

# Fully Utilized

## “Being Fully Immersed in The Water & The RUACH [Spirit]”

### I. SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:12-13 NKJV – **“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the RUACH [Spirit], he cannot enter the kingdom of YAHUAH [God]”** (John 3:5)”

### II. ILLUSTRATION



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In today's picture<sup>1</sup>, you see the bleeding hand of our MESSIAH [Christ] reaching toward a person. The blood of YAHUSHA [Jesus] is falling on the person toward whom He is reaching. This person has emerged from the water. And you know from our previous messages that the water is no less than MASHIACH [Christ] Himself, who is The Living Water, through Whom this person has been fully immersed. As his body is emerging from the Water, you will notice that he has been illuminated. The illumination is by the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit]. As I gaze upon this print, I am reminded of several bible texts (about the Water, the Spirit, and the Blood):

1. "Jesus answered (Nicodemus), '**most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of YAHUAH [God]**'" (John 3:5).
2. "I am YAHUAH ELOHAYKEM [The LORD your God], and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my RUACH [Spirit] upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my RUACH [Spirit]" (Joel 2:27b-29)
3. "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that YAH [God] is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of YAHUSHA HA'MASHIACH [Jesus Christ] His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:5-7)

So, in today's print, I pray that you see what I see, and maybe you see even more... I pray that you see our MESSIAH [Christ]... that you see His blood as more than just a symbol of the sacrifice that He has made for you... I pray that you see yourself having been fully – no less than 100% – immersed in Him as The Living Water... that because of His sacrifice for you... the blood that He shed for you... that you are now emerging from your previously *worldly* life... with *all* of its temptations... *all* of its culture... *all* of its lies... and *all* of its entrapments... that you are now *fully* occupied within by the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit]... and that you are now 100% purified, like the purest gold... and that's not just the 99.999% commercial available gold, but the 100% pure gold that you have bought from your MESSIAH [Christ], that has been "refined in His Fire."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Rev. 3:18.

### III. YAHUSHA [Jesus] HAS BEEN FULLY UTILIZED FOR YOU

“Then YAHUSHA [Jesus] took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **‘Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.’**” (Matthew 26:27-28)

“Then YAHUSHA [Jesus] came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, **‘Sit here while I go and pray over there’**. And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee (James and John), and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, **‘My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me’**. He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, **‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will’**. Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, **‘What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’** Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, **‘O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.’** And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. So, He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words: (Matthew 26:36-44) **‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will’**.” (from Matthew 26:39 & 42)

Although this scripture that I quoted today is from Matthew’s gospel, it is no accident that the story of Gethsemane as it was written by the Apostle John, who was the eyewitness (or rather one of the eyes closed, sleeping apostle witnesses), is recorded in John 18 (verse 1). There he writes that after “YAHUSHA [Jesus] had spoken *these words*, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was [the] garden [of Gethsemane], which He and His disciples entered”. I ask: what words had YAHUSHA [Jesus] just spoken before He went into the garden with His disciples? Do you know? No? Well, these are those “red letter” words, spoken by YAHUSHA [Jesus] and recorded by the “eyewitness” in the previous chapter 17:

**“I do not pray for these (11 disciples) alone, but also for *those who will believe in Me through their word*; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”** (John 17:20-23)

Have you figured out yet for *whom* YAHUSHA [Jesus] is praying? The *whom* are **“those who will believe in YAHUSHA [Jesus] through [the 11 disciples’] word”**. So, I ask you again, “have you figured out for *whom* YAHUSHA [Jesus] is praying?” I ask each one of you, “have you come to **‘believe in’** YAHUSHA [Jesus] yet?” “Through the gospel message that started back with the original eleven (11)?” If so, then “the *whom*” is no other than you and me, dear brothers and sisters.

So then, if that’s the case, did YAHUSHA [Jesus] as the Son of YAHUAH [God], as He continued His prayer, I ask: “Did He see a portrait of your face?” Praise God! that I know today that by His grace, by His mercy, and by His sacrifice... that He saw a portrait of my face as He prayed to His Father back then. So, I ask you again, did He see your face too as He continued His prayer? When He said, **“Father, I desire that [Rich, that you] also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these [my eleven, and Rich, and each one of you] have known that You sent Me. [For] I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it [again], that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”** (John 17:24-26)

Did you know that from the instant after YAHUSHA [Jesus] prayed three (3) times, **“O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will”**, that He set His mind on being FULLY UTILIZED for His original eleven (11) disciples... and for you and me, too? As He carried a picture of each one of us in His head? As they tied Him up, the Lamb of YAHUAH [God]? As He was led to be slaughtered for you and me? As He was betrayed by Peter, one of His own? As He was betrayed by His own (Jewish) people? As He was by beaten by the Gentile governor? And mocked and beaten by the gentile soldiers, as they hurtfully shoved a crown of thorns down upon the head that held a picture of your face and mine? Also because He and His Father love you, and want you and me to believe in Him too...

Yes, He set His mind on being FULLY UTILIZED for you and me... as He dragged His own cross, His “torture stick” with Him to Calvary, *upon which* and *where* He would be mercilessly nailed and suffer the worst kind to death... all because His Father, our Father “loved” us, and He wants this same love to be in us as it was in Him... because He wanted for His sacrifice, His full utilization to be sufficient for you and me so that one day we could “behold His glory which the Father has given to Him”. By His prayer, we know that He intended that we should be as one through His RUACH [Spirit], even He and His Father were one, that we might be made perfect together, so that the world might know that He] was sent to die for us (John 17:25).

#### **IV. ARE YOU BEING FULLY UTILIZED BY YAHUAH [God]?**

##### **A. DO YOU PLEASE HIM?**

Each Sabbath before we go into The Message, we sing our Invocation song: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”. This is our prayer, our petition, where we ask for the presence of YAHUAH [God], asking YAHUSHA [Jesus] and calling the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] to come into our space, our individual hearts and minds, to help and support us as we worship Him, as we hearken our ears toward Him and we listen to His voice. In this song, it talks about some of the creatures that surround the throne of YAHUAH [God]. Did you know that the “eyewitness” Apostle John describes a picture? That describes twenty-four (24) elders that are at the throne of YAHUAH [God] with these living creatures? These elders tell us the reason why you and I were created. John records in Revelation 4:9-11 that:

“Whenever [all] the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ‘You are worthy, O YAHUAH ELOHAYNU [Lord HIS God], to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by for your pleasure they exist and were created.’”

The Apostle Paul says pretty much the same thing “Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His Good Pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: that in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in [our] MESSIAH [Christ], both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him.” (Ephesians 1:9-10)

##### **B. ARE YOU DOING HIS GOOD WORKS?**

Paul says that “we are YAHUAH [God]’s workmanship, created in MASHIACH YAHUSHA [Christ Jesus] for good works, which YAHUAH [God] prepared *beforehand* that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

Our default sinful nature from the time we are formed, you and me, destines us to hell by default (Romans 5:12)... EXCEPT, we make a deliberate choice while we are yet alive, to accept YAHUSHA [Jesus], Who was fully utilized, terribly sacrificed for our salvation. Think about it!

### C. YAHUAH [God] MADE YOU TO GIVE HIMSELF “A TREAT”

...we do things at times because we delight in them and they bring us pleasure. Right? YAHUAH [God] is no different. YAHUAH [God], like you and me, enjoys giving ourselves a treat, don't we?<sup>3</sup>

When someone buys a car for their own pleasure, did they buy it for the purpose of crashing it? No! Absolutely not! But, if it is not put through the best of conditions that it is meant to operate within... things like reckless driving by the driver or by someone else, bad weather and bad road conditions, a manufacturing defect, etc. ... these things could very well lead to a car accident. What happens, then, when a car crashes and it doesn't kill you? It usually gets fixed by a mechanic, an autobody repairman, or the manufacturer. YAHUAH [God] came Himself as YAHUSHA [Jesus] to fix the crash that Eve and Adam put you and I through when they sinned in the Garden of Eden. But the Apostle Paul tells us just seven (7) verses later that “for as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One [YAHUSHA (Jesus)] shall many be made righteous. But... what if the car crashes and it is “written off” because it is beyond repair? Then... there is no hope for ever using that car again. So likewise, there is no hope for you or me if we die without accepting YAHUSHA [Jesus]... if we die without getting to know Him. So, if we don't accept YAHUSHA [Jesus], if we don't give ourselves 100% (not 99.999%) to Him because that pleases Him... then we will be “written off” just as the car that has no more use. There is no hope for those who die without giving themselves *totally* to Him, and start getting to know Him better. Yes, sadly, these individuals who are taking are still condemned to hell.<sup>4</sup>

### V. INDIVIDUAL APPEAL

YAHUSHA [Jesus] is reminding you now of what He says... as the eyewitness Apostle John writes: **“behold, I stand at [your] door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him [her] and dine with him [her], and he [she] with Me. To him [to her] who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He [she] who has an ear, let him [her] hear what the RUACH Spirit [is saying to you] (Revelation 3:20-22) now.**

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<sup>3</sup> “God Made Man for His Own Pleasure”, *PneumaWord: Making Disciples of All Nations*, May 10, 2014, Accessed December 12, 2020, <https://pneumaword.org/2014/05/10/god-made-man-for-his-own-pleasure/>.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

I pray that right now, that you see our MESSIAH [Christ]... that you see His blood... that you accept His sacrifice for you.

I pray that starting right now, that you see yourself having been, or going to be fully – no less than 100% – immersed in Him as The Living Water. You choose that because He sacrifice for you. That He shed His blood for you because He loved you so much... but not only Him, for YAHUAH [God] also so loved you, that He gave His only begotten Son, that [you, that me,] that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.<sup>5</sup>

I invite you now to be born again of the Living Water and the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit]. For **“most assuredly, [YAHUSHA (Jesus)] says to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he [she] cannot enter the kingdom of YAHUAH [God]”** (John 3:5).

#### A. A CALL TO BAPTISM OF THE WATER

For those of you who have not yet been “immersed”, been baptized by water, as YAHUSHA [Jesus] and His disciples called others to do... and did in the very next chapter of John 4, then I am calling you now to come and start experiencing YAHUSHA [Jesus] as The Living Water.

For another eyewitness, the Apostle Peter, who denied YAHUSHA [Jesus] three (3) times, but who later committed himself back to YAHUSHA [Jesus] three (3) times said... “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of YAHUAH-YAHUSHA [Jesus God] for the forgiveness of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit]. For the promise is to you and to your children [and grandchildren], and to all who are afar off, as many as YAHUAH ELOHAYNU [the LORD our God] will call.” (Acts 2:38-39)

#### B. A CALL TO A BAPTISM OF THE RUACH [Spirt]

“And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ So, they said to him, ‘we have not so much as heard whether there is a RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit].’ And he said to them, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ So, they said, “Into John’s baptism.” Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would

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<sup>5</sup> John 3:16.

come after him, that is, on HA'MASHIACH YAHUSHA [Christ Jesus].” When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of ADONAI YAHUSHA [the Lord Jesus]. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit] came upon them, and they with tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:1-6)

[Make an appeal for water baptism, for the first or second time “of the RUACH (Spirit).]

### C. A CALL TO REBAPTISM OF THE RUACH [Spirt]

If you are wondering if you have been baptized of The Water and The RUACH [Spirit], than you will be a living witness to it, because if you have... you will be like the person in today's picture: you will actually be in the process of emerging from your previously worldly life... for all of its temptations... from its culture... all of its lies and all of it entrapments... for now you are fully occupied by the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit]... and that you are now in the process of being 100% purified, like the purest gold that you have purchased from your MESSIAH [Christ] with His blood... with His treacherous sacrifice, and you are now being “refined in His Fire”<sup>6</sup> through the outpouring of His RUACH [Spirit].

### D. BENEDICTION

Let's read today's closing prayer together now; let's pray the Psalmist's 146th psalm: “Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; [for] in that very day his plans perish. Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God, Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, ho executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

The LORD shall reign forever—Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!”

Amen.

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<sup>6</sup> Rev. 3:18.