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A study series with Saskatchewan & Bontoc Ekklesia group

Text: Matthew 18: 15-20

Date: _____

Biblical Ekklesiology Part 4

Review: The main characteristics of a believing community utilizing the TORAH acronym to summarize:

T- Torah, the Scriptures, The Bible – The community is one which studies, teaches and lives the Bible.

O-Organization – we listed qualities/qualifications of both leaders and members of the Torah Community.

Leaders are men who are able, fear God, are truthful and hate dishonest gain

Members are believing individuals who in the Messiah follows/obey leaders, submit/yield/agree with them as according to Scriptures, keep watch with Joy and pray.

R- Righteousness –we studied how believers in the Faith Community both experience and live out three kinds of Biblical Righteousness – legal, constitutional and behavioral.

Lesson Proper:

In this Final lesson we will study the last two letters of our TORAH Acronym.

A- Accountability

H- Holiness

Accountability – is an acceptance of responsibility for honest and biblical conduct towards others.

At the heart, accountability is one believer submitting to a biblical (Christ-centered, Torah centered) admonition of another believer in one or more areas of life.

In other words- “To minister to each one.”

The “One Anothers”- there are about 25-30 occurrences in the Bible.

Ex. Exodus 18:21-23, Deuteronomy 6:18-20, 19:18-20, 17:6-7, 17: 8-11 etc.

Justice- Equal treatment for all – Matthew 18:15-20.

Holiness- our definition for holiness comes from the Hebrew word “Kodesh”/ “Kadosh” which means “to cut”. In Greek it is “Hagiois” which means to be “set apart”. To be holy means to be cut off, separate from everything else.

If you put this definitions together it is that the Lord God is the sum and definition of Holiness.

In laymans terms Holiness for believers means we are on a “class of our own” specially segregated by//for God alone.

This entails us to have a working knowledge of God’s holiness- Knowing God as He really is (an accurate sense of God).

This also entails us to an understanding of Community Holiness (Kehila/Ekklesia) – called out ones –separate.

Challenge to Personal Holiness – God’s standard for Holiness is the same all throughout the Bible.

a. Holiness as a Way of life

b. Holiness in Worship

c. Holiness in Work

d. Holiness in Family and Society

e. Holiness in our Body and clothing

f. Holiness in regard for life

g. Holiness in Marriage and Sexuality

h. Holiness in Wealth and Possessions

i. Holiness in Our Food

j. Holiness in obtaining and using truth (communication)

k. Holiness in Motive and heart

l. Holiness in war