

# The Didache: Step by Step - A Spiritual Survival Guide - Section 1

*"We all have thought fit, when assembled, to choose and send men to you, with our beloved Shaul and Barnabas, men who have given up their lives for the name of Maran Yeshua Mshikha. And we have sent with them Yudah and Silas, that they may tell you the same things orally. For it was pleasing to Holy Spirit, and to us, that there should not be laid upon you any burden that would be difficult, besides these necessary things at this time"*

We see right from the very beginning that the Limudah differs from the many translation of the Didache in how the text begins.

Most translations will begin with the forthcoming verses, and do not contain this preceding paragraph at all.

Here St. James is explaining to the Gentile communities, that what is being presented was by way of the Community of Apostles and Disciples. We can attest to the fact that this approval also came from the Beit Knushta d'Shemishqo, the Apostolic Sanhedrin of that age.

Notice the phrase "For it was pleasing to Holy Spirit, and to us, that there should not be laid upon you any burden that would be difficult, besides these necessary things at this time"

It was always understood that any gentile converts would struggle greatly, trying, not only to comprehend the life and teachings of Yeshua, but in addition to this, trying to understand them in the context of first century Jewish life. Add to this, that the Messiah spelled out a way of life, central to Yeshuan living, and not the lives of Rabbinical Jews of the first century. It is fair to say the gentile converts were going to have a steep learning curve with very little hope of acclimating to this way of life, without concession of some kind.

The Limudah is that olive branch.

The text of the Limudah is very plain and to the point. If it is not relevant, then it is not in the text.

**What to take from this:** God has a message and an offer for me. One that is within my ability and capacity to understand and to complete.