

## 162 – Free at last

Human beings tend to be creatures of habit and run mostly on a kind of autopilot throughout their lives. Science tells us that our beliefs about ourselves and the world around us are formed – really, we absorb them – by the time we are about 7 years old. At that time the right and left brain hemispheres begin communicating and WE begin to think critically for ourselves. Fast forward to our twenties, thirties, forties, fifties, and so on, and we spend decades reinforcing beliefs already formed when we were seven. Maybe we rebel against those beliefs, but we find ourselves, then, in a state of almost constant conflict with the fabric that has already been knit within us. Some of us are a lot like our parents, whether we want to admit it or not. Maybe we are an improved version of them, but THEY are the ones who imparted our beliefs about ourselves and the world, our sense of ourselves, our sense of worth; they formed our sense of place in the universe; and then it's left to us to figure that out. Maybe you did a better job than I did, but I made a mess of my life from about 12 years old to 57, when Barbara and I came together. I was successful outwardly, but inwardly I was spiritually bankrupt, even though I had been filled with the Holy Spirit for over 17 years. Scary to think of all that wasted life, isn't it?

What about you? What do you believe about yourself and your place in the world around you, according to YOUR ancestors? What parts of you today are governed by your upbringing...your conditioning by your parents and all that made up their lives that were modeled in front of you when you were too young to think for yourself? What shows up in your habits today that came from your ancestry or your childhood history? Are you free of it all, or are you acting out some of it yet today?

These are not idle questions; they are related to the subject of dying with the Messiah and living in Him that we have explored over the past several weeks. The exploration I have just shared with you is simply a more intimate and

immediate perspective, and it's important because wherever you or I find ourselves creatures of old habits of thought, emotion, speech, or behavior, WE are living and the Messiah isn't. In other words, where we have not died, He is not living in us; nor are we living in Him. How we have always been – or how we were brought up to be may be living, but the new creation that is ours in the Messiah Yeshua is outside the door, waiting for us to invite Him because we have died to our ancestry...because we have died to our history...we have surrendered our lives and, as Oswald Chambers writes, “we have given up our rights to ourselves.”

The Apostle Paul writes, in **Galatians 2:20**,

**[Together]** *With Christ have I been crucified, yet I am living; no longer I, but living in me is Christ.*

Stop right there. Did Yeshua survive the experience of crucifixion or did He die? If He died, and we were crucified TOGETHER with Him, as Paul wrote, then we died too! We really need to take hold of this realization, because the profound implication is that we are literally free from all of our upbringing and conditioning, and everything attached to family history and ancestry. Everything that made you and me who we were for probably most of our lives is dead, according to the word of YaHoVeH. The problem has been that WE keep administering CPR to the corpse and keeping it on artificial life support!

I would not be surprised to discover that our DNA has been reconfigured in some ways to resemble the risen Lord's, because of the fact that we DID die with Him and that He DOES live in us; Indeed, the Father and the Son make their *abode with us*, according to *John 14:23*. In *John 14:20*, Yeshua said, “***In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.***”

I'm proclaiming freedom to the captives tonight!

Look with me now at **John 14:16-20**:

16 "And I shall be asking the Father, and He will be giving you another consoler [circle "another" and ask, "Who or what was the consoler the "another" one replaced?]", that it, indeed, may be with you for the eon --  
17 the spirit of truth, which the world can not get, for it is not beholding it, neither is knowing it. Yet you know it, for it is remaining with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you bereaved; I am coming to you. [circle "I am coming"]

19 Still a little and the world is beholding Me no longer [circle "a little," and "no longer"; join the two circles with a line and write "crucifixion" on the line]

yet you are beholding Me. Seeing that I am living, you also will be living. [circle "are beholding," "Seeing," and "I am living"; join the circles with a line and write "resurrection" on the line]

20 In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. [Circle, "In that day," and write above it, "Pentecost, dot, dot, dot, ...2<sup>nd</sup> coming"]

In the first half of **Galatians 2:20**, Paul says, "I died with the Messiah, but I'm living, but it's not REALLY me, it's HIM LIVING IN ME!" So, let me ask you a question, if a pattern rises in you that was your mom or dad's – or a wound from your 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, whose life is that? It certainly isn't the Messiah's, right? It also isn't what you or I WANT to manifest in us or come out of us, right? Our challenge isn't WHETHER we died with Him but whether we REMEMBER that we died with Him. Our second challenge isn't WHETHER He is living in us, but REMEMBERING that He is living in us! We have the power, because of the Holy Spirit active within us, and the Father and the Son making their abode with us to fulfill **Ephesians 6:1**:

**"Become imitators of God, as beloved children."**

We have the power and the authority, through the reality of our identification with Yeshua's death, resurrection AND His ascension ("the earnest of the allotment"), to fulfill **Ephesians 4:22-24**:

**Put off from you, as regards your former behavior, the old humanity which is corrupted in accord with its seductive desires,**

YOU DO THIS! Neither the Father nor the Lord will do this for you; It' is YOUR job and mine! Notice that the reason putting of this “**old humanity**” – the humanity that was yours and mine BEFORE Yeshua died, and which was nailed to the cross WITH Him, “**is corrupted**”; it “*causes decay.*” This makes sense, doesn't it, since we decay, literally, from the time we're born? Corruption or decay is inherent within the adamic condition. Now look at what perpetuates the corruption of the old humanity, in Ephesians 4:22. Paul says that it “**is corrupted in accord with its seductive desires.**” What is he talking about here? Paul is not talking about evil or sinful stuff – like people drawn to pornography, drugs or crime, for instance. He doesn't define “seductive desires,” because Paul's style of writing assumed that everyone knew what he meant! If I dare say it, I believe that Paul would say to us today that ANY desire we have FOR or about ourselves – even the desire for our own self preservation – is a seductive desire and is part of the old humanity that causes decay.

Anyone who has worked with Barbara and me on a fly-in knows that we are most often targeting patterns that are lingering in memory of past experience – situations, circumstances or relationships long past that we are yet responding to today because THEY are living in us and not Yeshua and certainly not the spirit of our Father in Heaven. We act as if our earthly father was still alive instead of recognizing and OWNING our sonship or daughterhood of the One True YaHoVeH Elohim. We're angry at mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, teachers, doctors, preachers, neighbors, co-workers because we WON'T die. It's that simple: we WON'T die; and where we won't die, the Lord of Heaven and Earth CANNOT live in us. He may occasionally live THROUGH us to give someone else aid and comfort, but that's just the expression of the gifts that are without repentance; He's not alive in us; we just think He is because He's using us to bless someone else. As soon as that encounter is over, we're back to living in our old humanity again, and the Father and the Son are out on the street, homeless, so to speak, at least

where we are concerned. We are in danger of being too **self**-absorbed and **self**-conscious to be dead to ourselves so that we can be **Lord**-absorbed or **Father**-absorbed, and **Lord**-conscious or **Father**-conscious. “**We have the mind of Christ,**” Paul said in *1 Corinthians 2:16*, but He didn’t say we *use* it, much less *LIVE IN* it!

My whole point tonight is that we are no longer subject to the corruption or decay of the old humanity! We are entirely FREE from it and we CAN live totally beyond it, into Yeshua’s life today.

Here’s the rest of **Ephesians 4:22-24**:

**23 yet to be rejuvenated** [or “*made young again*”] **in the spirit of your mind,** [our minds are alive because they have spirit – the spirit gives life]

**24 and to put on the new humanity** [this is new, Paul says; you haven’t seen this before; you haven’t experienced it before; that’s why it’s “*new.*”] **which, in accord** [or in agreement] **with [the Father], is being created in righteousness and benignity of the truth.**

Notice that this “**new humanity**” “**is being created**”; as Barbara says so often around here, “*It’s a work in progress, to be sure.*” Also, notice that just as we must put off the old humanity, we must put on the new humanity. Once again, this is our job, not the Father’s. Here’s the big realization: the Father does not do the creating of this new humanity, we do. That’s right; read verse 24 again. Paul does not say that the Father is creating anything; rather, he says that it – that is, the new humanity – is being created in accord with – in agreement with – the Father. Do you and I agree with the Father today? Do we? In every area of our lives do we agree with Him? Are we sure? Is there any area in our lives that we are uncertain about, doubtful about, concerned about, fearful of, worried about, planning for in our imaginations rather than waiting on His revelation? Wherever we find these kinds of mental activities, we are not rejuvenated in the spirit of our minds, and, therefore, we cannot put on the new humanity; it will fit us like Saul’s armor fit David, and we will have to discard it. Unfortunately, it isn’t Saul’s armor

that we are discarding but the Father's! It's designed to fit us, but not our old humanity...our NEW humanity, which we can ONLY put on WHEN we are rejuvenated in the spirit of our minds, and then it can be created in righteousness and benignity – or the goodness – of the truth. WE create the new humanity that we also put on, in righteousness and benignity of the truth only when we put off the old humanity first – when we choose to die with Yeshua. That means that everyone and everything associated with who we once were, including our own identities, MUST die – must be put off. – It was ALL – every bit of it – every memory of it – was all part of the seductive desires that are what we call human nature. The simple truth is that our old humanity is sa-tan; it is opposed to and adversarial to the Father's words and purpose.

### **Galatians 2:20**

***Now that which I am now living in flesh, I am living in faith that is of the Son of God, Who loves me, and gives Himself up for me.***

1. ***“Living in flesh,”*** is different from living in THE flesh. Paul is talking about living in the physical form of Adam, not any longer in Adam's nature. So, He says, *“That which I am living in Adam's fleshly, soulish, or soilish form.”*
2. ***“I am living in [the Son of God's] faith”***; it is the same as Yeshua's faith; His faith has become mine and mine has become not just like His but identical, and I live IN it; I am located in it.
3. He – the Son of YaHoVeH – loves me. He is after all that I am created to be by the One Elohim Who said, let there be me.
4. The Son of YaHoVeH's love with which He loves me is so great that He gives Himself up – present tense – for Me. Stay with me here, because it's an enormous principle I had never seen before today, but every time I read this passage I wondered, why present tense “gives” instead of past tense “gave.” Here it is – this is my take, understand; Paul is not saying this, I am, so you check it out with the Father for yourself: Yeshua is ***continuing*** to give Himself up for you and me. He is waiting to come into all He is for all of us – and not just us, but all humanity; indeed, all

creation, which only happens at the consummation. The Son of YaHoVeH's fulfillment depends upon and awaits the fulfillment of the Father's purpose of the eons; therefore, the Son GIVES Himself up for you and me; He does not leap ahead to the end, though He certainly knows the end. He does not live in the consummation; He waits, patiently, continuing to give Himself up, to sacrifice Himself now for the glory that yet awaits then, when EVERY knee bows, and EVERY tongue confesses that Yeshua the Messiah is Lord, to the Glory of YaHoVeH the Father. "He loves me AND gives Himself up for me"; it is my great privilege to love Him and give MYSELF up for Him. It is as if you and I hold in the hands of our self-awareness, the gift to Yeshua of the consummation in us right now, in which the Father is all in all in us because we have given up ourselves for Him because we love Him every bit as much and with the same vision and purpose and determination as He exhibits throughout the story we call the Scriptures.

Does this put a different perspective on your life? It does mine. Does it give you a greater sense of worth, a greater reason, if you needed one, to let go of the life you think is yours, but which really belongs to Him by virtue of blood purchase?

I suspect that the revelation I'm sharing with you tonight, if you will receive it and come into accord or agreement with it – if it registers as true in the depth of your spirit – the Scriptures will open themselves as never before.

Look with me at just one Scripture tonight, by way of illustration. I've been seeking understanding of this maybe since I read it the first time more than 40 years ago.

**Matthew 11:27-30**

***27 "All was given up to Me by My Father. And no one is recognizing the Son except the Father; neither is anyone recognizing the Father except the Son and he to whom the Son should be intending to unveil Him.***

**28 Hither to [or toward] Me, all who are toiling and laden, and I will be giving you rest.**

**29 Lift My [the] yoke upon you and be learning from Me, for meek am I and humble in [the] heart, and you shall be finding rest in your souls,  
30 for My yoke is kindly and My load is light."**

Before today, I would have focused only on part of verse 29:

***Lift My yoke upon you... and you shall be finding rest in your souls.***

We don't put lifting a yoke and finding rest together, but Yeshua does. We can also discover that finding rest is ONLY available after lifting His yoke on our own shoulders. Finding rest is not physical so much as it is, Yeshua says, "**IN your souls.**" Rest IN – not for – your soul is much deeper than just getting some sleep. Rest IN your soul puts you beyond the reach of human striving: striving for significance, sustenance and permanence. "Rest IN your soul" puts you IN the Father's presence, His purpose, His power, His peace, His provision, and whatever other P-words you can find.

Yeshua includes "**learning from Me**" with lifting His yoke on us. He says this by way of instruction: "*Lift and learn.*" Then He says, "**for I am,**" which means, "**because I am,**"...and he goes on to say, "**meek and humble in the heart.**" Again, this is a profound principle: Learning is best when it is from one who is "**meek** [mildly submissive] **and humble** [literally, "low"] **in the heart.**" We can learn from someone who is bold, and proud, but Yeshua came to teach the most important lessons of all, to SERVE all, and He MADE Himself of no reputation; it wasn't that He didn't HAVE a reputation, as Barbara points out frequently to someone who begins listing his or her titles, contacts, and accomplishments. Yeshua was the best model of comportment, so He could rightly say, "**learn from me.**" He knew that everything He taught was from the Father. He knew He was safe; He also knew that no one else was, that is, until AFTER the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 11:27** begins with Yeshua's statement, "**All was given up to Me by My Father.**"

Much like Yeshua gives Himself up for us, the Father gives ALL up to Yeshua. Do you remember the first time your dad gave you the keys to the car? It's a terribly weak analogy, but the picture is that of the Father entrusting absolutely everything to the Son, as if to say, "*Here's the purpose of the eons. Go get it done and if you need anything, I'm right beside you.*" Of course, we know that Yeshua did nothing from Himself or for Himself, but received everything from the Father. The Father trusted the Son implicitly. May I suggest that when the Father is all in us, He can likewise trust US implicitly? And may I further suggest that this is exactly what the purpose of the eons is designed to accomplish? So, how are we doing along our journey toward being fully trustworthy? I don't claim to have an answer, and I suspect we may not know – at least not fully – until we appear at the Dais of the Messiah.

Matthew 11:27 continues

***And no one is recognizing the Son except the Father; neither is anyone recognizing the Father except the Son and he to whom the Son should be intending to unveil Him.***

I believe that this declaration, because it preceded the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the administration of Grace that included Gentiles into the family of YaHoVeH, has been expanded to include everyone on the face of the Earth, and I believe that the Earth will see the fulfillment of this during Messiah's earthly reign as King, AND certainly at the consummation when He subjects everything to Himself and Himself to the Father, so that the Father will be all in all.

The horizon before us all is bigger and brighter than we may be capable of fathoming. If you have followed with me tonight, and find agreement in your spirit, I invite to join with me in prayer before the Father.

Father, I pray a jettisoning of every claim to myself or any piece of what I call "my life." You are my real Father, and Yeshua is my real Brother. My Mother and brothers and sisters, as He said, are those who are doing Your will, Father, and not their own. All that I ever was died with Yeshua on the Cross, and the one who was raised with Him prays now in His name. I declare my emancipation tonight from all of my old humanity. I strip off its ancestry and its history. You said All things have come new, so I receive the rejuvenating of my mind and I put on the New Humanity. I died with Yeshua and the life I live is not mine, but His in me.

Holy Father, I delight to do your will, O My Elohim. As of this moment, I end my captivity to Adam's race and join Yeshua's. I pray that Your abode with me is pleasing to You. Thank You for the experience of Your Spirit living in me, vivifying my own spirit, enabling me to live beyond the crucifixion of my old humanity with the Messiah, but in the resurrection life of the new humanity, while I await the ascension life of incorruption and immortality.

Live in me and through me, Lord Yeshua, I pray. I renounce, reject, and refuse the seductive desires of old humanity that cause decay; all of it died with you, and I henceforth cease all attempts to revive it. While I live in flesh, I embrace your life in me, Lord, and lay to rest everyone and everything inside me and outside of me that was connected to any former life. That was no life at all, I realize now, but only corruption and death. I am choosing to live in Your faith, Lord, and even as you love me and are even now giving Yourself up for me, I am loving You and am giving myself up for You.

Thank You, Lord, for unveiling the Father to me. Thank you for the rest in my soul that You are and that my life in You provides. Tonight I lift Your yoke upon me and I look to You to learn from You. You do not instruct beyond my capacity to accomplish, and I find Your yoke kindly and Your load light. I pray to embody Your meekness and humility, but I thank You also for making the way of bold access to the Father.

Father, I pray to be found trustworthy in That Day, when I will recognize as I am recognized also; when I will know in full and no longer out of an installment; when I have obtained the prize of the calling above in the Messiah Yeshua.

Until that day, I hold to a pattern of sound words while being ambitious to be quiet, engaged in my own affairs, and working with my hands. The ideal thing which is committed to me, I guard through Your Holy Spirit, which is making its home in me, for I am not my own, but I was bought with a price.

Father I worship You. I praise You and shout thanks to You for all that You are and all that You have done and are doing. I honor You tonight, in Yeshua's name. Amen.