

MY CONTRIBUTION

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. (1 Cor. 12:12-27)

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. (Rom. 12:4, 5)

In light of the Scripture, what is “My Contribution?” The holy record defines me as one member of the Body of Christ—no more and no less. What then, should “My Contribution” be?

People have placed various labels on me during my twenty plus years of ministry. Some of those marks have been honorable and others not so. Whether I have been honored or dishonored, “My Contribution” has remained the same according to the mandate of YAH. “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Cor. 10:31) “For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (Gal. 1:10-12) “But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.” (1 Thess. 2:4)

I have admitted to being a “special messenger” in “the spirit and power of Eli-YAH,” an apostle, and a father of the tribe of Juda. I have answered to the title of “pastor,” having been called such by certain believers for over two decades. Titles and offices do not impress me; they do not flatter me. The Savior says, “**Ye shall know them by their fruits.**” (Matt. 7:16a) “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” (Gal. 6:14)

“My Contribution” is significant nevertheless, for I am a member of the Body. If I do not participate as YAH has intended, I fail the lost souls for whom Christ died; I fail myself; I fail the Body of Christ, and most of all, I fail the Almighty Himself. Failure to adequately contribute to the operation of the Spirit among the members of the Body is to become a complete failure. “**It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.**” (Luke 17:2) Shall I be a “complete failure” while professing to be a Christian—a royal member of the Body of Christ? God forbid! And, may it never be!

What is *your* contribution, dear one? In the Creation Seventh Day Adventist Church, I have introduced the concept of *officiousness*—a grievous sin that must be overcome at all costs. And, while some have chosen to avoid officiousness, in the doing of it, they have all but lost their contribution to the operation of the Spirit among the members of the Body of Christ. We have learned from YAHWEH that there are ditches on either side of the road to Heaven, and we must shun those ditches in the same way we resist the keenest wiles of the Devil. Extremes are not characteristics of Christianity. Officiousness may lie on one end of the spectrum, but non-participation will be seen on the other side.

All members of the Body must be active. When YAH gave me instructions to crush the foreheads of the “boxed chicks,” He referred to those which were not moving. The inactive individuals were the prime targets of the message of judgment. Inactivity is called to activity; death is called into life. After YAHSHUA had brought Lazarus to life, there was one more command given. “And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, **Loose him, and let him go.**” (John 11:44) Lazarus, after being raised from death to life, could not remain bound up in those graveclothes. Neither can a Christian, professing the “new birth in Christ,” remain bound up in “spiritual graveclothes.” All fears must be replaced with the love that YAHSHUA “shed abroad in our hearts.” (see Rom. 5:5) Our confidence is no longer in ourselves but in Christ. “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Phil. 4:13) “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Rom. 8:9)

Every member of the Body of Christ has a unique and essential contribution to make for holiness to abound among the saints. One free-loader or one inactive member will bring the frown of YAH upon the corporate body of the remnant. What are *you* doing; what are *you* thinking; what are *you* saying; what are *you* praying; what sacrifices are *you* making for the Kingdom? Are you exercising your faith to the health of Christ’s Church? What *is* your contribution?

“My Contribution” is mandated by the Spirit of the living God. I dare not fail to perform it— for to fail is to deny Christ. “**Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.**” (Matt. 10:32-38)

You call me “pastor,” and that is proper. But the shepherd is not greater than the sheep, because this *shepherd* is not the “Chief Shepherd.” (see 1 Pet. 5:4) Your pastor is merely one of the sheep and holds no exalted position to be admired. I exhort you, dearly beloved— take your rightful position in the Body of Christ and give Him your contribution. “My Contribution” is no more valuable than yours; so let us join hearts together in an unbreakable chain of love as we finish the work of the Three Angels in the earth to the glory of YAH.

“Talk and act as if your faith was invincible. The Lord is rich in resources; He owns the world. Look heavenward in faith. Look to Him who has light and power and efficiency.” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 147)

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