

## BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## Walk by the Holy Spirit!

(1 Galatians 5 : 16-17).

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This brochure is a message of exhortation and edification. As the word of YHWH<sup>1</sup> (GOD) reminds us in the epistle of Paul in Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God". Shalom to all and be abundantly blessed by this message in the name of YEHOSHOUA HA MASHIAH (JESUS-CHRIST) our Lord! Amen.

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"But I say, Walk by the spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do." (Galatians 5: 16-17, English Standard Version).

In the light of the verse read previously, we understand that the foundation of a successful Christian life is the walk by the Holy Spirit. Thus, to advance with the Lord in our spiritual growth, success in the in the lives of all Christians lies on a good sensibility to the Spirit. The passage of 1 Corinthians 3: 1-3 tell us that: *a spiritual Christian* is the one who walks by the Spirit of the Lord, which is the opposite of the *carnal (fleshly) Christian* who walk according to his own desires, who doesn't let himself to be renewed, in order to discern the will Of ELOHIM (GOD). We draw from all this a simple definition in my perception of the walk by the Holy Spirit, which is nothing other than the complete and total obedience to the word of ELOHIM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> **YHWH or YHVH**: Translated by the Lord in the majority of French bibles, this Tetragrammaton is the name of God revealed to Moses in the book of Exodus. With time this Tetragrammaton became YaHWeH or YaHVeH.

Brothers and sisters, Dear Brothers and sisters, the Lord is sovereign, he does what he wants, when he wants and how he wants. Let's not expect a specific mode of operation with the Lord, he doesn't has a precise time nor a specific method of communicating his thoughts to us. We simply have to be willing as disciples, to be able to cultivate our communion and our sensitivity to the voice of the Lord in our hearts, so that we can listen and be ready to obey him.

The means or canal by perfection employed by the Lord for communication are his **words** contained in our bibles, which is at the same time the base or foundation of every other form of communication, it is important to make this precision. In the following lines, we shall understand why. It is then vital for every child of God to read and meditate<sup>2</sup> on the word of God on daily basis in order to sort out the message (God's message) for his life. There are many other means<sup>3</sup> used by the Lord to speak to his children notably by thoughts, visions, dreams, gifts of the spirit, humans, angels, by situations we encounter and the list is far from being exhaustive. To be sure of succeeding in our spiritual growth or our walk with God, we have to always assure ourselves that every word we supposedly receive from God no matter the canal or means used is in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, the message of salvation of the Bible. Since aside from Jesus-Christ we can receive a word (message) from two other sources, which are: **Human beings** (our own thoughts/desires or that of others) and **the devil** (false visions, dreams, and demons). It is important to be able to discern the word of God in order to obey him.

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercy of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God- what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12: 1-2 New Revised Standard Version).

To discern the will of God which is revealed in his word, the Christian must first of all fulfill the condition mentioned above which is to offer his life as a living sacrifice. If we don't renounce ourselves in our own will to put into practice the word of YAHWEH, it will be very difficult, or even impossible to discern the voice of YAHWEH when he speaks to us.

The will of ELOHIM is characterized by three things:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> **Meditate**: Read Joshua 1: 8-9, Psalms 1: 1-3, 2 Timothy 3: 16-17, 1 Timothy 4: 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> **Means:** Read Job 33:14-26; Hebrews 1: 1-2; 1 Corinthians 14: 1-33.

- **It is good**: not to be confused with, what is humanly good (according to the conception of the world that is without God) it's not necessarily pleasant.
- **It is pleasant:** here too we must be careful with what the world think is pleasant, for what is humanly pleasant is not necessarily good nor perfect.
- **It is perfect:** this perfection is specific to the life of each Christian. In other words, each Christian has a perfect path in which he/she has be assigned by the Lord for the walk to his salvation. It is then Worthless to compare ourselves with others or trying to imitate others.

When a Christian receives the word of the Lord, he/she must execute it promptly so as to rejoice the father's heart.

I would like to share with you brothers and sisters, a few insights that the Lord permitted me to know about the walk by the spirit. The lord made me understand that, walking by the spirit is madness for this world and therefore all those who put it into practice will be looked upon as fools by unbelievers and often even by carnal or unstable Christians in the faith.

I will illustrate this thought through few cases that we encounter during our Christian life:

When we are in prayer, and a powerful thought comes to our heart concerning a specific person in distress, we must understand that the Lord want us to pray for that person. If during the prayer a song rises to our heart, it means that the Lord would like us to sing.

In the same way, if we are meditating the word of the Lord, and a song comes to our heart, we must sing it. Moreover, if we have a strong feeling of praying, to intercede, we must do it. We can be praying and feel sometimes a strong desire to meditate the word of the Lord on a precise verse that comes in our heart. If we don't obey to the Lord, then we are being led by the flesh.

These things that happen to us are not insignificant, when these things happen when we are serving the Lord, this means that the Lord wants us to do them. We have to be disposed for the Lord, to obey him through the thoughts that he puts in our heart, the visions that he gives us.

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." (Romans 8: 14 New Revised Standard Version).

Lord Jesus, we thank you once more for your word you have given us through this booklet. Forgive us for all times that we haven't quickly obeyed the thoughts you put in our hearts. We pray to you, oh father so that you give us willing hearts to hold on to each word that you give us daily in order to be led by your Spirit. We want to walk by your Spirit like worthy sons of your kingdom so that many non-believers may believe in your name and convert themselves towards your kingdom. Do it in our lives in the name of your son YEHOSHOUA HA MASHIAH (JESUS-CHRIST)! AMEN! AMEN!

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