

## Hidden in Christ

For you have died, and your life is hidden with the Messiah in God; when the Messiah, Who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory (Col. 3:3). Through death to the world we are hidden in God with Christ. He is in us and we are in Him through His promised Spirit. That's how we are hidden with Him in God. His love to us is beyond measure with life eternal. God's great love for us made us alive with the Messiah, even though we were dead in trespasses; (*His grace reached us*) and saved us and raised us up with Messiah and seated us with Him in the heavens, in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2: 5a, 6). While in this world, we believers in Messiah do need a place of refuge from the evil one and his forces. YAHSHUA well knew this when He prayed, **I am not praying that You take them out of the world, but that You protect them from the evil one (John 17:15).**

When we died for the world, we died with Christ and we were resurrected to a new life. This new life is His life in us and when He appears we will appear with Him in glory someday; it will be glorious!

He is our hiding place; the only place the enemy cannot touch. The Psalmist says, You hide them in the protection of Your presence; You conceal them in a shelter from the schemes of men from quarrelsome tongues (Psalm 31:20). When we are going through the desert to reach our heavenly abode, trials seem difficult and we feel alone at times. Everything seems big and hopeless. The wild animals seem more powerful and we feel hopeless. However, the Word of God says that He will never leave us; He is and will be always present in every trial, because we are hidden in Him. Why then are we so afraid and depressed? Why haven't we find shelter in the protection of our loving Father and of His Living Word?

It is for sure that the Word of God does not fail us, neither disappoints us; so the fault is with us who hold a weak faith and hold His Word in our head, but not in our heart; we haven't mingled His Word with faith to receive the positive results. We do lack the faith of a child to believe our Father to believe that He makes a covering over us and defends us against the enemy; He holds us in the palm of His hands and that is to be in His presence continually. Psalm ninety-one is an example of it. The promises found in this psalm are promises only for those who are found dwelling under the protection of the Most High, because they abide in His shadow. They will experience the perfect protection and care available, for God gives orders to His angels to support them. Our heavenly Father is always the same; He has not changed and will never do; His Word is reliable and true. It was given to us to reveal God's love for us, to guide us in all truth so we can be found hidden in Him every moment. Trials will certainly come, but YAHSHUA said, **Be of good courage, I have overcome the world.** Our faith must be anchored in YAHSHUA, the author and consummator of it, for us not to lose strength in our adversities. The Psalmist prayed, Keep and guard me as the pupil of your eyes (Psalm 17:8). In his time of trouble, the prophet Habakkuk showed to be secured in His faith because he was dwelling in the shadow of the Most High. He said, Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will triumph in the Lord; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! YAHWEH my Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk

on mountain heights (Hab. 3:17-19)! That is, “not to stand still in terror, but to walk and make progress upon trouble, suffering, or responsibility”. Hidden in God with Christ, we will not lose faith, but gain more of it. When we walk the stormy waters with our eyes fixed on Him, we will see Him standing on the other side waiting to help at our cry for help, just as Peter did, when he almost sank for lack of faith in YAHSHUA. To be found in Him is the most marvelous privilege one can have on this earth. To remain in Him is to have Him remain in us and experience all the blessings from Him; it is to know that we are protected in the shadow of His hand even if the earth trembles and its foundation totters, even if the ocean roars and foams with power, even if the mountains move into the sea.

A child of God will never let go of His hand; he will never be without God’s protection. His Holy Spirit will testify and confirm the words of comfort to us in times of need. “**I will be with you always to the end of time**”. Abiding in Him continuously is to be hidden in Him from all the devil’s schemes. But it does not mean an easy life ahead of us; it means a victorious life of faith and love for Him; a fruitful life that will bring glory to our heavenly Father. Where have you been lately? Do you see the arrows flying by? Your self-sufficiency will not be able to stand before them, “For although we are walking in the flesh, we do not wage war in a fleshly way, since the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds” (II Cor. 10: 3,4). Only hidden with Christ in God, will we be victorious against the enemy.

**THINK ABOUT IT!**