

LET THE APOSTLES SPEAK – Yohanan - John

Alright, let's embark on a journey through the words of the Apostle John, as if we were present to hear his message.

If one were to listen to the Apostle John, it would become clear that his writings are steeped in profound love and a deep understanding of the divine. He speaks with the voice of one who has walked with Yahshua, witnessed His glory, and been transformed by His teachings. John's message, as gleaned from his Gospel and Epistles, is a call to abide in the love of Yahweh and to walk in the light of Yahshua.

The Gospel of John: A Glimpse into Divinity

The Gospel of John is not merely a recounting of events; it is a theological exploration of Yahshua's identity and mission. From the very beginning, John declares Yahshua as the Logos, the Word, who was with Yahweh and was Yahweh (John 1:1). This sets the stage for a narrative that unveils Yahshua's divinity and His role as the revealer of Yahweh.

The Divinity of Yahshua: John emphasizes Yahshua's divine nature through His words and actions. He performs miracles, claims to be the "I AM," and speaks with an authority that transcends human understanding.

Love as the Core: Love is a central theme. Yahshua commands His followers to love one another as He has loved them (John 13:34-35). This love is not merely an emotion; it is a way of life, a commitment to self-sacrificing service.

Eternal Life: John's Gospel is filled with promises of eternal life for those who believe in Yahshua. He presents Yahshua as the source of life, the bread of life, and the resurrection and the life.

The Holy Spirit: The promise of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, is a recurring theme. The Spirit will guide believers, teach them, and empower them to live a life that honors Yahweh.

The Epistles of John: Walking in the Light

John's Epistles build upon the foundation laid in his Gospel. They offer practical guidance for believers, emphasizing the importance of love, obedience, and truth.

Love in Action: John reiterates the importance of love, but he defines it in practical terms. Love involves keeping Yahweh's commandments and loving one's brothers and sisters.

Obedience and Truth: John stresses the importance of obedience to Yahweh's commands. He warns against false teachers and encourages believers to discern truth from error.

The Assurance of Salvation: John writes to assure believers of their salvation. He provides tests of genuine faith, emphasizing the importance of righteous living and love for others.

The Anointing and Divine Presence: John 14:21, John 15, and 1 John 1:6-7 are particularly relevant. These passages speak of the intimate relationship believers have with Yahshua through the Holy Spirit. To receive Yahshua's divine presence and anointing, one must abide in His light, walking in the realm of His Spirit. This involves:

Abiding in Yahshua: Remaining in a close, personal relationship with Him.

Keeping His Commandments: Obeying His teachings and living a life that pleases Him.

Loving One Another: Demonstrating love and compassion towards fellow believers.

The Message Today

If John were here today, he would likely reiterate these core themes.

Know Yahshua: To understand and live in His divine nature and His saving work which is a salvation [Sozo] “past – present and future tense.

Love One Another: To practice genuine, self-sacrificing love.

Walk in the Light: To live a life of truth, obedience, and righteousness.

Abide in Yahshua: To cultivate an intimate relationship with Him through prayer, scripture, and fellowship.

John's message is a timeless call to a life of faith, love, and obedience. It is a message that challenges us to examine our hearts, to live in accordance with Yahweh's will, and to experience the fullness of life in Yahshua.

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