

Put that Milk Down and Eat some Jerky!

(Full-grown in Christ!)

*(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament,
I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and Anointed for Christ.)*

There is rejoicing in Heaven when someone is born again into the Family of Yahweh. We begin our spiritual lives as babes in Christ. As babies of Yahweh, we feed on the milk of His Word for our spiritual growth. This diet of milk must be changed to strong food if we are expected to mature into adults in Christ. Every Christian's aim should be to grow up into the Body of Christ which is to become Spiritual [pneumatikos]. Why? So we can build up one another as members of the Body of Christ. So we can extinguish every fiery dart of the wicked one. Yahweh's will is for us to mature by eating and putting on the meat of His wonderful Word. Yahweh has given us the instruction book for spiritual growth. The Greek word "teleios" expresses Yahweh's will for us to grow up.

<p>Teleio used f perfec becom grown</p>	<p>5046 teleios tel'-i-os from 5056; adj AV-perfect 17, man 1, of full age 1; used 19 times 1) brought to its end, finished 2) wanting nothing necessary to completeness 3) perfect 4) that which is perfect 4a) consummate human integrity and virtue 4b) of men 4b1) full grown, adult, of full age, mature</p>	<p>when e only ing or e full- while</p>
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being perfect is impossible. Teleios can be translated perfect when referring to Yahweh's Law and gifts (James 1:17, 25). The things of Yahweh are perfect. Yahshua gave instructions to his disciples on how to become teleios.

"But, I, say unto you, be loving your enemies, and praying for them who are persecuting you... You, therefore, shall become, **full-grown** [teleios]: as, your heavenly Father, is perfect [teleios]" (Mt. 5:44-48). Loving our enemies is a spiritually maturing process. Hating our enemies will stunt our growth. Trusting in possessions can also stunt our growth as it did with the "The Rich Young Ruler." "The young man said unto him [Yahshua]—These all, have I kept,—What, further, do I lack? Yahshua said unto him—If you desire to be **full-grown** [teleios], Withdraw! Sell thy substance, and give to the destitute,—and you shall have treasure in the heavens; and come! Be following me" (Mt. 19:20,21). The young man declined Yahshua's offer and preferred to remain a child. The Corinthian believers were also rejecting manhood by choosing strife and jealousy.

"I, therefore, brethren, have not been able to speak unto you, as unto spiritual [pneumatikos], but as unto fleshly—as unto babes in Christ:—With milk, have I fed you, not, with meat; for, not yet, have ye been able;—nay! Not yet even now, are ye able, For ye are yet fleshly. For, whereas there are, among you, jealousy and strife, are ye not,

fleshly, and, after the manner of men, walking? For, as soon as one begins to say—I, indeed, am of Paul! And another—I, of Apollos! Are ye not, men” (I Cor. 3:1-4)? Building a house on men, Paul, Peter, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, the Pope, Joseph Smith and all the others, is building on sand. “For, other foundation, can, no one, lay, than that which is lying, which is, Yahshua Christ” (I Cor. 3:11). If our building is on men, then we are carnal Christians feeding on milk instead of strong meat. A carnal Christian never arrives beyond being taught the crucifixion of Yahshua. “For I had not determined to know anything among you, save Yahshua Christ,—and, him, as one who had been crucified” (I Cor. 2:2)! Paul could not speak unto the Corinthians the mysteries of Yahweh because the Corinthians were carnal (I Cor. 2:1).

I Corinthians 1:10 to 4:21 is a study on carnal Christians. There is strife, jealousy, boasting in men, being puffed up, trusting in man’s wisdom and strength and putting men in the place of Yahshua Christ. Yahweh refers to these individuals as babes needing milk who are walking as men. In contrast are the **full-grown** (teleios) who can receive Yahweh’s wisdom, which is not of this age (I Cor. 2:6). The wisdom of the secret, which was hid in Yahweh. If you ask most Christians today, “What is the secret, that if the rulers of this age would have know, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory?” They do not know because they have not been taught. Carnal Christians are still discussing John’s baptism. They dispute whether to be baptized by immersion or to be sprinkled with water (I Cor. 1:14). These are babes that have missed the spirit, which was given to them so they could grow-up. “Because, John, indeed, immersed with water; but, you, in holy spirit shall be immersed,—after not many of these days... you shall receive **power** when the holy spirit cometh upon you” (Acts 1:5-8). Spiritual things must be understood by exercising our spirit. “Which we also speak—not in words taught of human wisdom, but in such as are taught of *the* Spirit, by spiritual [pneumatikos] words, spiritual [pneumatikos] things, explaining” (I Cor. 2:13).

4152 pneumatikos pnyoo-mat-ik-os’ from 4151; adj

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- 1) relating to the human spirit, or rational soul, as part of the man which is akin to God and serves as his instrument or organ 1a) that which possesses the nature of the rational soul
- 2) belonging to a spirit, or a being higher than man but inferior to God
- 3) belonging to the Divine Spirit 3a) of God the Holy Spirit 3b) one who is filled with and governed by the spirit of God
- 4) pertaining to the wind or breath; windy, exposed to the wind, blowing

I Cor. 14:18

- 2.) This man, hearkened unto Paul, as he was speaking,—who, looking steadfastly at him, and seeing he had faith to be made well, Said, with a loud voice—Stand up on thy feet, erect! And he sprang up, and began to walk about. Acts 14:10
- 3.) But Paul, worn out, and turning unto the spirit, said—I charge thee, in the name of Yahshua Christ, to come out from her. And it came out the same hour. Acts 16:18

Full-grown Christians has their organs of perception well trained. “Concerning whom, great, is our discourse, and of difficult interpretation, to express, seeing that, **slothful**, have ye become **in the hearing**; For, even when ye ought to be teachers, by reason of the time, again, have ye, need, that one be teaching, you, what are the first principles of the oracles of Yahweh, and have become such as have, **need, of milk**, not, of strong food; For, every one **partaking of milk**, is **unskilled** in discourse of righteousness, for he is, a **babe**; but to such as are **full-grown** [teleios], pertains, the strong food, to them who, by reason of habit, have their **organs of perception well trained** for discriminating both good and evil” (Heb. 5: 11-14). The full-grown Christian can receive wisdom that is not of this age. “Wisdom, however, we do speak, among the full-grown [teleios],—wisdom, indeed, not of this age” (I Cor. 2:6).

Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, was a teacher who was in need of milk instead of strong meat as are many church leaders today. As Nicodemus, many church leaders have rejected the spiritual and held onto the worldly. They hold to the traditions of men instead of holding to the Word of Yahweh. They seek to please men rather than Yahweh. They fear the rejection of men who can excommunicate them from their church body. Nicodemus came to Yahshua by night because of the fear of rejection. Yahshua said to Nicodemus, “That which hath been born of the flesh, is, flesh, and, that which hath been born of the spirit, is, spirit. Do not marvel, that I said unto thee: Ye must needs be born from above...Yahshua answered, and said unto him—**Art, thou, the teacher of Israel, and, these things, you know not**... If, the earthly things, I told you, and ye believe not, how, if I should tell you the heavenly things, will ye believe” (John 3:6-12)? The carnal believer would say, “No one can walk on water,” but this didn’t stop Peter. Peter was full-grown because he was fed from the Masters table. He believed the Words of Yahweh and walked out into the spiritual world.

Yahweh has provided for the spiritual growth of the members of the Body of Christ. As Yahshua sent Paul he has also sent others to feed his Body. Many times these servants of Yahweh have been rejected by the Christian masses. “And, he, gave—some, indeed, to be apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some, shepherds and teachers, — With a view to the **fitting of the saints** for the work of ministering, for an up building of the Body of the Christ; Until we all **advance**—into the oneness of the faith, and the personal knowledge of the Son of Yahweh, into a man of **full-growth** [teleios], into the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ; That **we may, no longer, be infants**—billow-tossed and shifted round with every wind of teaching,—in the craft of men, in craftiness suited to the artifice of error; But, pursuing truth—may, in love, **grow into him** in all things,—who is the head, Christ” (Eph. 4:11-15).

Many Church leaders today will say, “There are no longer apostles, prophets etc.” They will say, “ That tongues and healings by believers are no longer available.” They will say,

“If you do not confess the different man-made creed’s (Apostles’, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds) you will not be saved.” They say, “You can’t imitate Paul.” What does the Bible say? What do you say? They are carnal, fleshly, powerless and worldly. They are babes in Christ. We are to be especially good towards them but we must cut the cord that keeps us as infants. Let us start pursuing the spiritual in love so that we can grow-up into the fullness of the Christ. We are the full-grown [teleios] who shall rely on the power and wisdom of Yahweh instead of the wisdom and strength of men. We eat strong food in order that we can bring up babes into maturity. As stewards of Yahweh’s secret we will be faithful and not be concerned about what man may say. “Let a man, so, be reckoning of us, as officers of Christ, and stewards of secrets of Yahweh. Here, furthermore, it is sought in stewards, that, faithful, one be found. With me, however, it counts for the very smallest thing, that, by you, I should be examined, or by a human day...but, he that doth examine me, is the Lord” (I Cor. 4:1-4). Stand to please the Lord!