

When Christians Die

Part 2

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Introduction

In Part 1 of our study we saw death as a **veil** through which we pass into the heavenly realm.

To the believer this event is not a morbid and terrifying event but one of anticipation and hope because the preparation has been done. Through the veil is the next stage on to greater realities, realisations and experiences.

A believer leaving this earth unprepared is at a very big disadvantage and there will be much disappointment for some when they pass through the veil. They didn't take YHWH's Word seriously and the need to prepare. So, this study will try to clarify more aspects of your life and attitudes in preparation for this exciting experience of passing into the next realm where everything is beyond your imagination and expectation.

1Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him.

A word of advice, be careful of the people who say, "Everything in the Bible is figurative, you can't read it literally." For those who are true sheep and believe that the Word of YHWH is His workshop manual for us to live by, know it is literal. The devil will tell you otherwise.

*Matthew 4:4 But He(Yahhshua/Jesus) answered and said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceeds out of the mouth of God."*

Where the Word is in “parable” form there are corresponding texts to give the literal meaning but they are only supplied to and located by true sheep.

Matthew 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which said, By hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive:

15 For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which you see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which you hear, and have not heard them.

The Main Study Continued

The time of a Believer's life on this side of the veil in the old mortal body varies for various reasons and can be shorter than what could have been if that believer had continued steadfastly beholding his Lord as he walked in the light. It can be a perilous walk if a Believer takes his eyes off the Lord for a time. It can have its consequences.

An example of two people's lives that were shortened were Ananias and Sapphira

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 While it remained, was it not your own? and after it was sold, was it not in your own power? why have you conceived this thing in your heart? you have not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost(died): and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether you sold the land for so much? And she said, Yes, for so much.

9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold(Look), the feet of them which have buried your husband are at the door, and shall carry you out.

10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

*11 **And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.***

They would have lived longer if they had not lied to God and been deceitful. YHWH used them as an example and warning for you and me to not treat YHWH and His Word lightly or carelessly. Yes, sure YHWH loves you but as you are learning, He does have standards and expectations and whom He loves He chastens. Hebrews 12:6,7

By the way, what we fail to do according to YHWH's will on **this side of the veil** will be noticed in some limitations you experience on **the heavenly side**. I am **not** saying you will not be saved, but you will miss out on certain rewards and privileges.

It saddens me to see the ignorance of some church leaders allowing almost anyone to partake of the Lord's Supper (celebrating the body and blood of our Lord Yahshua Messiah) They even allow children to ignorantly take the supper. This is dangerous behaviour. This, is as bad as many of these leaders presenting ordinary leavened bread to the people and telling them this represents the Lord's Body. What a lie and blasphemy from the pulpit! Lord Yahshua was the perfect, spotless Lamb of YHWH with NO sin. Leaven (yeast) speaks of sin and hypocrisy.

*Exodus 34:25 **Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.***

*1Co 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with **the leaven of malice and wickedness**; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

*Luke 12:1 Beware ye of **the leaven** of the Pharisees, **which is hypocrisy.***

The people at the time of the Passover at the time of the last supper had very carefully checked there was no leaven(yeast) anywhere on the property, especially in the bread. This shows that the leaders are misleading the people and the people are not checking to see if the leaders are blind or not by going back to see what God says.

Don't fall for them saying, "It's what is in your heart that counts." What rubbish! YHWH's Word is the standard and it is clear for those that want to read and understand it.

*John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep My words:** and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.*

You may be asking now, "What is your point? How does this relate to the subject?" It is parallel to the Ananias example and could lead to some people having a shorter life here on earth. Maybe the leader or some of the followers may suffer as you will see from the Word we will look at now.

*1 Corinthians 11: 1 **Be you followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.***

*2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and **keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.***

Here Paul is shown by what authority He speaks.

*1 Corinthians 11:23 **For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread(unleavened because it was the Passover)):***

24 *And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.*

25 *After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do you, as oft as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

26 *For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till He come.*

27 *Wherefore **whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup** of the Lord, **unworthily**, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.*

28 *But **let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*

29 ***For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.***

30 ***For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep(DIE!).***

31 *For if we would judge ourselves*, we should not be judged.

32 ***But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.***

How many times have you heard a leader warn you to check your life and what discerning the Lord's body means?

Before you take the bread and wine have you checked to see if you are right with YHWH's Word and in right relationship with your family and other true believers, that there is no bitterness and resentment between you and some other believer. If there is, don't you dare take of the bread and wine because that other person is a part of the Lord's body and you are not discerning them and sorting out the issue outlined in YHWH's Word. You will be chastened by the Lord. You just read it above.

*Matthew 5:22 **But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:***

and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, You fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you;

24 Leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, You shall by no means come out thence, till you have paid the uttermost farthing.

*1John 4:20 **If a man**(or woman) **say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar:** for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?*

We could also ask what scriptural right do people have to change what Yahshua gave to His disciples to drink. That wasn't raspberry juice or grape juice. It was red wine! Oh But,,,,,

Keep your butts and unbelieving excuses and stop playing make believe.

Do you true Believers see a need to find some believers to fellowship with, that will obey the whole Word and not compromise? How is the Body of Christ unified if we do what seems right in our own eyes. We have Old Testament examples and warnings. For example King Saul, who disobeyed and did what he thought was right in his own eyes, after all he was king but also feared what the people said or thought!

1 Samuel 15:13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be you of YHWH: I have performed the

commandment of YHWH.

14 And Samuel said, What means then this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, **They have brought them** from the Amalekites: **for the people spared** the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto YHWH your God; and **the rest we** have utterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell you what YHWH has said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, **When you were little in your own sight**, were you not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and YHWH anointed you king over Israel?

18 And YHWH sent you on a journey, and said, **Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.**

19 Why then did you not obey the voice of YHWH, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of YHWH?

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yes, I have obeyed the voice of YHWH, and have gone the way which YHWH sent me, and **have brought Agag the king of Amalek**, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 **But the people** took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things **which should have been utterly** destroyed, to sacrifice unto YHWH your God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, Has YHWH as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, **as in obeying the voice of YHWH?**

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 **For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.** Because you have rejected the word of YHWH, He has also rejected you from being king.

24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of YHWH, and your words: **because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.**

25 *Now therefore, I pray you, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship YHWH.*

26 *And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with you: for **you have rejected the word of YHWH, and YHWH has rejected you** from being king over Israel.*

27 *And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent(tore).*

28 *And Samuel said unto him, YHWH has rent the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbour of yours, that is better than you.*

You can see what I am trying to point out is that how you walk as a Believer on this side of the veil will eternally affect where you rank when the trophies, positions of responsibility and degrees of authority are handed out. No, you can't earn salvation, but you certainly will be rewarded for faithfulness and obedience to the voice or Word of YHWH.

Your life will not be compared to other people's successes or failures but as to whether you achieved and fulfilled, **all** that our Father YHWH called you for. **How much abiding did you do so Lord Yahshua's fruit could be grown on your branch?**

Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35 *Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;*

36 *And you yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he comes and knocks, they may open unto him immediately.*

37 *Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he comes shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.*

38 *And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.*

39 *And this know, that if the good man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have allowed his house to be broken through.*

40 *Be you therefore ready also: for the Son of man comes at an hour when you think not.*

41 ¶ *Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speak You this parable unto us, or even to all?*

42 *And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?*

43 *Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing.*

44 *Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he has.*

45 *But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delays his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;*

46 *The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looks not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.*

47 *And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.*

48 *But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.*

I feel urged to remind Believers to stay vigilant, on guard, keeping their thoughts and affections on things above. You have been reserved since the creation for this time, a time that prophets of old foresaw and were shocked. We are in the times of Noah and of Lot who each needed protection and deliverance from the vile, wicked conditions.

Unfortunately the wickedness, like fashions, creep up on us and we can grow accepting of and familiar with them. Years ago we were shocked and disgusted but now it seems the majority is involved in these godless attitudes and behaviours. Purity, holiness and righteousness is despised and put aside for civil liberties which are now in your face and excessive. Our children are not even aware that there were different standards and expectations in the past. They hear language and filth daily where ever they go. They see things they should never see of be aware of at such an early age.

Men, be men and leaders in your home, setting the standard of behaviour and living and walking in the Spirit, teaching and protecting your family. Love your wives. If you don't , your prayers will be hindered.

*1Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, **and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.***

As you get older, guard yourself against temptation and discontentment. Stay faithful and true to your first love. Too many Christian families are breaking up because of unfaithfulness. Paul speaks against Christians who fornicate or commit adultery. Besides Church leaders failing, they allow these sexual deviants to continue in fellowship in their sin. They don't seem to have the books of Corinthians in their Bibles.

Men, take a stand as Joshua did!

*Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve YHWH choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: but **as for me and my house, we will serve YHWH.***

Women, wives, follow every instruction faithfully that Paul gives to the women and respect and honour your husband. He functions better when you do.

This feminine and humanistic spirit , which is full of insecurity and unbelief will not let man lead and be the head of the house as YHWH's appointed head. So many women hate what Paul writes and according to the Word it doesn't matter how spiritual they speak and what prophecies, words of knowledge and things they come up with; they are an abomination to YHWH. Let YHWH's Word be true and every woman who denies it is a liar and a Jezebel.

*Isaiah 3:12 As for My people, **children are their oppressors, and women rule over them.** O My people, they which **lead thee** (the women)**cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths.***

Wow! Isn't that true today. The religious woman who thinks she is more 'spiritual' than her careless husband can be a dangerous woman and the ruin of the family. Paul tells the believing woman exactly what to do, but **NO she thinks she knows better.**

"Who is Paul? He was never married, he is just a woman hater. Times were different then. I can't just stand back and do nothing."

How many of the women dress as women in modest feminine clothing, neat and colourful? How many of them try to impress other women and keep up with the latest?

How many wear long hair which YHWH gave to them as their glory? How many of them cover that glory as the Word says to when they pray or prophesy as a mark of respect to their 'head' and for the angels. Read 1 Corinthians 11 again carefully.

Isaiah 66:1 Thus says YHWH, The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that you build unto Me? and where is the place of My rest?

*2 For all those things has My hand made, and all those things have been, says YHWH: **but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at My Word.***

*3 He that kills an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrifices a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offers an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burns incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, **they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations.***

4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spoke, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

*5 Hear the word of YHWH, ye that tremble at His Word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My name's sake, said, Let YHWH be glorified: but **He shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.***

Are you still with me. I know the true believer is. Do you know how we can tell?

*Ps 119:165 **Great peace have they which love Thy law(Word): and nothing shall offend them.***

*2 Timothy 3:1 **This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.***

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than

lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Does the above sound like we are in the last days? The odds are against you and only by your keeping your faith strong, your focus on our Lord Yahshua /Jesus and resisting the devil by using the Word, "It is written..." that you will overcome and finish the race. Remember you have many witnesses beyond the veil cheering you on and waiting for your finish so they can receive their prize. You get yours first.

As you may know there were seven church groups or regional fellowships that Paul and other disciples ministered to in their travels. They were Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.

These groups over time had various problems that they needed to overcome to fulfil the Will of YHWH and Lord Yahshua. You can check them out in revelation Chapters 2 and 3. It is interesting to observe over the last 2000 years that these situations in the seven churches have been reflected in sequence over seven different time intervals/segments, the conditions and attitudes Christianity as a whole was expressing. I am sure you agree we are now in the last period, corresponding to the Laodicean Church if you look at **Revelation 3:14-22**.

*Revelation 3 14 And **unto the messenger of the church of the Laodiceans write**; These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God(who is Yahshua Messiah, YHWH's Son);*

15 *I know your works, that **you are neither cold nor hot**: I would you were cold or hot.*

16 *So then because **you are lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue you out of My mouth**.*

17 ***Because you say**, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and **know not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked**:*

18 *I counsel you to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white raiment, that **you may be clothed**, and that **the shame of your nakedness does not appear**; and **anoint your eyes with eye salve**(ointment), **that you may see**.*

19 *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.*

Does that sound like our time period, especially the western world? I believe so.

It would seem that our Lord Yahshua has given up trying to get into the church group as a whole because He has been rejected just as He was by the scribes and Pharisees 2000 years ago.

Where is the Lord now in accord with Revelation 3:20?

*Rev 3:20 **Behold, I stand at the door**, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and **open the door**(of the Church, not the door of your heart until you open this door), I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.*

Lord Yahshua is outside the door of the church organisation. He is NOT trying to get back in. He is trying to get the attention of some of the sheep still inside. Only His sheep hear His Voice so no one else will know He is calling. He is basically calling any sheep or lambs inside, “*You are feeding from a trough, not a manger for sheep. You won’t get my Word there. You have been deceived. I am not where you think I am. I am outside the door*”

here trying to get your attention. If you hear Me, come to the door of the church and open it then I will come into you(not into where you have been) and we will sup/fellowship together and be united.”

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? for **you are the temple of the living God**; as God has said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them**; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate**, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

Chapter 7:1 **Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

As we covered the five ministries in Study 1, if none of these ministries are focussing on Christ as YHWH's Son and the whole Word of YHWH as the Truth then you should be separating yourself by going to the Door.

Amos 3:3 *Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*

1 John 1:5 *This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.*

6 *If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:*

7 *But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, **we have fellowship one with another**, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

Spend time with those who walk according to the Word, **turn** from

absorbing traditions and Babylonian teachings from Rome.

While considering these seven churches, I believe, individually, Believers' personal lives and circumstances are described in any one of these seven churches. If we are honest in our desire to please our Father and His Son, we will examine each church and find which highlights describe us.

Ephesus

Revelation 2:2 I know your works, and your labour, and your patience, and how you cannot bear them which are evil: and you have tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and have found them liars:

3 And have borne, and have patience, and for My name's sake have laboured, and have not fainted.

*4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against you, because **you have left your first love.***

*5 **Remember therefore from where you are fallen, and repent, and do the first works;** or else I will come unto you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of his place, except you repent.*

*6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, (who **separate** or **distinguish between the leaders and the congregation**, like the Catholics priests, Anglican priests etc they are supposed to be servants not lords) **which I also hate.***

Smyrna

Revelation 2:9 I know your works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but you are rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

*10 **Fear none of those things which you shall suffer:** behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; and you shall have tribulation ten days: you **be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.***

Pergamos

Revelation 2:13 I know your works, and where you live, even where Satan's seat is: and you hold fast My name, and have not denied My faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan lives.

14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there, them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. (He is saying light and darkness cannot fellowship together. Get rid of the known heretics and wicked among your group))

15 So you have also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

16 Repent; or else I will come unto you quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

Thyatira

Revelation 2:19 I know your works, and charity, and service, and faith, and your patience, and your works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, which calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. (Again another example of wickedness entering and being allowed and not dealt with.)

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am He which searches the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as

have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.
25 But that which you have already, **hold fast till I come.**

Sardis

Revelation 3:....I know your works, that **you have a name that you live, and are dead.**

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for **I have not found your works perfect before God.**

3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore you shall not watch, I will come on you as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come upon you.

4 **You have a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.**

Philadelphia

Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10 **Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that live upon the earth.**

11 Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast which you have, that no man take your crown.**

Laodicea

*Revelation 3:15 I know your works, that **you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot.***

16 So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth.

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*20 **Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.***

Besides the spirit of the Laodicean age we are in, did you find any other of the six groups that described your spiritual state?

Could you imagine what our Lord would write about the group of believers you fellowship with or the denomination you associate with?

Do you get the impression from modern gospel radio preachers, or some of the pastors you have heard, preach that everything is fine and God's grace is enough. Just come to church each week and give your tithes and you will be right for heaven any time.

When you read our Lord's comments to each of the seven churches do you get a different impression as to how serious He considers our attitudes, commitments and compromises. Do some of His threats make you check you commitment or lack of?

Do you get the impression from these that everyone described here is going to receive the same welcome, rewards or position in YHWH's Kingdom on the other side of the veil, or do you think some will be shamed?

The rewards for the overcomers of each of these seven churches we have listed in Study 1 but they are worth revising. Read all of Revelation chapters 1 and 2 as a study now.

It definitely is not everyone that says, "Lord, Lord" that gets a pat on the back and a "Well done" when they pass through the veil.

Mark 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in there at:

*14 Because strait is the gate, and **narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.***

*15 ¶ **Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.***

*16 **You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?***

17 Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

*19 **Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire.***

20 Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them.

*21 **Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of My Father which is in heaven.***

*22 **Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not***

prophesied in Your name? and in Your name have cast out devils? and in Your name done many wonderful works?
23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, you that work iniquity(that do your own will).
24 Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
26 And every one that hears these sayings of Mine, and does them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.
*28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, **the people were astonished at His doctrine(teachings):***
29 For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

There is another topic we should discuss which makes a big difference here and beyond the veil. That topic is FAITH. The reason it is so important is that YHWH/God is a Spirit Who has never been seen or heard by any man, other than His Son.

You are at a big disadvantage if you are still reading this study and you believe that Lord Yahshua is God or equal to YHWH His Father because you are saying that He has the same powers and understanding etc as His Father. You are saying He is equal in every way to His Father. Sorry the Word doesn't say that.

There is only one God as the Old Testament confirms as well as Yahshua Himself and His disciples. Go back read John 20, Hebrews 1, The greetings of the Epistles etc they are very clear. Read 1 Corinthians 8:6,7.

*John 17:33 And this is life eternal, that they might know You the **only true God**, AND Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.*

Trinitarians won't get what I am about to say and hence won't learn from our Lord's life because they think He is God and nothing is impossible to Him. They forget Lord Yahshua said He was limited to what His Father showed Him to do with the power He gave Him to do it.

Here is a new thought for you. When did Lord Yahshua have to begin to use His faith? Was it as a man here on earth or was it before He made the worlds, when His Father showed Him His plans in Proverbs 8:22-31 and explained that it was His job to bring them into existence and keep them functioning?

Does God have faith? Of course not. But everyone else including His only begotten Son needs it to please YHWH.

*Hebrews 11:6 **But without faith it is impossible to please Him(YHWH): for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.***

*John 20:29 Jesus said unto him, Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed: **blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.***

That ingredient of faith is so important here as a believer in these last days and for the time on the other side of the veil in the Kingdom of YHWH.

When you exercise the mustard seed size faith you have here on earth you can do wonders, as long as you don't mix it with unbelief. Unfortunately most of us let unbelief neutralise our Faith.

*Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief:** for truly I say unto you, **If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.***

Your mindset tells you only Lord Yahshua could do that. Is He a Liar !! Of course NOT! Yet we behave as if He is because we don't do impossible things that He said we would do.

Men such as Smith Wigglesworth, John A Dowie and John G Lake are a few examples of men who exercised their faith and saw amazing results.

*John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believes on Me, the works that I do shall he do also;** and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

Don't these Words **show us how much unbelief in YHWH's Son, Yahshua?** Why are we are not seeing these greater works or **fruit on our branch that YHWH wants much of?**

It wouldn't be us doing it anyway. Our Lord was in the same position and said that of Himself He could do nothing. He learned to rest and trust His Father for the directions and power to accomplish His mighty deeds. Yahshua exercised His faith!

It is not even our mustard size faith YHWH wants us to operate. **It is His Son's faith He wants to see operating in us!**

*Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ lives in me:** and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,** who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

WOW! Now you have no excuse have you? YHWH's Word says it. Are you going to challenge it or explain it away or neutralize it with your unbelief, or, are you going to take it as a revelation and apply it in your life?

There is some concern expressed regarding whether our Lord would find much faith exercised just before His return. There wasn't much expressed in the Garden of Gethsemane at the time of His betrayal by Judas either. There were plenty of bold statements by Peter before the event. It is going to be interesting how these TV evangelists and other prominent characters behave when the going gets tough in times just before our Lord Returns.

*Luke 18:8 Nevertheless when the Son of man comes, **shall He find faith on the earth?***

So, if you are using your faith, believing all of YHWH's Word, delighting in His secrets and spiritual insights written by His Apostles and Prophets, then what you experience when passing through the veil will not be a shock. This is because of the Word you believe now. The other side of the veil will become the reality of the shadows and outlines of which you are already familiar .

*1Corinthians 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: **now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.***

Final words of advice from Paul and Peter

By **not** applying their advice you may go through the veil as a survivor with no belongings left. By taking heed you could be a very spiritually rich man with lasting investments.

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he has built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

2 Peter 1:3 According as His divine power has given unto us **all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that has called us to glory and virtue:**

4 **Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue;** and to virtue **knowledge;**

6 And to knowledge **temperance;** and to temperance **patience;** and to patience **godliness;**

7 And to godliness **brotherly kindness;** and to brotherly kindness **charity.**

8 **For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

9 But he that lacks these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, **brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never fall:**

11 For **so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

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