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What our Master came to Establish

(*contrary to Christian delusion*)

[Yoneq spoke about a conversation some people had had with a guest the night before.]

Last night we were talking to a Christian from across the street. They usually resort to great complexities of reason to justify themselves because they hate the cross. They don't *know* that they hate the cross, but they *don't* want to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow YAHSHUA. But that is what YAHSHUA told His disciples they had to do. That is what baptism is. These people said, "But there is no place in the bible that it says we have to live in community." Well, if you want to put it that way, it's true, there isn't. But there doesn't *have* to be. Because that's what our Master *came* and *died* for.

That Christian man says that He came to establish the church as it is today with all its denominations. It's ridiculous to even think that way. There is no way you can *obey* the bible without being in the community. Community is not separate from the church. They say, "Well you've chosen to live an alternative lifestyle, but we've chosen to live and work as all the other people, being the salt of the earth," as if it was inconsequential. They are under a deluding influence because there is no way you can obey the bible and lay down your life for your brothers without being in the community. Our Master YAHSHUA came to *establish* the church — *edah* (Strong's 5712, Jer 30:20) community. Every translation that is true says *community* there (Jer 30:20) if you go back to the Hebrew.

Our Master said that He came to build, establish, set up His community, His edah. He didn't come to establish the church (Christianity) as you see it today. God is not so crazy that he would send His Son to establish something like the Baptist or Methodist or Catholic Church. He came to establish *the* edah and *that* church will be expressed in twelve tribes, the community of Israel (Eph 2:12; 1 Thess 2:14; Acts 26:6,7) who would fervently and ardently worship night and day. And we know that Paul was not talking about the twelve-tribed-Jews because not only were they not twelve tribes, but *they* were the ones who were persecuting him. He was speaking of a *present* worshipping.

So the church He came to establish is the re-establishment of the twelve tribes and those tribes are in common unity and every community, every clan, every family therein will be in perfect unity. Jer 31:1 says He will be the God of all the families, all the clans that make 12 tribes (Jer 31:1-2) in the establishment of the New Covenant church (Jer 30:20). He will establish His communities before Him as it was before in the days of old. The community will be firmly fixed before Him as in the days of old. The word *edah* in verse 20 is: faithful witness, those who follow Him closely, loyally.

I just wanted you to have understanding of how those people think. They're under a deluding influence. This man said we don't have to keep the Sabbath. He said, "Jesus broke the Sabbath." I told him that his Jesus was a demon and we don't serve his Jesus who broke the law. YAHSHUA *never* broke the law. The One who we serve broke the tradition of the elders. He was not a sinner. If He had broken the Sabbath He would have been disqualified from being our Savior. He ate some grain seeds. The law says you can eat what you can carry in your hand, but not take it away. He wasn't doing labor on the Sabbath that you would do during the week to support yourself. But you might still have to prepare something here or there. But the tradition of the elders say you can't eat an egg that's been lain on the Sabbath. They made rule upon rule upon rule so therefore they took all the joy out of the Sabbath.

There *is* no command in the bible — they make sure — that says you have to live in community. But our Master *came to establish the community*. You can't be saved outside of coming into the community. Only an evil spirit would try to convince you of that. We are baptized *into* the community. You can see in 1 Cor 12:12-13 how the church/community (synonymous terms) functions. It cannot still be the church if it does not function according to how it was in the beginning. The church cannot change natures and still be the church. No more than a dog or a human being can change its nature. Everything has a nature of its own and its nature never changes.

[Dogs eat bowel movement and dead things — that is what they're for. Not to take them into your home and let them lick your face, worming their way into your life. Thinking that dogs are a man's best friend is an abnormality. Dogs and cats are not to be taken into your house and petted, but they have other purposes.]

Dogs don't change their nature and neither does the church (Acts 4:32-35). If the church does change its nature, it is no longer the church. And if there *is* no community you cannot be saved because you are not the church. But we *are* the community He said He would build. And once the church has ceased to be what it was in Acts 4, the gates of hell *have* prevailed against it. Death took over the first church because of these wicked doctrines that have made Christianity the habitation of demons that it is now. The Baptists have the nearest doctrine to the truth. That makes the error that they have lethal because they have the greatest deception. Just like the Pharisees — they are the ones who crucified Messiah. Paul was a Pharisee; he knew all about them.

All the denominations in Christianity say they all agree that Jesus is the Son of God (but of course the demons believe that also) and none of them are one. They say the church is a mystical unity. But the world cannot *see* a mystical unity. The world is waiting to see a reality of people using their will to be in unity and peace. Sometimes you wake up and you don't feel that way. (But it's good for us to have to use our will to make that effort to seek for help. It tests the fiber of our being.) You have to pray, "Father help me. I need your help. I can't go on without you." We have to go by *His* strength, we need *his* help and He will help us. *We* have to be violent and ask him to help us to fight against this tendency of lethargy that wants to overtake us. Those who do that are those who are being His edah — faithful followers. (Rev 17:14)

[Kharash, a brother in Judah, named his wife Edah because she was a faithful follower of him, first into the community and after, *in* the community. She is a wonderful disciple. She is truly representative of the edah, who loves her Master.]

Eph 5:22,23 — So to be the edah is to be in love with her husband. That is how husbands and wives are. There is an expression of love between them. The husband and wife represent the edah and YAHSHUA. It is a wonderful thing. Therefore death can't overtake the edah as long as we are overcoming and being faithful followers, His community — a beehive of activity serving our Master. He came (Jn 10:10) to give abundant overflow of activity — that we can be enamored into the work, continually doing the works of service He has foreordained for us (Eph 2:10; 4:12).

We have to be occupied or else we will fall away, for an idle mind is the devil's workshop. That is why the overflowing abundant life is promised to us and we don't just live a casual existence here, but something that is full, overflowing life — community (church ) life. There is no such thing as a disciple being a Christian. You cannot be both at the same time. There are Christians all over the world who are fighting each other. Only people who despised the disciples for following who they thought to be an impostor called them Christians. But the disciples didn't call

themselves that name and neither do we. Back then they called themselves *the way* or *brethren* or *disciples*. If I were to say I am a Christian, the persecution is over — we'll be well accepted. But we are not like that; we are disciples.

Our Master came to save disciples. We live a disciplined life in the edah — the community. And it doesn't have to say it, because our Master came to establish his community and we *are* His community. He didn't come to establish the church as it is today. Don't be deceived. These people obviously don't want to do our Father's will, because they don't want to give their lives up.

You have to use wisdom when you tell people that we are not Christians. You can tell them we are not *Christians* because unlike Christians we want to give everything — we want to be *disciples* and if we say we are Christians, then we would be identified with divisions and our Master would be divided.