

Transcript – Shavuot and the New Birth 2026

Alrighty! Chag Semeach. Shabbat Shalom! And we are here Shavuot weekend 2026. And what a wonderful time we are living in. So I have a message today to give meat in due season called, *Shavuot and the New Birth*.

We are living in one of the most amazing times in the history of humanity. For two reasons - number one, we are seeing the things that the Bible talked about, the end-time things that the chaos in the world, things that we've never seen like this before. But on the other side, we are also seeing the Spirit of Yahweh moving out in ways that we've never seen before.

So I want to start in John 3, and I want to discuss this and how it works. And that's it's called, *Shavuot and the New Birth*. John 3, and the first 3 verses, it says,

John 3:1-3 *But there was a man from the Pharisees, Nicodemus his name, a ruler of the Jews. This one came to Yahshua by night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know that You have come as a teacher from Elohim. For no one is able to do these miraculous signs which You do, except Elohim be with Him. Yahshua answered and said to him, Truly, truly I say to you, that **if a man is not born again**, he is not able to see the Kingdom of YAHWEH.*

So we know today there's whole churches called 'born again' churches, and they think this is some kind of just emotional experience. And if you say this little prayer at the end of a bar stool and then you're born again, but it's probably one of the most misunderstood things in the New Testament of what it really means. And actually, if you look at Yahshua's words, as we're going to go into it in this sermon, **unless you're born again, you can't see the Kingdom of Yahweh**.

So this is probably among the top of the list of understanding in doctrines. Every doctrine is important to understand. But while if you don't understand what it means to be born again, and you haven't been begetted by the Spirit of Yahweh, then you have no future. There's nowhere to go.

So listen carefully and this is an extremely important thing. So like I said, the Christian world is deceived about what they mean. They think it's just an emotional experience. But this is talking about a real birth as we're going to say. Yahshua is very, very clear. **There's a physical birth and there's a spiritual birth**. And the physical birth, as we know, every single person from Adam till today has lived and died. And the spiritual birth is what leads to eternal life.

So let's continue here verse 4 through 7.

John 3:4 *Nicodemus said to Him, "How is it possible to enter the womb of his mother the second time and be born?"*

Comment: So was Nicodemus misinterpreting Yahshua that he was talking about having an emotional experience, maybe falling on the floor and barking like a dog? Of course not. No, Nicodemus, and this is the way it was in Israel, in Bible times things were taken very literal. So when Yahshua is saying, you need to be born again, what is he saying? *"How is it possible to enter the womb of his mother the second time and be born?"* But he was talking about a physical birth and Nicodemus understood that. And now let's listen to Yahshua's answer.

John 3:5-6 *Yahshua answered, Truly, truly I say to you, that if a man is not born **from water and spirit**, ... What does that mean? Baptism, right? ... If a man is not born from water and spirit, he is not able to enter into the Kingdom of YAHWEH. The thing, which is born from flesh, is flesh, ... A natural birth ... and the thing, which is born from spirit, is spirit.*

Comment: Two totally different things. You have a physical birth, as we're going to see, when the baby comes out of the mother's womb and you have a spiritual birth at baptism.

John 3:7 *Do not wonder because I said to you, You must be born from above.*

So Yahshua is going to tell us exactly how that is. And it's the only way to the kingdom of Yahweh. There's no other way, there's no back doors, there's no other way to do it. **You have to have a second birth, a spiritual birth for eternal life.**

So Leviticus 17:11 ... Leviticus 17:11 says,

Leviticus 17:11 *For **the life of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it to you on the altar, to atone for your souls; for it is the blood which makes atonement for the soul.*

The life of the flesh is in the blood. That's the physical birth, right? So that's the way we know somebody is alive, because the heart is pumping, the blood is circulating throughout the body. And as long as that's happening, you're physically alive, the physical birth. As soon as that stops, you can't survive without having blood and you can't survive without that blood being pumped. So that's the fleshly birth. The life is in the blood when the blood stops pumping a person dies. And that's animals as well as human beings. It's just life, physical life on this planet. That's the way it works.

Genesis 2 and verse 7 ... Genesis 2 and verse 7, let's look what it says. It says,

Genesis 2:7 *Elohim formed the man from the dust of the ground, and blew into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul.*

And I think for most people, even a lot of believers don't understand the difference of Yahweh's breath of life. It simply makes somebody a living soul and the Ruach H'Chodesh, the Holy Spirit, that makes somebody ... gives them eternal life. It's two different things because the vast majority of human beings, 99% of them, they don't understand the Word of Yahweh. They don't know Yahweh, but they're alive.

Every single physical person that's born, male or female, and animal has the breath of life until the blood stops pumping until they're dead. So here it is when *Yahweh formed the man from the dust of the ground, He blew into his nostrils the breath of life. The man became a living soul.*

Again, the man doesn't have a soul. The man **became** a living soul. Just meaning the breath of life from the Yahweh makes someone alive. And again, once the heart stops pumping and the blood stops circulating, the person dies. It's not a spiritual situation. It's just a physical thing that makes someone alive.

And that's why Yahshua is saying, you're not going to get eternal life just by living, just by being born and dying doesn't give you eternal life. You have to be born again. You have to have a second birth. That's what's going to give you eternal life.

Ecclesiastes 3, in verse 18 ... Ecclesiastes 3 and verse 18. It says,

Ecclesiastes 3:18-20 *I said in my heart concerning the issue of the sons of men, that the Elohim may test them and see that they by themselves are beasts ... Because the same thing happens ... For that which happens to the sons of men, and that which happens to beasts, even one event is to them. As this one dies, so that one dies; yea, one breath is to all; so that there is to the man no advantage over the beast; for all is vanity. All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all return to the dust.*

So what is Solomon saying? Basically, if a man is going to live whatever 50, 60, 70, 80, maybe even up to 100 years and die, what advantage does he have over an animal? Because the same thing happens to the animal. He doesn't live as long, but he breathes. As long as he's breathing his alive and then he dies. So Solomon is showing the vanity of life that if you're only living for this world and for those 70 or 80 years now, what good is it because they're going to end? And that's why Yahshua said you have to be born again, not just have breath in you, not just have a heart that's pumping blood, but a **spiritual birth** as we're going to see here shortly.

John 20, in verse 20, 21 ... John 20 of verse 20, 21, and this is now where we're going to start getting into being born again, the spiritual birth and what it means and how to get it.

John 20:21-22 *Then Yahshua said to them again, Peace to you (Shalom Alekhem). As the Father has sent Me, ... Now, this is after He's resurrected. He's coming to His disciples after the resurrection. He's showing up to them and He's saying, Shalom Alekhem, ... Peace to you As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. And saying this, He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.*

So again, now we're going to see how the Holy Spirit is given today because Yahshua isn't here to breathe on people, but the Father gave the breath of life in the beginning, which was actually Yahshua that was there in **Genesis 2**. It wasn't Yahweh the Father, but now it's the spiritual life. And since Yahshua is not on the earth anymore, we know that we're going to see in **Acts 8** is the elders baptizing and laying hands on somebody and that gives it, but this is it had a start somewhere.

So this is the first time that His apostles and His disciples that already were baptized. We know that they were baptized when Yahshua was alive and they were baptizing other people, but they didn't receive the Holy Spirit yet. So they're receiving the Holy Spirit. And that's what He says, *He breathed on them and says, Receive the Holy Spirit*, not just the breath of life, but the Holy Spirit. It's a begettel at that point.

So just like when ... how is a baby born? The man and the woman come together, the sperm and the egg, it's fertilized and then it's in the womb for nine months. And then after nine months, the baby is born, right? He's born and it's interesting, when he's born, there's the water in the blood that comes out when the baby is born. And then he has the breath of life. He's breathing.

If the baby is not breathing, he's going to be stillborn. He's going to be dead. So here's the same thing. When somebody is baptized and they receive the Holy Spirit, they're begetted. They're not born yet. They're just begetted. And our life as a believer now is like the baby in the womb. It's the begettel time.

And then when Yahshua comes back to this earth, we'll shed these earthly bodies as we're going to see later and we will literally be born at that time born again. It's not an emotional experience. **It's a physical thing.**

We'll be born of spirit. We'll be spirit beings at that time. We won't be flesh and blood anymore. We'll see that toward the end of the sermon in Corinthians. Very, very clear on this. So the Ruach is received here as they already had the breath of life. So He's not breathing on them to make them alive. He's breathing on them for the beggetel into that.

So Revelation 20 ... Revelation 20, let's look at the second resurrection of all the people that ever lived in the world. Every single person will be resurrected again. And they're going to be judged. Revelation 20, verse 11 through 15. And this is after the thousand years, after the millennium is over. The thousand years are over and let's look ... verse 11:

Revelation 20:11-12 *And I saw a Great White Throne, and the One sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled; and a place was not found for them. And I saw the dead, the small and the great, standing before YAHWEH. And books were opened ... What are these books? We're going to see here ... And another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life ... The Bible ... And the dead were judged ... Out of what? ... the dead were judged out of the things written in the books, according to their works.*

Comments: So right now, there are doctrines that are out there. And like I said, one out of every three people in the world is a Christian to one form or another. So you have eight and a half billion people in the world, one out of every three is a Christian. Ninety nine percent of those Christians think when they die; they're going to heaven or hell. You don't find one word in the Bible about that.

The Bible clearly over and over and over says the dead are asleep. They're lying in the grave. So whether it's Adam and Eve that died 5,000 years ago, or somebody you know that died yesterday, they're all laying in the grave. And we know **at this time**, after the thousand years, everyone will be resurrected physically. And then they're going to be judged by the things they did. So it's what you do now that will depend on your judgment later. They're judged according to their deeds.

Revelation 20:13a *And the sea gave up the dead ...*

Comment: It doesn't matter whether you died in the sea, whether you died in a car crash, however you died. Everyone is resurrected.

Revelation 20:13 *And the sea gave up the dead in it. And death and the grave gave up the dead in them. And they were each judged according to their works.*

And I say this, we have an anomaly in the time we're living in where we have more people now, particularly in Western society that are being cremated than ever before. And if you look in the Bible, the worst thing in the world that can happen to you in the Bible when you died was for your enemy to burn you.

That's why Hitler burned six million Jews because it was like they're not only taking your life now; they're taking your eternal life. Because if you believe in a resurrection, why would you burn your body? If you believe your body is going to be resurrected and raised up, why on earth would you burn it where there's nothing left to it?

And that's the where we live in today because people are not only ... they don't only sanctify physical life. And that's why just in America alone two million babies are killed every year before they're even born. So it's not

even physical life. It's not only the breath of life they don't care about. Its eternal life that when they die, they don't care. "Burn me up, put me in the fireplace, have a barbecue on me, burn me up and barbecue my bones, whatever it is." But this is the way it is.

And yet we see here, right in the Bible, it's very clear that nobody's in Heaven. **John 3:13**, *no man has went up to heaven*. Everybody that died now is lying in the grave and they'll be resurrected here after the thousand years and they're going to be judged according to their deeds.

Revelation 20:14-15 *And death and the grave were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And if anyone was not found having been written in the Book of Life, was thrown into the Lake of Fire.*

So if you're not in the Book of Life, you're going to be thrown into the Lake of Fire and there will be weeping and gnashing and teeth because a lot of people that are in this world could care less and didn't care. They're going to see at that time, because there's no more time at that point and people will be judged.

So the Great White Throne resurrection is judging everyone that ever lived. And but this is people that without the Ruach. This is people with that weren't born again. This is people that did not have the Holy Spirit. And again, the judgment is not the same. It's a lower judgment, but there'll be some that make it and there'll be a lot that don't make it.

Matthew 1. So let's see ... because Yahshua was the only one that actually had the spiritual birth from born. Like I said, when you're born, you're physically ... you have physical birth and then you have to be born again. You have to get the spiritual birth. But Yahshua was the only human being that actually had the Holy Spirit from His birth. Matthew 1, verse 18. The birth of Yahshua Messiah was this way. So this exactly how He was born.

Matthew 1:18 *for His mother Mariam had been betrothed to Joseph ... His stepfather ... before the coming together of them, she was found having babe in womb by the Holy Spirit.*

Comment: So, they were engaged. They weren't married yet. Although in biblical times engagement was like being married, but there was no consummation of the marriage. They did not physically come together at all, but the Holy Spirit produced this baby there. And says,

Matthew 1:19 *But her husband, Joseph, being just, and not willing to make her a public example, he purposed to divorce her secretly.*

Comment: Interesting to show you, even before they were *technically* married, just being engaged was part of the marriage covenant.

Matthew 1:20-21 *And as he was thinking about these things, behold, a Cherub of YAHWEH was seen by him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mariam as your wife. For that in her is generated by the Holy Spirit (the Ruach H'Chodesh) ... So Yahshua is the only person that has the Holy Spirit from birth ... And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Yahshua, for He shall save His people from their sins.*

Jesus has no etymology. Jesus doesn't mean anything. Jesus is a hybrid name. There is no letter J in Hebrew. Yahshua was a Hebrew Savior, Hebrew person born. So His name definitely wasn't Jesus. His whole life never once in His whole life did He ever hear that name Jesus? His mother never called it His father, His brothers and sisters, disciples; nobody ever called Him that because there's no name in Hebrew called that because there's no letter J.

So what does Yahshua mean? It means - *He will save His people from their sins*. So we know that Matthew was written in Hebrew because that's the way it is. It's written in syntax like that.

Matthew 7:22-23 *And all this happened so that might be fulfilled that which was spoken by YAHWEH through the prophet, saying, "Behold! The virgin ... This is coming from Isaiah 7 ... will conceive in her womb and will bear a son, and they will call His name Emmanuel," which is interpreted, our Elohim with us.*

Comment: Sometimes people ask me, but why? I thought His name is Emmanuel. Why'd they call Him Yahshua? Emmanuel is a title meaning 'Elohim is with us' because Yahshua was Elohim. So it's not that His name is Emmanuel, His title is Emmanuel because Elohim was with them for those 33 years Yahshua lived on the earth.

Matthew 7:24-25 *And being aroused from sleep, Joseph did as the cherub of YAHWEH commanded him, and took his wife, and did not know her until she bore her son, the Firstborn. And he called His name Yahshua.*

According to what it said. Because the cherub ... it wasn't just that she said like today, people, the woman gets pregnant and the husband, "Oh, what should we call them? Should we call them Chad? Should we call them Joe? Should we call them Philip?" Any name is fine. You have that right.

But here a cherub came to her and said, "No, you're going to call Him this. You're going to call Him Yahshua" because what does Yahshua mean? *He will save His people from their sins*. So the prophecy was that? So it wasn't just that that's His name that He happened to have. That's His name that He was prophesied because in Hebrew, every name has a meaning. There is not one Hebrew name that doesn't mean something and the name is comes from your personality and what you do.

And that's why, like the name David, *my beloved*, every name means something and the name Yahshua means *He will save His people from their sins*. Even in Greek, Jesus has no meaning. It's not a Greek name. It's not a Hebrew name. It's no name. It's a hybrid corruption that doesn't have any meaning that came later.

So this is the spiritual birth. And like I said, Yahshua is the only human being ever that had the Holy Spirit from birth. And now Yahshua is going to show us. He came as an example how we can do that. How can we be born? How can we have the Holy Spirit in us? How can we live forever?

Isn't this what everybody wants, right? Everybody doesn't want a nice home or money. Not that they don't want that, but that's not what they're looking for eternity. What people want is they want to live forever. Nobody wants to die. So here Yahshua is going to show us in John 14, how can we be born again? How can we live forever? How can we get the Holy Spirit, the Ruach H'Chodesh?

John 14 verse 15 ... John 14 and verse 15. He says,

John 14:15 *If you love Me, keep My commandments.*

Are we supposed to keep them? Of course! Everywhere throughout the New Testament, it's over and over and over. We're not to sin, we're to keep the Commandments.

John 14:16a *And I will petition the Father, and He will give you another one which will end the curse,*

Comments: What curse? The curse of Adam. The curse that Adam did for disobeying Yahweh, this curse is going end because Adam didn't have the Holy Spirit. Adam didn't have the Spirit of Yahweh living in him to be able to overcome sin. But He's saying, "I'm going to give you something. I'm going to give you the Comforter."

You can't do it on your own. You know, you can't. It's like the alcoholic. He knows it's wrong. He feels horrible. But he can't stop drinking because it's human nature. Human nature is corrupted. And it's the addiction that comes. But I've seen it over and over and over again. I mean, I've been blessed to baptize thousands of people in my life. And I've seen people that were smokers for 30 years and said, "I tried everything to quit and I couldn't and they're baptized and never smoked the cigarette again." So you need the Holy Spirit to help you overcoming your life where you need to. And He says that,

John 14:16-17 *And I will petition the Father, and He will give you another one ... meaning the Holy Spirit ... which will end the curse, ... the curse of Adam ... that He may remain with you forever, ... eternal life ... the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see it nor know it ... And boy, is that true today? Does the world know the Spirit of Yahweh? Absolutely not ... But you know it for it dwells with you and shall be in you ... And we're going to see, how do you get it? Through baptism.*

John 14:18-20 *I will not leave you orphans; I am coming to you. Yet a little while and the world no longer sees Me, but you see Me. Because I live, you also shall live. In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you.*

Comment: So when you get the Spirit, it's not just the Holy Spirit. It's not just the Spirit that's in you that's going to change you. It's not just the Spirit that's going to help you overcome. **It's literally Yahweh.** That's what He is. Your Father and the Son **are the Spirit.** That's what They're made of and that same Spirit that is made up of Yahweh and the same Spirit that's made up of Yahshua. It's the Spirit that's going to live in you and be part of you. And that's what He says here.

John 14:20-21 *In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. He that has My commandments and keeps them, it is that one who loves Me; and the one that loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I shall love him and will reveal Myself to him.*

John 14:22-24 *Judas said to Him (not the Iscariot) Master, what has happened that You are about to reveal Yourself to us and not at all to the world? Yahshua answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him. And We will come to him and will make a dwelling place with him. The one who does not love Me does not keep My Words. And the Word which you hear is not Mine but of the Father who sent Me.*

Comment: Does Yahshua and the Father have different commandments? Of course not. They are one in mind, one in spirit, one in purpose.

John 14:25-26 *I have spoken these things to you, abiding with you; But **the Redeemer, the Holy Spirit**, whom my Father will send in My name will teach you everything. And it will remind you of everything that I said to you.*

So it is like, wow, there have been times in my life, I have said this before, where I read the Bible and I am like, I have a question in my mind. I wonder what this means. And then there is a time where I will be up in front of a group and somebody will ask that question that I never knew the answer and the Holy Spirit will give me the answer right at that time. So it is not just the person that is getting the answer, I am getting the answer myself.

So if we allow the Holy Spirit, it changes us, it transforms us and it will help us when we read the Bible, it will interpret the Bible for us. So that is one way you know if someone has the Holy Spirit because if somebody is telling you the law is nailed to the cross and the Commandments are done away with and I do not have to do this, they certainly are not being led by the Holy Spirit because you never see that in Scripture.

The Spirit is teaching you how to do it, not how to do away with it. So it is important for this. So Yahshua is showing us how to be born again. You must have the begetting of the Ruach of Yahweh at your baptism. So your baptism isn't when you are born, your baptism is when you are begetted. And then the life we go through now is like the gestation time in the womb of the mother and then when Yahshua comes back and we are resurrected, we will be born again and we are going to see it. We are going to shed these bodies and we will be spirit bodies forever.

Acts 2, this is the whole point of Shavuot, the day today. So Acts 2 verse 1 through 4:

Acts 2:1-2 *And in the fulfilling of the day of Shavuot, ... Pentecostal Shavuot ... they were all with one mind in the same place ... united – Yahweh, the Father and Yahshua the Son. There's one Spirit and it unites them in mind and spirit and purpose ... And suddenly a sound came out of the heaven, as a groaning spirit along by a violent wind! And it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

Acts 2:3-4 *And tongues as of fire appeared to them, being distributed, and it sat on each one of them ... Wow, what a time this must have been ... And they were all filled of the Holy Spirit (the Ruach H'Chodesh), and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave ability to them to speak.*

Wow, amazing. Drop down the verse 12:

Acts 2:12-13 *And all were amazed and puzzled, saying to one another, What could this be? But ridiculing, others said, They are full of sweet wine.*

Comments: So here it is, isn't this kind of interesting that Yahweh is doing this most amazing miracle that literally for the first time the Holy Spirit is coming down to everyone, all New Testament believers and they are being filled with that Spirit, they are doing these miracles, they are speaking other languages and people are just in awe and I've seen this, I've seen this when Yahweh's miracles are happening, people are being healed, the same thing when the Spirit is being poured out like that.

And then others that were just blinded and worldly, what do they say? "Oh, they are drunk, they must be drunk." They are in the same room. In the same room you have people that are being led by the Spirit of

Yahweh that are being powered and empowered and then you have other people that are just nothing. There is nothing there.

Acts 2:14-16 *But standing up with the eleven, Peter lifted up his voice and spoke out to them, Men, Jews, and all those living in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words: For these are not drunk, as you imagine, for it is the third hour of the day ... it's 9 o'clock in the morning ... But this is that which has been spoken by the prophet Joel,*

Act 2:17-19 *"And it shall be in the last days, YAHWEH says, I will pour from My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; And also I will pour out My Spirit on My servants and hand maids in those days, and they shall prophesy. And I will give wonders in the heaven above, and miraculous signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapor of smoke.*

Wow. So this is what the signs that Yahweh has given. Drop down to verse 32. And what does Peter say to the people after this? What is the answer from all this on that first Shavuot? He said,

Acts 2:32-35 *This Yahshua, YAHWEH raised up, of which we all are witnesses ... No more death when you become a believer and you get the Holy Spirit ... Then being exalted to the right of YAHWEH, and receiving the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He poured out this which you now see and hear. For David did not ascend into Heaven, ... David wasn't the Messiah. David's in his grave ... but he says, "YAHWEH said to my Adonai, sit at My right hand (Psalm 110) until I place those who are enemies to You as a footstool for Your feet.*

So that **Psalm 110** was written by David, but not to David. It was written for his Son, the Messiah Yahshua.

Acts 2:36-37 *Then assuredly, let all the house of Israel acknowledge that YAHWEH made known this same Yahshua whom you crucified, He is both YAHWEH and Messiah. And hearing, they were touched in the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men, our brothers, What shall we do?*

Comment: So now they're believing, they're believing the message, they're believing they're sinners, they're believing they need a Savior. They're believing Yahshua is that Savior and they're saying, what do we do? How do we get in on this? How can we be part of this?

Acts 2:38-39 *And Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, each of you in the name of Yahshua YAHWEH for the forgiveness of sins, that you may receive the gift of the Spirit of Holiness ... repent and be baptized. That's how you receive the Holy Spirit ... For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all those afar off, as many as the Master our Elohim shall call.*

So it's not limited, anybody can do this, anybody can change, anybody can repent, anybody can come to Yahweh and ask the elders if they repent and they believe Yahshua for the forgiveness of sins, for baptism and to become a child of Yahweh and a first fruit.

Acts 2:39-40 *For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all those afar off, as many as the Master our Elohim shall call. And with many other words he earnestly testified and exhorted, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation.*

Comment: And wow, if this was meaningful 2,000 years ago, boy is it meaningful today. And I say this on Shavuot 2026, be saved from this perverse generation.

Acts 2:41 *And some of them readily received his words and believed and were baptized. And there were added in that day about three thousand souls in one day.*

When I was in Liberia a few years back I was blessed to baptize a thousand people of one time, not 3,000 but at least a thousand. So that's what happened but there were a lot of people here that weren't baptized. So you've got to, your free will is not taken away when you come to Yahweh but you have to make that choice.

So we see the Holy Spirit is given here at Shavuot. And like I said, it wasn't being born again, it's the begettel, it's the beginning of it because you're still flesh, you're still flesh and blood. After your baptism, until Yahshua returns and we're going to shed these bodies as we see we're still flesh and blood. So you're not born again at your baptism, you're begettel at your baptism.

Acts 19 and now we'll see the Apostle Paul, same thing here. And there's a lot of people that think they have the Holy Spirit and they've never been baptized but that's what the Bible says. That's the way you receive it, is baptism.

Acts 19 starting in verse 1.

Acts 19:1-2 *And it happened, in the time Apollos was in Corinth, Paul was passing through the higher parts to come to Ephesus. And finding some disciples, ... These are people that were disciples. They were believers in Yahshua ... he said to them, Believing, did you receive the Holy Spirit? And they said to him, We did not even hear there is a Holy Spirit.*

Comment: Did they have it? No, they did not have it. They believed in Yahshua but they didn't have it. Why? They weren't baptized.

Acts 19:3 *And he said to them, Then to what were you baptized? And they said, To the baptism of John.*

Comment: They were only baptized to repentance but they never received the Holy Spirit. They never had the laying on of hands.

Acts 19:4-6 *And Paul said, John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe into the One coming after him, that is, into the Messiah, Yahshua. And hearing, they were baptized into the name of the Master Yahshua. And **Paul laying hands on them**, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in different languages and prophesied.*

So again, that's the way you receive the Holy Spirit. That's what the Bible says. I've had people tell me when I was seven years old. They know they received the Holy Spirit in the Pentecostal Church. And it's like, you know what? They're probably not a first fruit. It's not the way you receive the Holy Spirit. Number one, you're not going to receive it at seven years old.

You're certainly not going to receive it in a Pentecostal Church falling on the ground and barking like a dog. That's not the way, the Bible mandate for it. In the Bible it says, Yahweh made humans above the animals. So His spirit isn't going to make you act like an animal. That's Satan and that's demonic. And Satan tricks people

by that because they don't want to make those hard changes in their life, the changes of repenting and getting rid of sin in their life.

Let's go to Acts 8. We'll see the same thing. This is the protocol. This is the Bible mandate, how you receive the Holy Spirit. So you can believe it or you could make your own mandate, but you're not going to receive the Holy Spirit by doing it your own way.

Acts 8 and verse 12. It says ... and this is when Philip went ... he goes out there and he's teaching them and he's going to this area and they're not believers to Samaria and they're believing and they're going to believe it. And then they're going to wonder, well, what do we do now? The same as we saw in **Acts 2**.

Acts 8:12 *But when they believed Philip preaching the good news, the things concerning the kingdom of YAHWEH, and in the name of Yahshua Messiah, they were baptized, both men and women.*

Comment: So it's not only men. And those days it was the men mostly that did things, but here it's the men and the women. Everybody's got to do it for themselves.

Acts 8:13-15 *And Simon ... Simon Magus, this is not Simon Peter, Simon Magus, the sorcerer ... himself also believed, and being baptized was continuing steadfastly with Philip. And seeing miracles and mighty works happening, he was amazed ... because he's seeing miracles in power that's happening, not the sorcery that he did ... And the apostles in Jerusalem hearing that Samaria had received the Word of Elohim, they sent Simon Peter and John to them, who going down prayed concerning them so that they may receive the Holy Spirit ... the Ruach H'Chodesh.*

Acts 8:16 *For it was not upon any one of them yet, but they were only being baptized in the name of the Master Yahshua.*

Comment: So again, they were put in the water, but nobody had the laying on of hands yet. And when you're baptized, you go into water as like a symbol of you dying to the old self, but it's laying on of hands by the elder that actually gives you the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:16-17 *For it was not upon any one of them yet (the Holy Spirit), but they were only being baptized in the name of the Master Yahshua ... How do you receive the Holy Spirit? The laying on of hands. **Then they laid hands on them**, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Acts 8:18-20 *But when Simon Magus saw that the Holy Spirit is given through the laying on of the hands of the apostles (the elders), he offered them money, saying, Give to me also this authority that to whomever I may lay on the hands he may receive the Holy Spirit ... and look what Peter says to them ... *May your silver be with you into destruction, because you thought to obtain the gift of Elohim through money.**

So you know what's interesting? You wonder like today, people would just go out and do it. Why didn't Simon Magus, he was already a sorcerer, he's already a false teacher. Why did he need the apostles to give him the authority to do it? Why didn't he just go and do it? Why didn't he just walk away and do it? Because *he knew* what the apostles were doing was true. He knew that we're really receiving the Holy Spirit. They saw the miracles happening and he tried to buy it. He thought money would do it.

Today we see the same thing. Look at all these churches out there in the world, everything is about money, everything is about paying for prayers, paying for healing, paying for this. And there's a lot of Simon Magus out there today, but what did the Apostle Peter say? *May your silver be with you into destruction (into the Hell fire) because you thought to obtain the gift of Elohim through money.*

Freely you receive and freely you give. It's not about paying for it. It's not about money. So we see that the receiving of the Holy Spirit comes through the laying on the hands of the elders. So not anybody could do it. And there's people out there that were never given that authority.

What did Simon Magus say, "Give me this authority that who I lay hands on?" We're the Laodicean era, ruled by the people. So there's people out there that are doing it on their own. They've never been ordained. They've never been given authority by Yahweh, but they're out there baptizing people on their own. And it means nothing. It's just people getting wet?

But for 2000 years of my book, the Gates of Hell proves this. For 2000 years from Yahshua, Yahshua laid hands on the 12 apostles; the 12 apostles laid hands on others, who laid hands on others, who laid hands on others. And here we are 2000 years later, one of those people in that chain laid hands on me and I've laid hands on others. And that's it. There's an **unbroken chain of succession** that's been there for 2000 years. Read the book. I prove it. I have amazing history that's in that book that you won't get anywhere.

Romans 8 and verse 2. Let's go to Romans 8 ... Romans 8 and verse 2. Because it's not only receiving the Holy Spirit, what happens here is absolutely amazing. It's making you a child of Yahweh, a literal child of His. So Romans 8, I'm going to start in verse 2 to verse 17.

Romans 8:2 *For the Law of the Spirit of life which is in Yahshua Messiah set me free from the law of sin and of death.*

Comment: This is from **Romans 6**. So there's two laws out there. There's the law of sin and death, which means *the soul that sins, it will die*. **Romans 6:23**. And there's the law of the spirit of life. That's the Ruach. That's the Spirit of Yahweh.

Romans 8:3 *For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,*

So the Torah is holy, just and good, right? What's the problem with the Torah? It can't change the heart. It can tell you right from wrong, but it can't make you do right. The Ruach, the Holy Spirit, now changes your heart and makes you do right if you allow it to work in your life.

Romans 8:4-5 *so that the righteous demand of the Torah might be fulfilled in us, those not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit. For the ones that are according to flesh mind the things of the flesh ... Be saved from this perverse generation. Where are you? ... the ones that are according to flesh mind the things of the flesh. And the ones according to Spirit mind the things of the Spirit.*

Romans 8:6 *To be carnally minded (worldly minded) is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace;*

Comment: So you can't kid Yahweh. What is your life? Is your life filled around Yahweh's Word and His Kingdom? Or is it filled about all the pleasures of Babylon?

Romans 8:7 *because the mind of the flesh is (hatred) enmity towards Elohim; for it is not subject to the Torah of Elohim, for it is not possible to be so.*

Comment: So the people in this world, that's why it gets worse and worse because they don't have Yahweh's Spirit. And that's the way the mind of the world is hatred toward His Spirit and truth.

Romans 8:8-9 *And those being in the flesh are not able to please Elohim. But you are not in flesh, but in Spirit, since the Spirit of YAHWEH dwells in you ... And how do you get that Spirit? Baptism and laying on of hands ... But if anyone has not the Spirit of Messiah, this one does not belong to Him.*

Comment: So that's the way you become part of His family. The same way when you have children and they become part of your family, by being your children.

Romans 8:10-11 *But if Messiah is in you, the body indeed is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of the One having raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, the One having raised the Messiah from the dead will also make your mortal bodies live through the indwelling of His Spirit in you ... That's how you're going to be resurrected in that first resurrection very, very soon.*

Romans 8:12-14 *So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to flesh, for if you live according to flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are sons (or the children) of Elohim.*

Romans 8:15-16 *For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received a Spirit of sonship by which we cry, Abba! (Daddy) Father! The Spirit itself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of Elohim.*

Comment: So wow, not only does that Holy Spirit make you a first fruit for the resurrection, not only does it give you eternal life, but it makes you a child of Yahweh forever.

Romans 8:17 *And if children, also heirs; truly heirs of Elohim, and joint heirs of Messiah, if indeed we suffer together, that we may also be glorified together.*

Wow, how great. How great that is that we see here. So the begetting of the Ruach, just like a baby in a womb, it makes us a child of Yahweh. And then we *grow* in this time period that we have, and then when Yahshua comes, as we're going to see here in a little bit, we shed these mortal bodies and we become eternal spirit beings with Him.

1st John 3, 1st John chapter 3, starting in verse 1. It says,

1st John 3:1 *See what manner of love the Father has given us, that we may be called sons (or children) of YAHWEH, ... just like I was reading in **Romans 8** ...*

1st John 3:1-2 *See what manner of love the Father has given us, that we may be called sons (or children) of YAHWEH, who made us. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved,*

now we are the sons of YAHWEH, and it was not yet revealed what we shall be. But we know that if He is revealed, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

Comment: So we don't know exactly ... there's nobody in the world that can say exactly what it is to be a spirit being, because no one's ever been a spirit being, but we know the way Yahshua was, is the way we'll be. And what happened? He was able to manifest as a physical body, right? He said, "Look at the holes in my hands and the holes in my side", but He was also able to manifest as a spirit and disappear. He wasn't limited by the human body anymore. He could manifest in a body, but He wasn't limited by the body.

1st John 3:3-6 *And everyone having this hope on Him purifies himself even as that One is pure. Everyone practicing sin also practices lawlessness, and sin is the breaking of the Torah. And you know that He was revealed that He might take away our sins, and sin is not in Him. Everyone remaining in Him (in Yahshua) does not (practice) sin. Everyone practicing sin has not seen Him, nor known Him.*

1st John 3:7-8 *Little children, let no one lead you astray; the one practicing righteousness is righteous, even as that One is righteous. The one practicing sin is of the devil, because the devil sins from the beginning. For this the Son of YAHWEH was revealed, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*

Comment: So we see it. You're not going to be perfect. Doesn't mean you'll never sin, but it means you're not going to practice sin. You're not going to have sin as a way of life once the Holy Spirit is living in you, because the Holy Spirit helps you to overcome that.

1st John 3:9-10 *Everyone who has been begotten of Elohim does not practice sin, because His seed abides in him, and he is not able to sin, because he has been begotten of Elohim. By this the children of YAHWEH are distinguished from the children of the devil: Whoever does not practice righteousness and does not love his brother, does not belong to Elohim.*

So while it's really simple, in the world we live in today, it's real clear. Go out there in that world and look at the people out there. Look how evil it is, because they're the children of the devil, but you look at the first fruits of Yahweh who are keeping the commandments and practicing righteousness, and they are His children waiting for the kingdom.

True believers through the power of the Ruach will overcome sin in their lives, and that's what the beggetel of the Ruach is all about. Like it said, doesn't mean you're never going to sin again, and you should feel bad and remorse and repent, but you've got to move on from it, because we're humans, we will make mistakes though.

Galatians 5 ... Galatians 5, and verse 16 through 25. He says,

Galatians 5:16 *But I say, if you walk in the Spirit, the lust of the flesh will not overtake you.*

Comment: So your environment is 90% of your battle, and you have to make sure you're putting fences around your life. You can't be in all worldly places doing all worldly things with all worldly people and think, "Oh, why am I sinning again?" So you have to make sure.

Galatians 5:17 *For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are opposed to one another; so you are not able to do as you desire.*

Comment: It's a spiritual battle that's out there, just like you see in those cartoons, the little devil on one side, the little angel on the other side, and it's really, it really is true. That's the way it's working. Your human nature is fighting the Spirit of Yahweh, and you have to make sure you're not allowing the human nature to win.

Galatians 5:18-19a *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under (the penalty of breaking) the Torah. Now the works of the flesh are clearly revealed, ...*

Comment: So it's manifest in the deeds. That's why the people judge by the deeds. So by your deeds, you're going to know whether you're being led by the Spirit of Yahweh, or you're being led by the spirit of satan. So here's the works of the flesh. This is what the spirit of satan leads to.

Galatians 5:19b-21 *... adultery, impurity, uncleanness, lustfulness, idolatry, witchcraft, enmity, fighting, jealousies, anger, rivalries, stubbornness, divisions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, reveling, and things like these; of which I tell you beforehand, as I also said before, that the ones **practicing** such things will not inherit the kingdom of Elohim.*

Comment: But the fruit of Yahweh, now when you have His Spirit, this is what you should be manifesting.

Galatians 5:22-23a *But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, ... It's impossible to please Yahweh without faith ... meekness, ... not pride, but meekness ... self-control.*

Comment: Wow, one of the most important things in your life is having discipline and self-control. Because without that, you could be doing all the other things and you're going to always go back to the sin.

Galatians 5:23b-25 *Self-control - Against such things there is no instruction ... So there's nothing in the Bible that limits those fruits of the spirit working in your life ... But the ones belonging to Messiah crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. Let us therefore live by the Spirit, and surrender to the Spirit.*

So how do you do this by surrendering to the spirit? By not allowing your human nature to push the path of your life where you're going. You have to fight your human nature; you have to allow the Spirit of Yahweh to lead that path in these nine fruits of the spirit. So that's the key to life. We have to choose which spirit we will live to, the human one with the pulls of the flesh; or the spiritual one with the strength to overcome.

So now let's go to 1st Corinthians 15. This is where it's very clear what it means to be born again. I mean there's no way you could misinterpret it. It's one of the greatest chapters in the Bible because it's all about the resurrection and our eternal life. So I'm not going to read the whole chapter but I'm going to start in verse 35. 1 Corinthians 15 and verse 35 and this very, very, very clearly tells us what happens when you're born again.

1st Corinthians 15:35-38 *But someone will say, How are the dead raised? And with what body do they come? Foolish one! What you sow is not made alive **unless it dies**. And what you sow, you do not sow the body that is going to be, but a bare grain, it may be of wheat or barley, or of some other seed, and Elohim gives it a body according as He willed, and to each of the seeds its own natural body.*

Comment: So it's the same way like He's comparing it now to like when you put seeds in the ground. A lot of times those seeds look the same, a barley seed, a wheat seed, a rye seed. But when you put it in the ground it

comes up they're different. Yahweh gives it a body how it looks and it's different. He says not every flesh is the same flesh, right? We know that, there's animal flesh and there's different things.

1st Corinthians 15:39-41 *Not every flesh is the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another of fish, and another of birds ... all different ... And there are heavenly bodies, and earthly bodies. But the glory of the heavenly is truly different, and that of the earthly different; one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.*

Comment: Even the stars. Some are brighter, some aren't. Regulus, between the feet of the Lion of Judah is the brightest star that's there, so they differ.

1st Corinthians 15:42-44 *So also the resurrection of the dead ... So He's saying the same with the resurrection ... It is sown in corruption (our earthly body), it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, ... human nature ... it is raised in glory (a spiritual body). It is sown in weakness, ... Physical bodies that die ... it is raised in power ... eternal, spiritual body ... It is sown a natural body, ... Flesh and blood can inherit the kingdom of Yahweh. There's a natural body and you have to be born again to receive the Spirit of Yahweh ... It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body; there is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body ... **John 3**, that's what Yahshua was going over.*

1st Corinthians 15:45 *So also it has been written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul ... Just a breathing soul ... " The last Adam a life-giving Spirit.*

Comment: And that's what each of us have, the choice. Do you just want to be a living soul? Do you just want to be breathing life every day and looking out for yourself? Or do you want to be a life-giving spirit? Do you want to affect every single person you meet in a positive way? That they're like, "Wow, who is he? Wow, man, I'm glad I met him." That's the choice we have.

1st Corinthians 15:46-49 *But not the spiritual first, but the natural; afterward the spiritual. The first man (Adam) was out of earth, earthy. The second Man (Yahshua) was the Master YAHWEH out of Heaven. As is the earthy man, such also are the earthy ones. And such as is the heavenly Man, such are the heavenly ones. And as we bore the image of the earthy man, ... we were all born ... we shall also bear the image (the likeness) of the heavenly one.*

Comment: So like we said, Yahweh said in **Genesis 1**, He made us in His image. Yahweh has eyes, Yahweh has nose, Yahweh has mouth, Yahweh has ears, we're made in His image. But we're to grow in His likeness, His character, love, joy, peace, patience, faith.

1st Corinthians 15:49-50 *And as we bore the image of the earthy man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly one ... His character ... And I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood is not able to inherit the kingdom of YAHWEH, ... There's not going to be any flesh and blood, humans, they are only spiritual beings ... nor does corruption inherit incorruption.*

1st Corinthians 15:51-52 *Behold, I speak a mystery to you: We shall not all sleep, ... Are the dead in heaven? No, they're sleeping in the grave ... We shall not all sleep, but we will be changed. In a moment, in the blinking of*

an eye, at the last trumpet; ... Revelation, the last trumpet when Yahshua ... for a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1st Corinthians 15:53-55 *For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality, then will take place the Word that has been written, "Death was swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your sting? Hades, where is your victory?" ... No more death.*

1st Corinthians 15:56-58 *Now the sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the Torah; ... because the Torah tells right from wrong. Sin is the breaking of the Torah ... but thanks be to Elohim who gives us the victory through our Master Yahshua Messiah! So that, my beloved brothers, you be firm, immovable, abounding in the work of YAHWEH always, knowing that your labor is not without fruit in the Master YAHWEH.*

Wow! So we have to allow the Ruach to kill fleshly desires so we can be born again at the resurrection in a new spiritual body. Flesh and blood will not inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh. Nobody is born again. And I said this, if somebody tells you they're born again, I have a really, really simple way to check it out. We're going to read here in John. Give them the pin test. Because it says if you're born again, you're like the spirit. You're like the wind. So if somebody says they're born again, stick them with a pin and if they scream, they're not born again. Give them the pin test.

John 3, let's go back to John 3 now. It's going to be ended up here in a few minutes. John 3. And let's finish now what Yahshua is telling Nicodemus. John 3 and verse 7. So He told them before, that a man has to be born again.

John 3:5b-6 *Truly if a man is not born from water and spirit, ... we went over what that means. Baptism is ... not able to enter the Kingdom of Yahweh. That which is born of flesh, ... verse 6 ... is flesh and that's what the born of spirit is spirit ... Now, let's continue here in verse 7.*

John 3:7-8 *Do not wonder because I said to you, You must be born from above. The wind will blow where it desires, and you hear its voice. But you do not know from where it comes or to where it goes. Likewise is everyone who is born from spirit.*

Comments: So again, what happened on that first Shavuot? Remember the wind came in and that's the Spirit was like that. The Spirit is like wind. It's invisible. So when you're a spirit being, you're going to be able to be invisible. We know from Yahshua you'll be able to manifest in a body if you want, but you could also be spiritual if you want. When you could be in one place, one day you could be in New York and the next day you could be in China. Not the next day, the next second. You could travel faster than the speed of thought. It's going to be amazing at that time.

So that's what He says and that's the way someone is born again. So if someone says they're born again. Just jab them. Make sure it's a big pin. Don't have a small pin because you want emphasis here. Everything you do, do it with all you might. So if you're going to check them out, and someone, "Hey, I'm born again." Just jab them with that pin and see how he yells and then read them this scripture. So you're not born again yet ... you're not born again yet. So let's continue here.

John 3:9 *Nicodemus answered and said to Him, How are these things able to occur?*

Comment: How can you get in your mother's womb the second time? No, that's the physical birth. He's talking to the spiritual birth.

John 3:10-12 *Yahshua answered and said to him, You are the teacher of Israel, and you do not know these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, That which we know, we speak; and that which we have seen, we testify. And you do not receive our testimony. If I tell you earthly things, and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?*

So if you can't even believe the most simple things in the Bible, right? When someone dies, you're the one digging the hole and putting him in there. If you don't believe he's in the grave sleeping, then how can I tell you spiritual things like being born again?

John 3:13 *And no one has gone up into Heaven, ... Is anyone in Heaven? What does the Bible tell you? ... no one has gone to Heaven, except He (Yahshua) having come down out of Heaven, The Son of Man is He who is in Heaven.*

Comment: No one has gone to heaven. Right now, nobody's up in Heaven except Yahshua and the Father. And everyone from Adam all the way down to, if you know somebody that died yesterday, they're sleeping in the grave waiting for the resurrection. What I read you, that's what Scripture says.

John 3:14-16 *And even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that everyone believing into Him should not be destroyed, but have everlasting life. For YAHWEH so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone believing into Him should not perish, but have everlasting life ... That's why Yahshua came so that we can be born again.*

John 3:17-19 *For YAHWEH did not send His Son into the world that He might condemn the world, but that the world might have life through Him. The one believing into Him (into Yahshua) is not condemned; but the one not believing has already been condemned, for he has not believed into the name of the only begotten Son of YAHWEH ... Into the name, His name is Yahshua ... And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness more than the Light, for their works were evil.*

Comment: Like I said, what spirit is leading you? ... What spirit is leading you? You can't fool Yahweh. Do you wake up every day excited opening up His Word reading the Bible? Are you excited to go out there and do the work of Yahweh or are you just going out there and passing time?

John 3:19-21 *And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness more than the Light, for their works were evil. For everyone practicing wickedness hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, that his works may not be exposed. But the one doing the truth comes to the Light, that his works may be revealed, that they exist, having been worked in Elohim.*

So can't fool Yahweh. What is it? When you're begotten of the Ruach, you're going to live by those nine fruits of the Spirit, not by the works of the flesh. We must embrace the new spirit living in us and the sacrifice Yahshua made so that the Ruach can be living in us.

If we don't surrender to that Spirit and deny our human nature and our flesh, there'll be no change of life. It's not something that just Yahweh does ... it's not like being possessed. Yahweh doesn't force you to do anything. Your free will never be taken away. It moves you, it encourages you, it inspires you, but you have to make that choice. You have to make that choice if you want a real change of life in the seed of the Holy Spirit, if not, it will become dormant.

Just like a seed in the ground. If you don't water it, if you don't fertilize it, what happens? You could put all the seeds in the world, but you have to nurture them to get that plant. And it's the same way with Yahweh's Ruach, Yahweh's Holy Spirit.

1st John 2:15 through 17,

1st John 2:15-17 *Love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, ... Do you love the things of the world or the things of the Spirit? Because all that's in the world ... because all that which is in the world: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world ... And there's never been a time like this with internet, with all these gadgets, with all these things out there for satan to be tempting all these people ... And the world is passing away, and its lust. But the one doing the will of YAHWEH abides forever.*

So in the Kingdom, there's not going to be all these things out there today that satan is using to deceive people. And we have to decide, what spirit are you listening to? That's what I'm saying. It's Shavuot; the Spirit of Yahweh is being poured out. Are you listening to that Spirit or the spirit of satan? How many hours a day are you on the internet watching world of material and pleasure seeking? How many hours a day are you seeking Yahweh and serving the poor and the needy, preaching the good news?

Matthew 26:41 *watch and pray that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is ready, but the flesh is weak.* So we have to watch. There's never been a time where people are being tempted more than now and that's why you have to put these fences around your life because the spirit is ready, but the flesh is weak. You have to allow Yahweh's Spirit to work in you and to change you and to transform you.

And then you know what happens? When this happens and you're doing all these great works and people are praising you and saying, you don't take credit for it because like the Apostle Paul said, it's not me, it's the Spirit that's in me. And in our human spirit, we're evil. We can't do anything, but the spirit of Yahweh can transform us. So any good work that's done, where's the boasting? There is none. It's only the Spirit of Yahweh that's working in us.

Mark 9 and verse 43 ... Mark 9 and verse 43, because I'm sure there's some people that are watching this now that are saying, "Wow, I believe it, but how do I do it? I keep falling back into sin. I keep having a problem overcoming and that's why I want to go over the scripture before we end here." Mark 9 and verse 43, it says,

Mark 9:43-46 *And if your hand offend you, cut it off. For it is better for you to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go away into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not put out. And if your foot causes you to offend, cut it off, for it is profitable for you to enter into life lame, than having two feet to be thrown into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.*

Mark 9:47-48 *And if your eye offends you, cast it out. For it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of YAHWEH one-eyed, than having two eyes to be thrown into the Lake of Fire, "where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched."*

So again, this is a Jewish idiom. Yahshua is not telling people to gouge themselves. You know why I know that? Because if lust is your problem and you gouge your eye out, you can still lust because as we know sin starts in the mind, right? It starts in the mind then it goes into the action. The action becomes sin, sin becomes death. That's in the book of Jacob. So gouging your eye out might temporarily help from what you're seeing, but it's not going to solve your problem. What its saying is what they're saying here is not to gouge your eye or literally cut off. It's saying whatever is causing you to sin get rid of, right?

So if your problem is pornography, get rid of the internet. If your problem is whatever that you have, whatever your problem is, get rid of it. Put the fences around your life; get rid of the things that are causing you to sin. Get rid of it. So whatever it is, maybe it's pride or maybe it's drinking, maybe it's alcohol, move out of the city, get away from the bars, don't bring it into your house then. You have to; this is what this is saying.

This is a Jewish idiom where Yahshua is saying whatever is causing sin in your life, get rid of! It's better to go through life not having that thing instead of going to Gehenna, having it. So that's the point of it. Not gouging out, not cutting off your leg and walking with one leg, because that's not going to solve your problem. What's going to solve your problem is - **get rid of the things that are causing you to sin**. Whatever is not of Yahweh, get out of your life.

And there's sometimes where people came up to me and they would ask me, "Is it proper, do you think this is a proper song to listen to on Shabbat?" My answer always is, if you can't listen to it on Shabbat, you probably shouldn't listen to it any day, like whatever song you can listen to on Shabbat, you should be able to listen to on any day. That's the point of it. Like whatever though is not, it's not like today we're going to praise Yahweh, tomorrow we're going to listen to hard rock music, or whatever that other music is, rap music, or something like that, of course not. We have to make sure we're not being hypocrites.

So if there's things in your life that you know are not of Yahweh, you've got to get rid of them. Like with this whole sermon going over this, there's two spirits. There's the Spirit of Yahweh, the spirit of satan, the spirit of the world. And you can't play on both sides of the fence and think you're going to enter the Kingdom of Yahweh.

One of the scariest scriptures is where Yahshua says, when He returns, when He returns and someone's going to be running "Yahshua, Yahshua" and going to hug Him. He says, "I don't know you. I don't know you. Get away from Me." And that is the scariest thing that these are so-called believers that this is happening to, not unbelievers.

So if we want to make sure, if we want to solidify our eternal life, we have to make sure we're **walking the walk and not just talking the talk**. So like this is saying, like when people ask me, if you're falling into the same sins, get rid of the things that are causing the sin to you. That's the way to do it. We have to put all stumbling blocks away from us. Sometimes just people ... *bad communications, ruin good habits*. And sometimes you have to put certain people out of your life that just are not conducive to your spiritual life.

Galatians 2 and verse 17 ... Galatians chapter 2 and verse 17. It says,

Galatians 2:17-18 *But if seeking to be justified in Messiah, we ourselves also were found to be sinners, is Messiah then a minister of sin? Elohim forbid! For what if I build again these things which I destroyed, I prove myself that I have passed by the commandment.*

Galatians 2:19-20 *For by the Torah I am dead, that I might live to Elohim. I have been crucified with Messiah, and I live, yet no longer I, but Messiah lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith toward the Son of YAHWEH, the One loving me and giving His life on my behalf.*

So eye for eye, life for life, Yahshua died in the flesh so we could live in the Spirit. He didn't just die on the cross to pay the penalty of our sins. He died on the tree of crucifixion. He died on the tree of crucifixion so that we can live for Him, so that He could live in us. That's the reason why He did it.

Last scripture Revelation 20 and verse 4 ... Revelation 20 and verse 4.

Revelation 20:4-5 *And I saw thrones, and they sat on them. And judgment was given to them, and the souls of the ones having been beheaded because of the witness of Yahshua, and because of the Word of YAHWEH, and who had not worshiped the beast nor its image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand ... talking about the mark of the beast that's already here ... And they lived and reigned with Messiah a thousand years. This is the first resurrection.*

Comment: So this is the point. I read in Corinthians the ones that are first fruits that are children of Yahweh will be resurrected at Yahshua's return and reign with Him for those thousand years. All the rest of the dead don't get resurrected until after the thousand years are up. But that's the blessing of being in the first resurrection.

Revelation 20:6 *Blessed and holy is the one having part in the first resurrection. The second death has no authority over these, but they will be priests of YAHWEH and of His Messiah, and will reign with Him a thousand years.*

That is our hope. That is our destiny. That is our vocation. That is what we should be preparing for. I say in royal families, like when you look at the royal family in England, from the day those kids are born they are preparing for their destiny. As we're alive as a king in the future and it should be the same for us. Every day of our life we should be preparing for rulership in the Kingdom of Yahweh. That's our reward if we are faithful.

So the first Shavuot was the beginning of that outpouring of Yahweh's Spirit and the beginning of this great plan of Him making thousands and thousands and thousands of people to be children of His and rule with Him in His Kingdom.

Now in the end we're finishing. This is the last part of those first fruits. We have to finish the great work of Yahweh as our new birth to the kingdom, is almost here. Every year that Shavuot passes is one more Shavuot that we are closer to that Kingdom and it's getting very, very, very close and we've got to get serious now about that calling.

So praise Yahweh, Chag Semeach and have a great Shavuot.

