



VITAL UNION -

THERE IS NO STATIC RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD by Shepherd Lambur

A Biblical Study on Abiding, Continuing, Growing, Enduring, and Remaining in Messiah Yahshua

Introduction

One of the greatest misconceptions taught in some religious systems is the idea that a person can enter a relationship with God and then remain spiritually unchanged regardless of how they live afterward.

Static Union

Some churches teach Static Union, leading them to believe that they remain saved even while sinning. This belief suggests that a person can sin against God and lose fellowship but still possess eternal security. However, the idea of eternal security during backsliding is not supported in Scripture. It represents a false sense of security; this so-called union is neither truly secure nor a genuine union. Those who adhere to this belief are misled. So, how do they perceive this Static Union? They compare it to a poorly tuned radio. They barely perceive the signal; it's faint, yet they are aware of its presence, having heard it before they continued in their sinful ways. They refer to this weak connection as a Static Union.

The Scriptures teach no such thing.

The Bible presents salvation as a living relationship with the Living God through Messiah Yahshua. Every relationship described in Scripture is active, ongoing, growing, maintained, nurtured, and sustained through faith, obedience, repentance, and abiding.

The concept of a "static salvation" or a "static relationship" is foreign to Scripture.

Throughout the Bible, believers are commanded to:

- Continue
- Abide
- Remain
- Endure
- Hold fast
- Walk
- Follow
- Grow
- Persevere
- Overcome

These commands would be unnecessary if relationship with God were automatic, static, or permanently guaranteed regardless of one's response to Him.

I. GOD DESIRES A LIVING RELATIONSHIP, NOT A STATIC RELATIONSHIP

Genesis 5:24

"And Enoch walked with God..."

Enoch did not merely have a past experience with God.

He walked with God.

Walking implies continual movement and ongoing relationship.

Micah 6:8

"What does the LORD require of thee... but to walk humbly with thy God?"

God calls His people into a daily walk.

Amos 3:3

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

Relationship is maintained through continued agreement.

II. YAHSHUA TAUGHT ABIDING, NOT STATIC SECURITY

John 15:1-10

The central theme is abiding.

The word "abide" means:

- Remain
- Continue
- Stay connected
- Dwell

John 15:4

"Abide in me, and I in you."

Relationship is ongoing.

John 15:6

"If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch."

A branch must remain connected.

No branch remains fruitful after separation.

John 15:10

"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love."

Abiding involves continuing obedience.

III. THE NEW TESTAMENT CONSTANTLY USES THE WORD "CONTINUE"

Colossians 1:21-23

"...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled..."

The inheritance is connected to continuing.

Romans 11:22

"Continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off."

Paul presents two possibilities:

- Continue
- Be cut off

No static middle ground exists.

Acts 13:43

Paul exhorted believers

"to continue in the grace of God."

Why continue if grace automatically remains regardless of response?

IV. THE SCRIPTURES TEACH GROWTH, NOT SPIRITUAL STAGNATION

2 Peter 3:18

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord..."

Growth is expected.

1 Peter 2:2

"Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

Ephesians 4:13-15

Believers are called to grow into maturity.

A living relationship develops.

A static relationship does not.

V. BELIEVERS ARE WARNED AGAINST DRIFTING

Hebrews 2:1

"Lest at any time we should let them slip."

One cannot drift from a relationship that cannot be affected.

Hebrews 3:12

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God."

Notice:

The warning is directed toward "brethren."

The danger is "departing."

You cannot depart from somewhere you never were.

Hebrews 3:14

"We are made partakers of Messiah, if we hold..."

Participation is connected with perseverance.

VI. THE SCRIPTURES TEACH ENDURANCE UNTIL THE END

Matthew 24:13

"He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Endurance is required.

Revelation 2:10

"Be faithful unto death."

Hebrews 10:36

"You have need of patience..."

James 1:12

"Blessed is the man that endures temptation."

The Christian life is portrayed as a race, not a stationary condition.

VII. THE SCRIPTURES WARN ABOUT FALLING AWAY

Luke 8:13

"They believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away."

Hebrews 6:4-6

Warns of falling away.

2 Thessalonians 2:3

"That day shall not come, except there come a falling away first."

1 Timothy 4:1

"Some shall depart from the faith."

The Bible never speaks of departing from a faith one never possessed.

VIII. FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD REQUIRES WALKING IN THE LIGHT

1 John 1:6

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie."

Relationship and conduct are connected.

1 John 1:7

"If we walk in the light..."

Walking is ongoing action.

1 John 2:3-4

"We do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments."

Knowledge of God is demonstrated through ongoing obedience.

IX. REPENTANCE MAINTAINS FELLOWSHIP

Acts 3:19

"Repent ye therefore..."

Revelation 2:5

"Repent."

Revelation 2:16

"Repent."

Revelation 3:19

"Be zealous therefore, and repent."

Messiah repeatedly calls believers to repentance.

Why?

Because relationship is dynamic.

When sin enters, repentance restores fellowship.

X. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AUTOMATIC RELATIONSHIP

Scripture never says:

- Once connected, always connected.
- Once abiding, always abiding.
- Once faithful, always faithful.
- Once walking, always walking.
- Once following, always following.

Instead Scripture repeatedly says:

- Abide.
- Continue.
- Remain.
- Endure.

- Hold fast.
- Walk.
- Follow.
- Overcome.

These are ongoing actions.

XI. EVEN PAUL UNDERSTOOD THE NEED FOR CONTINUED FAITHFULNESS

1 Corinthians 9:27

"I discipline my body..."

Paul understood the seriousness of perseverance.

Philippians 3:12-14

"I press toward the mark..."

Paul viewed salvation as a continuing pursuit toward the heavenly calling.

2 Timothy 4:7

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Notice the emphasis:

- Fought
- Finished
- Kept

The victory was not merely in beginning.

It was in finishing.

XII. THE HIGH PRIESTLY MINISTRY OF YAHSHUA DOES NOT CREATE A STATIC RELATIONSHIP

Hebrews 7:25

"He ever lives to make intercession for them."

Messiah's priesthood is ongoing.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Believers are continually invited to come boldly to the throne of grace.

1 John 2:1

"If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father."

An advocate is needed because believers must continually remain in right relationship through repentance and faith.

The ministry of Messiah does not eliminate the need for abiding.

His ministry makes abiding possible.

XIII. THE BIBLICAL PATTERN IS RELATIONSHIP, NOT RELIGION

Religion often seeks a moment.

God seeks a relationship.

Religion often seeks a transaction; an event where something is exchanged

God seeks communion.

Religion asks:

"What is the minimum required or teaching outside scripture?"

Relationship asks:

"How can I remain close to Him?"

The Bible teaches:

- Walk with Him.
- Abide in Him.
- Continue in Him.

- Follow Him.
 - Endure with Him.
 - Grow in Him.
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XIII. RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD – THE VITAL UNION

The Scriptures reveal that there is no static relationship with God.

Every believer is either:

- Growing or declining.
- Abiding or drifting.
- Following or turning away.
- Walking in light or walking in darkness.
- Continuing or departing.

The entire New Testament calls believers into an active, living, ongoing relationship with Messiah Yahshua.

Salvation is not presented as a frozen event disconnected from daily fellowship.

It is a living covenant relationship sustained through faith, obedience, repentance, and abiding in the Son of God.

"Abide in me, and I in you." (John 15:4)

"He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Matthew 24:13)

"Continue ye in my love." (John 15:9)

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14)

The biblical call is not merely to start the journey.

The biblical call is to remain faithful to the One who called us until the end.

"There Is No Static Salvation, Because There Is No Static Relationship"

XX. THE CONTRITE HEART

Coming before God with a Contrite Heart means approaching Him in deep humility and genuine sorrow for your sins.

Psalms 51:17 -The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Matthew 3:8 -Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.

Contrition means feeling deep, sincere sorrow and remorse for having done something wrong, specifically because you have offended God or hurt someone else.

It is not just being sorry because you got caught or fear the consequences. It is a genuine brokenness of heart over the action itself.

Key Characteristics of Contrition

- **Heart-Centered:** It comes from love and respect, rather than fear of punishment.
- **Desire for Change:** True contrition always includes a desire to turn away from the wrong behavior (repentance) and make amends.
- **Biblical Imagery:** In scripture, it is often described as a "broken and contrite heart" (Psalm 51:17). [5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

Contrition

Theology often makes a strict distinction between these two concepts:

- **Contrition:** Being sorry out of love for God and sorrow over ruining the relationship.

If you would like, let me know:

- **Scriptures** define or illustrate a contrite heart.
- Contrition connects back to the process of **confession and cleansing** in 1 John.

REVIEW

1 John 3:6: "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."

• **1 John 3:9:** "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

• **Romans 6:2:** "God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"

• **Romans 6:18:** "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

• **2 Corinthians 5:17:** "Therefore if any man be in Messiah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

•**Matthew 6:24**: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other."

•**James 3:11**: "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?"

•**Ephesians 5:8**: "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light."

.1 Timothy 1:15: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Messiah Yahshua came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." (Paul wrote this long after his conversion, using the present tense to acknowledge his identity as a sinner).

•**Romans 7:19-20**: "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." (Paul describes the ongoing dual nature of a believer). [1, 6]

•**Galatians 5:17**: "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

•**1 John 1:8**: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

•**1 Corinthians 1:2**: "...unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Messiah Yahshua, called to be saints..."

•**Matthew 6:12** ..."forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..."

•**1 Colossians 3:13** Instructs believers to "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Through the High Priestly Ministry of Messiah Yahshua; through the blood at the mercy seat, we can receive His Eternal Security!

1 Thessalonians 5:23 - "Now may the God of peace [wholeness] Himself sanctify you completely, and may your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Adonai Messiah Yahshua.

You see it is this Vital Union; our relationship which brings eternal security! The blood at the cross is the same blood upon the mercy seat that maintains our salvation!!! Yahshua is Lord!

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