

## I. Life

a. Where are you searching for it?

b. Jesus Christ is Life

John 1:4

Luke 12:15

John 11:25

Rom. 5:10, 17

John 14:6

Rom. 6:23

John 17:3

1 John 1:1-3

Matt. 7:14

1 John 5:11

## II. Understanding the Omer in the Context of the Gospel

a. Started with the question, “Father, what was Your good and perfect will for Mt. Sinai? For Shavuot?”

b. Exodus 19:5 – Now then if you will indeed obey (Shema – “Listen with the intent to obey”) My voice and keep (Shamar – “have charge of; keep; safeguard”) My covenant, then you will be My possession among all peoples and you shall be to me a Kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

c. This is and has always been the Father’s will – to have a covenant people (1 Peter 2:5, 9)

## III. Looking at the Gospel on the MACRO level and the MICRO level

a. Macro – large world or scale; corporate

b. Micro – small world; personal; the individual

c. Defining our terms

i. GOSPEL = God’s (Yahweh Elohim) plan to restore, redeem, renew, remake His creation – to return it to its original and intended state

ii. COVENANT = an agreement, pact and/or promise

1. Latin – “come-together”

**KEY POINT: Covenant is how God comes together with man to achieve His redemptive plan on earth**

d. Man is God’s agent to redeem the earth – to fulfill the Gospel

i. His steward, His servant, His covenant partner

e. This is the Macro-Level backdrop for Mt. Sinai and for the counting of the Omer

## IV. Israel at Sinai

a. Take a closer look at how God’s covenant partner did at the inauguration of the covenant

b. The people did great with their confession – they said, “I DO”. (Exodus 19:8)

c. Not so great on their follow-through

i. Golden Calf – Exodus 32

d. In their greatest moment, the people chose idols over God – **WHY?**

i. Isa. 29:13

**KEY POINT: They confessed with their mouths but the time of testing (40 days) proved their hearts.**

e. The Golden Calf was a manifestation of their hearts and their identities

i. The Flesh – trust in their own resources

ii. Identity – idolatry ran deep in their souls

**KEY POINT: The Omer will test us (i.e. prove us) and reveal what we really believe about God and our willingness to enter into covenant with Him on His terms**

- f. Justification is just the entrance to the covenant (Passover). Every Israelite standing at the foot of Sinai was justified by the blood of the Lamb.
- g. The true purpose and power of the covenant is personal transformation so we can fulfill God's redemptive plan (i.e. the MACRO gospel)
- h. The forgiveness of our sins by the Yeshua the Passover Lamb is just the entrance. We need to understand the fullness of His salvific work on our behalf to experience abundant life.

**V. Application – How do we live the Life?**

- a. Baptism – (Red Sea and Death of the Old Man/Sin Nature)
  - i. [Read Romans 6:3,6]
  - ii. Vs. 7 – Only through reckoning His death as our own will we be free from sin
    - i. See also Col. 3:3-4 and Gal. 2:20
- b. Resurrection – (New Life)
  - i. [Read Romans 6:5]
    - i. We are united – i.e. in union with – Christ in His death CERTAINLY so we are in union with Him in His resurrection
- c. Messiah's Life is the vehicle – means of transmission or passage into covenant faithfulness and the fulfillment of God's redemptive purposes – in us first and then through us to the world.
  - i. Our sin separated us from God and prevented Covenant relationship – this is the reason for PASSOVER
- d. But a problem remains – our Self-Life – Adamic nature – Old Man – condemned us to a life of rebellion and independence from God

**Two Takeaways (Omer Challenge):**

- 1) Start walking in the truth of Romans 6
- 2) Let Holy Spirit help you to divide and discern who you are
  - a. Spirit, Soul and Body (1 Thess. 5:23)

SPIRIT – The Real You – the original, perfected, accepted and fully-connected YOU

- This is your **true** IDENTITY

SOUL – Your mind, will and emotions – your unique **personality** (Rom. 12:2)

- The non-material part of the vehicle that you've been driving around for your whole life

BODY – body; earth suit;

- The material/physical part of the vehicle that you've been driving around for your whole life

**KEY POINT: Your soul/body are in a state of transformation and renewal to bring you into abundant LIFE**

Sanctification is the process of **God** bringing these into alignment with your true identity in your spirit

- Sin dwells in your members (Rom. 7:23) – i.e. your mind, emotions, and the cells of your body
- Romans 8:6 -- Now the mind of the **flesh** is death [both now and forever—because it pursues sin]; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace [the spiritual well-being that comes from walking with God—both now and forever];
  - a. Your FLESH is the Self-life when you operate out of your own resources to fulfill the needs and desires through sin as opposed to walking by faith in Messiah's Life within you through the power of the Spirit

**Closing:** 1 Cor. 6:17 – But the one who is united and joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.