# The Apostles' Teaching

or
EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH LIGHT

#### Acts 2:42

And they devoted themselves to the (a) apostles' **teaching** and (b) fellowship, to (c) the breaking of bread and (d) the prayers.

διδαχή (didache)

#### Psalm 1:2-3

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers. But his delight is in the Torah of Adonai, and on his Torah he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

#### **Revelation 3:18**

"I counsel you to buy from Me (a) **gold refined by fire**, so that you may be rich, and (b) **white garments** so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and (c) **salve to anoint your eyes**, so that you may see."

- a) Faithfulness (1Peter 1:7)
- **b)** Righteous Deeds (Rev. 19:7-8)
- c) Messiah's Teaching (John 9:6)

#### **Luke 18:8**

"... when the Son of Man comes, will He find faithfulness on the earth?"

Q: What was the Apostles' teaching?

#### Luke 24:44-45

Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the **Torah** of Moses and the **Prophets** and the **Psalms** must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

#### **Matthew 28:20**

"... **teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

#### John 7:16

So Yeshua answered them, "My **teaching** is not Mine, but His who sent Me."

#### 2 John 1:9

Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the **teaching** of Messiah, does not have God. Whoever abides in the **teaching** has both the Father and the Son.

#### **Romans 16:17**

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the **teaching** that you have been taught. Avoid them!

#### A Few Facts About the Didache:

- Composed in the 1<sup>st</sup> century by the Apostles
- 2,300 words long
- Was considered inspired scripture by many
- Quoted by many of the "Church Fathers"
- Fell out of use in the 4<sup>th</sup> century (was considered "antiquated")
- Rediscovered in 1873 and published in 1883 ...
- ... then mostly ignored by both Catholicism and Protestantism

# **Excerpts from the Didache:**

**1:1-2** There are two ways: one of life and one of death, and there is a great difference between the two ways.

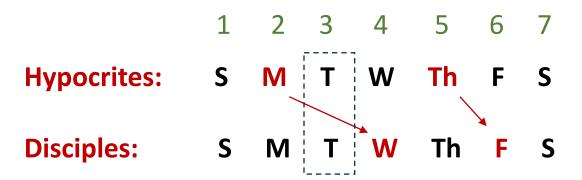
**4:13** Do not in any way neglect the commandments of the Lord, but keep what you have received, neither adding nor taking away anything. [Deut.12:32]

**5:1** The way of death, on the other hand, is this, which is evil and full of curses: ...

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**5:2** ... They do not know their Creator; they are murderers of children, destroyers of God's image.

<b>6:1</b> See that no one leads you astray from the way of this teaching, since all other teachings train you without God.
<b>6:3</b> Concerning food, do what you are able to do
<b>7:4</b> Before immersion, both the immerser and the one being immersed, should fast, plus any others who can. The one being immersed should fast for one or two days beforehand.
<b>8:1</b> Your fast days should not coincide with those of the hypocrites, for they fast on the <b>second day</b> of the week and on the <b>fifth day</b> [Monday & Thursday]. You should fast on the <b>fourth day</b> and on the <b>preparation day</b> [Wednesday & Friday].



**9:1-4** Concerning the giving of thanks, give thanks this way.

## First, concerning the cup:

We thank You, our Father, for the holy vine of Your servant David, which You made known to us through Your Servant Yeshua. Yours is the glory forever.

### Next, concerning the broken bread:

We thank You, our Father, for the life and knowledge which You made known to us through Your Servant Yeshua. Yours is the glory forever. Just as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, so let Your assembly be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom. For Yours is the glory and the power through Yeshua the Messiah forever.

**16:2** Come together often, seeking the things that are good for your souls. A life of faith will not profit you if you are not made complete at the end of time.