

BA3. Abiding in the Vine: Being United (in Unity /Union) with God and Yeshua.

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BA3a: *We are to be united (in unity /union) with God*

BA3b: *We are to be united (in unity /union) with Yeshua.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

John 15:1-10 (NKJ)

I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

Romans 6:11

In the same way, consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God, by your union with the Messiah Yeshua.

1 Corinthians 4:17

This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and trustworthy child in the Lord. He will remind you of the way of life I follow in union with the Messiah Yeshua and teach everywhere in every congregation.

Galatians 3:13-14

The Messiah redeemed us from the curse pronounced in the Torah by becoming cursed on our behalf; for the Tanakh says, "Everyone who hangs from a stake comes under a curse." Yeshua the Messiah did this so that in union with him the Gentiles might receive the blessing announced to Avraham, so that through trusting and being faithful, we might receive what was promised, namely, the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 2:2

² *On the contrary, although we had already suffered and been outraged in Philippi, as you know, we had the courage, united with our God, to tell you the Good News even under great pressure.*

2 Timothy 1:9

.. since he delivered us and called us to a life of holiness as his people. It was not because of our deeds, but because of his own purpose and the grace which he gave to us who are united with the Messiah Yeshua. He did this before the beginning of time,

1 John 2:5

But if someone keeps doing what he says, then truly love for God has been brought to its goal in him. This is how we are sure that we are united with him.

1 John 2:24

Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you will also remain in union with both the Son and the Father.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

(see note below)

John 16:33, 17:20-23

Romans 8:1

1 Corinthians 11:11

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 3:24-26, 5:5-6

Ephesians 1:7, 11, 2:7, 21-22, 3:5-6, 12, 4:2-3, 11-13, 6:1, 10

Philippians 1:27, 2:1-2, 5, 3:1, 8-9, 4:4, 7

Colossians 2:6, 11-12

1 Thessalonians 3:8, 4:1, 5:18

2 Thessalonians 3:4, 10-12

2 Timothy 3:11-12

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in the likeness of ourselves; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth." So God created humankind in his own image; in the image of God he created him: male and female he created them.

Genesis 6:3

ADONAI said, "My Spirit will not live in human beings forever, for they too are flesh; therefore their life span is to be 120 years."

Judges 3:9-10

But when the people of Isra'el cried out to ADONAI, ADONAI raised up a savior for the people of Isra'el; and he rescued them; this was 'Otni'el, the son of Kaleb's younger brother K'naz. The spirit of ADONAI came upon him, and he judged Isra'el. Then he went out to war, and ADONAI gave Kushan-Rish'atayim king of Aram into his hands; his power prevailed against Kushan-Rish'atayim.)

Judges 6:34

But the Spirit of ADONAI covered Gid'on. He sounded the call on the shofar, and Avi'ezer rallied behind him.

Judges 14:6

The Spirit of ADONAI came powerfully upon Shimshon, and barehanded he tore the lion to pieces as easily as if it had been a young goat. But he didn't tell his father or mother what he had done.

1 Samuel 10:9-11

As it happened, as soon as he had turned his back to leave Sh'mu'el, God gave him another heart; and all those signs took place that day. When they arrived at the hill, and there in front of him was a group of prophets, the Spirit of God fell on him and he prophesied along with them. When those who knew him from before saw him there, prophesying with the prophets, they asked each other, "What's happened to Kish's son? Is Sha'ul a prophet, too?"

2 Kings 2:9-15

After they had crossed, Eliyahu said to Elisha, "Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken away from you." Elisha said, "Please! Let a double share of your spirit be on me!" He replied, "You have requested a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, you will get what you asked for; but if not, you won't." Suddenly, as they were walking on and talking, there appeared a fiery chariot with horses of fire; and as it separated the two of them from each other, Eliyahu went up into heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw it and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Isra'el!" Then he lost sight of him. Seizing his clothes, he tore them in half. Then he picked up Eliyahu's cloak, which had fallen off him. Standing on the bank of the Yarden, he took the cloak that had fallen off Eliyahu, struck the water and said, "Where is ADONAI, the God of Eliyahu?" But when he actually did strike the water, it divided itself to the left and to the right; then Elisha crossed over. When the guild prophets of Yericho saw him in the distance, they said, "The spirit of Eliyahu does rest on Elisha." Advancing to meet him, they prostrated themselves on the ground before him ..

Psalms 51:13(11)

Don't thrust me away from your presence, don't take your Ruach Kodesh away from me.

Isaiah 11:1-2

But a branch will emerge from the trunk of Yishai, a shoot will grow from his roots. The Spirit of ADONAI will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and power, the Spirit of knowledge and fearing ADONAI-

Isaiah 61:1-2

The Spirit of Adonai ELOHIM is upon me, because ADONAI has anointed me to announce good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim freedom to the captives, to let out into light those bound in the dark; to proclaim the year of the favor of ADONAI and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, ..

Ezekiel 11:19

..and I will give them unity of heart. "I will put a new spirit among you." I will remove from their bodies the hearts of stone and give them hearts of flesh;

Comment

Yeshua describes himself as the vine, and “abiding” in him is more than living alongside him; it is allowing our lives to be merged with his. Scripture describes it as being in “unity” with him,” being “unified with him,” and being “in union” with him – expressions that are used interchangeably by the Bible translators. When applied to our relationship with God (including Yeshua and the Holy Spirit), Scripture calls us to be so “at one” with Yeshua and therefore with God that our views are his views, and what we say and do are those things he would have us say and do. The ultimate is our being able to say that we are “in” him.

It is interesting that there is a plethora of Scriptures in the New Testament that speak of mankind achieving intimacy with God, but there are relatively few in the *Tanakh*. The probable reason is that prior to the New Covenant, ordinary Israelites did not have the same level of access to the Holy Spirit (designated leaders such as Abraham, Moses, and David did of course) and it is the Holy Spirit that enables us to “abide in Yeshua” and be in close union with God. Note that in Psalms 51:13(11), David begs God not to cast him away by taking the Holy Spirit from him

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Note

The NKJ version of the Bible uses the word “abide” (and its variations) as they relate to Yeshua in the following verses in which the CJB does not:

John 6:56, 8:31

1 John 2:6, 10, 27-28, 3:6, 17, 24, 4:13-16

2 John 1:9