiting for others to honor you is to wait eternally in torment.

In the Body of Messiah LOVE has surrounded us. It is the place we live. It is the principle and substance of the life we live. But it is of little value to us and hardly noticeable at all if we don't open wide our hearts and allow it to come in. We can get it to come in only by letting it out, like an electric current. If you are perfectly insulated so that no electric current can flow out of your body, you can hold a live wire in your bare hands without feeling a thing. You also may have the most perfect radio and the most powerful amplifier, to which sound vibrations are coming constantly night and day, but until you adjust the instrument so that the vibrations may flow out through it, no sound can reach your ears.

In the same way, “if we give we shall receive”, “we reap what we sow” in exactly the same portion. *We know* that we have passed out death and into life because we (set the current of

unselfish love flowing from our hearts and minds) love the brethren. The one we worship we become like Him in every respect.

That *current of love*, the river of Life, is substance. The result of our loving YHWH, our God, with all our heart, soul and strength is that the perfect substance of love builds up. Just knowledge tears down; but love carries on a process of transforming the whole body of Messiah. The more we pour out love on Him and His Body the more we all are changed by it, and the more we experience the transforming power of the substance of love, and the more it has the opportunity to do its performance upon us, until our human nature is changed into His likeness and we walk in the light of His presence, walking with Him in white.

Love then must be the law of our conscious activity as well as our subconscious life. Love must go out to the one who outrages our sense of propriety, misinterprets our most sincere motives and bruises our most sensitive scars, as well as those who agree with us. We must love as He loved.

If we pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, it must be more than knowledge. For knowledge only makes one arrogant, but does nothing to build up the body and make His kingdom actually come to this planet. Only when this law “you shall love” is applied to every situation of our lives in the body shall His kingdom come and His will be done.

This substance that flows from us who love YHWH, our Elohim, with all our heart, soul, strength, is the substance with which to care for others. This love described in Eph 4:32 is the outflow of the substance that surrounds your brother with an environment of healing water which soothes and comforts the saint-in-the-making, gives light and strength to his spirit and soul, and helps him on his way to the final victory. We all raise up the victory cup in Celebration. We have coming out of us the substance that we all live on during the week; the substance of the fruit of the kingdom, the fruit or substance of the newly regenerated spirit in its unity with the Savior. *Love is the greatest force* and greatest substance in the world, along with the substance of joy, peace, long-suffering toward others, kindness, goodness, faith or being full of faith's substance. This substance is communicated to your brothers and sisters — meekness, self-restraint (Gal 5:22-23).

But on the other hand another but destructive substance can come from us which if we are guilty of these and passing on this substance we will have no share in the Kingdom of Heaven (Gal 5:19-21). Know well that we communicate a substance which either builds or destroys (1 Cor 3:9-17). Both can be communicated in YHWH's building.

The pure substance of love has changed hate into friendship, anger into peace.

There is no other way. There is but one life to live that can raise us up to His throne (Rev 3:21). Except as we meet by the power of love, the shackles of criticism, contempt, envy,

jealousy and hate will hold us bound fast on the Broad Road of this world's order. By applying this substance we have in us to others we will see the prisoners set free and the blind to see, and the lame to walk.

Some sweet day in our lives (Mt 7:12), this will not look so hard to us, for we will come to the place where we will not have so much self-regard. Then we shall come to the place where we are like little children (of which the kingdom of heaven is compared), and even Mt 6:48 will have its fulfillment. The kingdom of Heaven will come as we pray in the faith that has the substance of the very things we hope for. The kingdom will come but only in proportion to how we apply this fundamental law more and more perfectly.