

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED!

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“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write to you about the common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you, and exhort you to contend for the faith which was once for all, delivered to the set-apart ones.” Jude Yehudah-3

Several people who have known us for many years seem to be in bewilderment about our some-what aggressive stands we have taken on some essential doctrinal issues (such as the Name of Yahweh, Torah, and The Restoration of all Yisrael). They ask us why do we seem to be so “negative” and seemingly confrontational on issues that they do not “feel” are not important or do not matter to Yahweh. Let me say something to our readers to make ourselves clear:

WE HAVE NEVER NOR WILL ATTACK INDIVIDUALS OR THEIR RIGHT TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES, BUT WE MUST REPROVE THE HIDDEN WORKS OF DARKNESS AND THE INSTITUTIONS THAT PROPAGATE AND SPREAD THE LIES AND DECEPTIONS OF hasatan.

We must, by the command of Scripture, contend (Greek: *epagonizomai* –to be combative/an intense contest) for the belief once delivered to the *talmidim* of Yahshua in the First Century –not the Constantinian church system based in Rome.

In this intense spiritual battle we must be aggressive in our exposure of popery and watered-down Protestantism when they contradict Scripture. Rav Shaul warned us in the last days there would be those who teach the doctrines of demons (**1Tim.4 and 2 Tim.3**) and lead many astray. The “Let’s just all get along” attitude of Ecumenicalism requires Torah observant Yisrael to compromise on many foundational doctrines. In order to be a part of this demonic movement of ecumenicalism one must lay aside the Set-Apart Scriptures of Yahweh and unite with unbelievers in a humanistic agenda of oneness under the umbrella of popery. Doctrinal issues are NOT secondary issues nor are they trivial matters that Yahweh winks at in these last days.

We would rather be falsely accused of being divisive and negative than to buy into “the poison in the pot” doctrines of man propagated by the “kirches”. Most of the letters that Rav Shaul and Kepha wrote in the *Brit Chadasha* deal with correcting heretical and pagan teachings that had infiltrated the assemblies in the early years. Yahshua Himself spent a lot of His ministry years confronting the burdensome teachings of the power elite of His day. We have been called by the Scriptures to do the same! Only true seekers of Yahweh are willing to examine all their beliefs in the light of Scripture and change, even if it contradicts all they have learned since childhood. Anyone can learn-but only seekers of Truth are willing to unlearn!

I agree that it would be easier for us to publish a newsletter (KOL SHOFAR) that would tickle ears and draw a larger readership. We really do not need all the criticism we seem to take from any religious group. But, we would be remiss in our calling from Yahweh if we did not warn those in the path going to destruction (**Ezek.3**). Before you judge us too harshly, let us remind you we are literally touching lives of thousands of people and seeing lives change throughout the nations.

Could the message of Eliyahu, Yermiyahu, Yochanan the Immerer, the prophets, the *talmidim*, and Yahshua be welcome in today’s “kirches”? Would they recognize anything taught in those institutions? May Yahweh help us all to be even bolder in our proclaiming the gladdings of Yahshua in these days of spiritual darkness!

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