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Obedience Necessitates Community

1 Pet 3:15. When people ask us, when they observe the hope in us, we have to learn how to respond. They observe our wonderful, good lives. When we speak they may ask us, "Why do you live in community?" Why do we have to live in community? We didn't make a decision to live in community; obeying the Good News necessitates us living in community. There is no other way to live and obey His word except in community. John 8:51 If we obey His word we will never see death. The word *obey* here is present tense. If we continue to obey His word, it develops us so we won't have to see death. Obeying His word brings us back to where man was before he fell. Death is separation. A disciple must give himself to the word and everything spoken. If we don't do this we are not being a disciple, so according to Acts 2:47 we are not being saved.

Mt 1:21. Yahshua came in His Father's name to save His people from the consequences of their sins, saving them from degradation. Yahshua is the model, He never failed representing God's highest creation. John 14:17 We have to get in Yahshua, this is where the Father is. In the New Covenant the gospel is to be obeyed. Yahshua tells us what you have to do to be His disciple. When Yahshua said you have to give up all your possessions to be His disciple this necessitates community, love compels it. Mt 7:19-20. There is no other way to have the things you need to live. The only way to be a disciple is to come together and share with everyone. Mt 6:32. We are to no longer live like the Gentiles working for our food and clothing. Obeying the word necessitates disciples to live together in community. Community means common possessions. Community is a society of people with common rights, common possessions, common wealth. The first church lived in community because they went and taught what our Master said so community sprang forth. It is irregular to believe in our Master and even think about not living together.

Christianity doesn't think His Word is for us now, that's why it is impossible for them to be disciples. Christians only believe that you have to obey that He died for your sins but not obeying all the other commandments. We must believe that in our heart. Mt 28:19. Go to the nations and make disciples baptizing them into the name, the reality of the Father. Nothing else except making disciples is the message. We are commanded to teach them to observe all He commanded. You have to live in community to obey this.

Rom 10:9. Declare openly their allegiance to Messiah as King. Col 1:13. There can be no accusing after this, after being released from the kingdom of darkness into His Kingdom of light. Eph 1:13. Baptism is the seal of the Holy Spirit until the day of redemption. When you baptize someone you bring them under the authority of the Godhead. Mt 28:19. The content of apostolic teaching stems from what Yahshua commanded them to do. John 14:21. Where else could one go except to be joined together with others being saved. Acts 2:47. Community is formed out of those who are being disciplined. John 15:8; John 8:31. This sets us free from everything. Yahshua expressed the Father's likeness, so we can't live any other way. If you are obeying His word you won't taste death, you'll be absent from the Body and present with Him. Look up the word 'taste'. Disciples can taste death. We don't want to taste death. 1 John 2:3-5. Taste means to experience, to feel, to undergo. Acts 2:24; Heb 2:14.