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Yahshua said in Luke 24:47 that..."repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

This booklet makes plain what repentance is and then goes into the subject of water baptism. Baptism is required after repentance.

It is our hope that the reader will study the material contained in this booklet, and mark his or her bible thoroughly to become familiar with this vital subject.

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## INTRODUCTION

When Yahshua began to preach the Good News of the Kingdom of Yahweh, He said all needed to repent and believe the good news. This is perhaps the most vital single subject in the Bible which will lead to your salvation.

This subject is very closely linked to baptism and the laying on hands. Therefore the subject of water baptism is also included in this booklet. Yahshua said those who believe (the good news) and are baptized shall be saved.

Very precious few souls have ever heard the really GOOD NEWS as it is clearly revealed in the teachings of Yahshua and the Bible. Yet Yahshua said it must be believed. We have a free booklet which clearly explains the true good news that Yahshua brought to this earth from the Father. It is the good news of what He said and not only about Him alone. Send today for ...The Gospel Of The Kingdom Of Yahweh, and be thrilled. It will even answer the question of why Almighty Yahweh had you born.

## CHAPTER 1

### LOVING CALL TO REPENT

You have probably noticed a call to repentance in many of our articles, booklets, and taped sermons. That is because Yahshua Messiah, our Master, said in Luke 24:47..."That **repentance** and **remission of sins** should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

This call to repentance is from the boundless love of your Creator. He sent Yahshua Messiah, not to condemn you, but to become the one perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world, including yours and mine. If you are willing to accept Yah's loving call, to be led by Him, then He, in His goodness will lead you to repentance. (Romans 2:4)

You need to understand what it means to repent. When you act on this vital knowledge, your life will have a dramatic change which will affect you physically and spiritually. Your very eternal life depends on your response.

### YAHSHUA COMMANDS REPENTANCE

The FIRST requirement of your Savior that you need to act upon is His loving command to repent. In the very beginning of His ministry and preaching, Messiah made it very emphatic. Mark 1:1, 14-15..."The beginning of the good news of Yahshua Messiah, the Son of Yahweh. Now after that John was put in prison, Yahshua came into Galilee, preaching the good news of the Kingdom of Yahweh. And saying, the time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of Yahweh is at hand: **REPENT YOU**, and believe the good news."

Nothing is more basic to your salvation than this command to REPENT! And why not? If you had a loved one going down a road at breakneck speed, and you knew just around the bend the bridge over a 2000 foot chasm was out, that the car would never be able to stop in time and your loved one would be killed, wouldn't you want that person to stop and change direction? Of course you would, and so Yahweh wants you to stop and change direction so you won't end up eternally dead.

### PETER SAID REPENT

Near the end of Peter's first recorded inspired sermon which convinced the people that they had killed the very Son of Yahweh, he was urgently asked by those people "What shall we **do**?" Acts 2:38..."Then said Peter unto them, REPENT

and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Kodesh Spirit."

Neither Yahshua, nor Peter, ever said...repeat the 'sinners prayer', then, presto, you are now saved. No, repentance is **required!** Repentance is the **first** step to receiving Yahweh's Kodesh Spirit. And if a person does not have the Kodesh Spirit, then that person is none of His (Romans 8:9). Now continue in verse-39 of Acts 2..."For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to **ALL** that are afar off, even as **MANY** as Yahweh our Elohim shall call." Yahshua said **many** would be called! Matthew 20:16..."So the last shall be the first, and the first last: for **MANY** are called, but few chosen." Yahweh is calling **MANY** to repentance **NOW**, in this age, and at this moment, as you read this message, is calling upon **YOU TO REPENT!** Acts 17:30..."And the times of this ignorance Yahweh winked at; but **NOW** commands **ALL** men **EVERYWHERE** to **REPENT!**"

### **WHAT DO YOU MEAN - REPENT?**

Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary gives a simple definition of repentance. Under the word "repent" ...to change one's mind, to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life." This coincides exactly with the blessing pronounced in Acts 3:26..."Unto you first Yahweh, having raised up His Son Yahshua, sent Him to bless you, in **TURNING** away every one of you **FROM** his iniquities."

Repent means to change. To change direction, to turn 180 degrees from the **way** you now live. It is an amendment of your way of life. Repentance entails a sorrow for your past, a real turning to your Father in heaven, and your Savior Yahshua Messiah, with a desire to love and obey; to want to be obedient to Yahweh. It is to respond to the Kodesh Spirit of **OBEDIENCE** from the heart. Repent means to forsake **your way** and **turn** to Yahweh's **way**. Isaiah 55:7-9..."Let the wicked forsake his **way**, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him **RETURN** unto Yahweh, and He will have mercy upon him; and (return) to our Elohim, for He will **abundantly pardon.**" Why? "For My thoughts are **NOT** your thoughts, neither are **your ways** My ways, says Yahweh. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **My ways** than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

### **WHO ARE THE WICKED?**

All men, except Yahshua Messiah, have sinned. Romans 3:23..."For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Yahweh." The Bible definition of who are

the wicked, of which we all have been partakers, is found in Psalms 119:53..."Horror has taken hold upon me because of the **WICKED** that **forsake** your **LAW!**" Yes, those who forsake Yahweh's kodesh and good law, those who transgress Yahweh's law are classified as the 'wicked'. Remember, Yahweh will measure us by His standard, not ours.

We are to repent of SIN. "All unrighteousness is sin." (I John 5:17) And the Bible defines righteousness as the keeping of the commandments. Psalms 119:172..."My tongue shall speak of your word. For **ALL YOUR COMMANDMENTS ARE RIGHTEOUSNESS.**" Sin, therefore, is the transgression of, the breaking of, the violation of the Law of Yahweh. I John 3:4..."Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the Law; for sin **IS** the **TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW!**" Don't be deceived on so vital a subject. You must stop breaking Yahweh's law! You must turn away from breaking Yahweh's Law and begin to **obey** Yahweh's Law. **Obeying** Yahweh's good law **IS** loving Yahweh. I John 5:3..."For this **is** the love of Yahweh, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous."

### **FROM NATURAL TO SPIRITUAL**

The end result of having a natural, physical, unconverted mind is death. But to be converted, to have the Kodesh Spirit and have a spiritually oriented mind results in eternal life. Romans 8:6..."For to be carnally (physically) minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Why is that so? Verse 7 gives the answer..."Because the carnal (natural) mind is enmity against Yahweh: for it is not subject to the law of Yahweh, neither indeed can be." The natural mind goes in the way of the violation of Yahweh's law, thus ending up in death. By contrast, the spiritual mind **IS** subject to Yahweh's law and results in eternal life. Yahshua also knew the commandments meant life. Here is what He said. John 12:50..."I know that His (the Father's) commandment is life everlasting..." To bad so many thousands of ministers and millions of deceived church goers do not know what the real Yahshua knew.

### **WAY OF SIN SEEMS RIGHT**

Your present way of life contrary to the obedience of all of Yahweh's pure and kodesh commandments **seems** right. But sin is deceptive. Even a life style of breaking one of the commandments means we are guilty of the violation of all of the commandments. Read James 2:10..."For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Yes, sin is deceptive. the way that seems so right and good will bring about eternal death unless you repent. This

important point is found in two separate scriptures to drive home this vital truth. Proverbs 14:12; 16:25..."There is a way that **seems right** to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of **death!**

### **REASON MESSIAH DIED**

The reason Messiah died was because of our own way apart from Yahweh's law. We have all heard, "Do your own thing." How hideous! This is precisely what caused our Savior's death! Isaiah 53:6..."All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to HIS OWN WAY; and Yahweh has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Read that again. Let it sink in! Our **own way** is why Messiah paid such a horrible penalty. He paid our penalty for us. **Our own way** is the way of sin and death, the way of the breaking of the commandments of Yahweh. The way that causes all of the wrong results in our lives, bringing about misery, unhappiness, hurt, shame, darkness and finally death. It is the way we need to run from! To flee from! Now is the time to turn back to Yahweh and keep His commandments. Without that change of life style, without returning to our Elohim and obedience to His law, there is no salvation!

### **ETERNAL LIFE CONDITIONAL**

Acts 16:31 says, "Believe on the Master Yahshua Messiah, and you shall be saved." But it is more than a passive belief. It is a belief that leads to action, to obedience. A passive belief will not be enough, for even the demons believe and they tremble." James 2:19

Believing on the Master Yahshua Messiah means to BELIEVE WHAT HE SAID! Can you now believe what He said and begin to DO something about your life before it is too late? For to believe what He said is a belief that requires action on your part. Turn in your Bible to Matthew 19:16-17 where a man asked Yahshua about how to gain eternal life. "And behold, one came and said unto Him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" **TAKE HEED TO THE ANSWER** Yahshua gave! "And He said unto him, Why call you Me good? There is none good but one, that is, Yahweh: But IF you will enter into life, **KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS!"**

Yes, hear Him! Yahshua said, "IF" - that means eternal life is **CONDITIONAL**. It requires a belief in what Yahshua said which brings the positive action of obedience from all who hear. The way to eternal life is to **KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS**. So said Yahshua, the real Yahshua. Any who would dare to say differently is defying the very One who can give eternal life and

promoting a false Messiah!

### **ACCEPT MESSIAH AS PERSONAL SAVIOR**

Where does all this leave you? You have been living the way of sin, of disobedience to Yahweh's law. That way of life has brought upon you the penalty of eternal death. Now you must repent. You must turn around. You must stop disobeying Yahweh's law and begin to obey His commandments. This does not save you. When you turn from sin, then in faith accept Messiah's sacrifice in your stead for your past disobedience. Romans 5:8-10..."For Yahweh commends His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners (disobeying Yahweh's laws), Messiah died for us. Much more then, being now justified (made right) by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For it, when we were enemies (living apart from and contrary to Yahweh's laws), we were reconciled to Yahweh by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His LIFE.

You will be saved by Messiah's life in you. The Spirit of Yahweh, which He will give you, is life. Romans 8:10..."And if Messiah be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is LIFE because of righteousness." And the Spirit sets you apart unto obedience. I Peter 1:2.

Acts 2:38 shows..."Repent (first), and be baptized (second), and (third) you shall receive the gift (free) of the Kodesh Spirit (which is Messiah's LIFE in your.)"

### **YOU CAN OBEY YAHWEH'S LAW**

By the power of the Kodesh Spirit, you can obey Yahweh's law, and can fulfill the requirements of Yahweh's law. Romans 8:4..."That the righteousness (requirement - margin) of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but (who walk) after the Spirit." Yahweh's Spirit is the Spirit of love to fulfill the laws of Yahweh. Compare Romans 5:5; 13:10 and I John 5:3.

## **Chapter 2**

### **MEANING OF WATER BAPTISM**

This article will not deal with the proof of the mode of baptism; for baptize means to immerse. Thus water baptism is a total immersion of a person under water. But why? What is the full meaning of this beautiful ceremony?

The 6th chapter of Romans is often called the baptism chapter. In verse one Paul asks a very important question that seemingly few in Christianity today really



understand. Perhaps you are one of those who would like to grow in grace and knowledge of our Master and Savior Yahshua Messiah. This will surely be for you. Paul asked..."What shall we say then? Shall **we** (those who have been baptized, received the Kodesh Spirit and are now Believers) continue in sin, that grace may abound?" This is extremely important! Shall we, after baptism, after receiving pardon through the manifold grace of Yahweh, continue to **break Yahweh's Law**? After all, that is what sin IS, the transgression of Yahweh's Law. (Read it in I John 3:4) What was Paul's answer in verse 2? "**Yahweh forbid!**" Does Paul mean what he says? Yes, it is inspired of Yahshua the Savior. But some will say..."Oh, you can't keep Yahweh's law, so don't even try". That is a colossal lie! You **CAN keep** Yahweh's Law, and you **must** not continue to break it.

Paul goes on in Romans 6:2..."How shall **we** that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" In other words, how can we that have died (figuratively) through baptism as a ceremony of the act of paying the penalty for our transgression of Yahweh's Law (sinning)? It was the transgression which brought on the death penalty in the first place.

Continue in verse 3..."Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized into Yahshua Messiah were baptized into His death?" Since Yahshua actually dies fulfilling the penalty for our transgressions (sins), then we are baptized into His death. "Therefore we are buried with Him **by baptism** into death..."

Baptism, full immersion into water, first of all pictures a watery grave, death. For if we were left under water a sufficient length of time we would die. Notice other statements as to this symbolism. Romans 6:5a, 6a, 7, 8a, 11a...

"For if we have been **planted** together in the likeness of His death..."

"Know this, that our old man is **crucified** with Him, that the body of sin (breaking Yahweh's Law) might be **destroyed**..."

"For he that **is dead** is freed from sin (breaking Yahweh's Law)."

"Now if we be **dead** with Messiah..."

"Likewise reckon yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin (breaking Yahweh's Law)..."

How clear that we should consider our old man DEAD to sin. What does it mean.

If you were to DIE right now, what would **stop** in your life? EVERYTHING! You were brought up in a ready made society. It was all here. The educational system, social and political structure, family life (or lack of it), economic system, and even the religious system, were prevalent when you were born and reared. You came to think, believe, and do as this whole system of life dictated you should. Even the religious holidays were entwined in the economic and educational structure of life. There was the familiar church on the corner.

Then there were the Easter parades, Christmas carols, pageants and decorations, even Hallowe'en with all its ghoulish and demonic characters.

If Yahweh then called you, you should have answered His call by making Him the MASTER of your life. You should have been baptized and "**died**" to the whole system of life, that whole way of life called "this world". The word 'world' comes from "wer" (man) and "eld" (age). Simply it means "man's age". We are told not to love this world, man's age; his manner of life, his conduct in regard to morals...this society! Now if you really died, you would no longer be functioning in the economic, political, social and religious systems that you lived in up to the time of your death. But in regards to **baptism**, it is a voluntary act on your part depicting your willingness to "pay the penalty" of living and walking in man's way, in man's age. Although "willing", you also show your acceptance of Yahshua's death in your behalf. Did you ever covet? Did you ever lie? Did you ever talk back to your parents, and treat them with disrespect? ANY and ALL of these sins (breaking of Yahweh's Law) bring upon you the penalty of **eternal death!** These are all ways of this age of man, his watered down standards, his system of promiscuous living. It is the way of life spawned by the theory of evolution. Each and everyone of those things is **SIN!** Why? Any one constitutes a violation of the Ten Commandments of Yahshua Messiah and the Father. And that results in the penalty of death hanging over your head from which there would be **NO RESURRECTION!**

But what else happened when you "died"? You no longer are observing Christmas. No longer celebrating Lent and Easter, no longer seeing the hobgoblins on October 31.

Believe it or not, that is one of the major reasons you **die**. It was because you were observing these vain religious customs of the heathen (Jeremiah 10:1-5) which did **NOT** originate with the Father or with Yahshua Messiah! Oh!? Then where did they originate.

After Noah's flood this whole system of life, including the religious festivals, began to flourish under Nimrod. These were **counterfeit** religious festivals, in place of the Kodesh Days of Yahshua Messiah and the Father. The whole system was called **BABYLON!** The Bible instructs you to come out of Babylon (Revelation 18:4). Why? Because it all is an **ABOMINATION** to Yahweh in heaven. But why should it be? Have you ever really looked into the origin and the practices of the pagan heathen people? Read "The TWO BABYLONS" by Alexander Hislop for an eye-opening revelation. On pages 93-105, for example, you will find even during "lent" (a period of 40 days of weeping for Tamuz - a pagan god) **human** sacrifices were offered! There was the honoring of the "queen of heaven". In Jeremiah 44 it is severely condemned by Yahweh when He said... "Oh do **NOT** this **ABOMINABLE** thing which I

**HATE!**" It is also one of the major abominations in Ezekiel 8, Jeremiah 7:9, 10, and 18. Who was this "queen of heaven?" On page 103 of "The TWO BABYLONS" we read..."What means the term Easter itself? It is NOT a Christian name. It bears its Chaldean origin on its very forehead. Easter is nothing else than Astarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the queen of heaven, whose name, as pronounced by the people of Ninevah, was evidently **identical** with that now in common use in this country." (Nineveh repented, remember?)

What about Christmas? On page 93 of "The TWO BABYLONS" we read: "...no such festival as Christmas was ever heard of (within the Christian Church) **till the third** century...How, then, did the Romish Church fix on December the 25th as Christmas day? Why thus: Long before the fourth century, and long before the Christian era itself, a festival was celebrated among the **heathen**, at that precise time of the year, in **honour** of the birth of the son of the Babylonian **queen of heaven...**" Think of it! Christmas does no honor whatever to the REAL Yahshua of your Bible. Tertulian lamented that the disciples of Messiah were not faithful in their observance of the Sabbaths and festivals acceptable to Yahweh as were the heathen in their worship of their gods. Also on page 93 we read ..."the time of year, and the ceremonies with which it is still celebrated, prove its origin. In Egypt, the **son of Isis**, the Egyptian title for the **queen of heaven**, was born at this very time, 'about the time of the winter solstice.'"

Amazing! Christmas and Easter are satanic counterfeits of Yahweh's Kodesh Days. Easter is a celebration in honor of a pagan goddess and the supposed resurrection of her ILLEGITIMATE son! This sunrise service in honor of the sun in the east is the greatest of the abominations mentioned in Ezekiel 8. Oh, sure, in our society we assign different names such as "Mary" and "Jesus", that does not change its origin, and that is a false "Messiah", **another** Yahshua! Yahshua said we worship Him in vain when we teach and keep the commandments and traditions of **men**. Read Matthew 15:9. And this vain worship is a direct violation of the first four of the Ten Commandments.

Incidentally, have you ever noticed how many young children disappear today and are never found? There is evidence of human sacrifice to Satan (formerly Lucifer) in our day and in the United States. What about the wholesale slaughter of MILLIONS of unborn LIVING BABIES through abortion? They are BUTCHERED on the altar to "Baal" who is lord of this age, this world of SELFishness and sadistic practices.

Your Elohim HATES these ABOMINABLE practices and all have been involved in this Babylonish system one way or another. It has become so natural we are not even ashamed, nor do we even blush. "Were they ashamed when they had committed ABOMINATION? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush." (Jeremiah 6:15)

Now if you DIE, you are NOT INVOLVED in all of this anymore. Those actions of yours **require** a death penalty to be paid! A Law has been broken! Legal? You bet it is! If it were not, and there had been another way, Yahshua would not have had to suffer and DIE! But Yahshua did die to satisfy the **legal** spiritual claim on your life because you broke the TEN COMMANDMENTS - A SPIRITUAL LAW!

To repent means you need to DIE to the past way of life, die to ALL of it. Death is sudden! At death, all observances stop suddenly. It also means to change. A full change of direction cannot come until you have "DIED". You are now (in death) dead to the law. (Not freed from obeying it, because it was the disobedience that brought on the death penalty in the first place). The penalty of death is now satisfied, because Yahshua died and you now have "died" with Him. This freed you from the bondage of the whole of man's system of life, freed you from the abominable pagan religious customs, including the worship of the sun on the "venerable day of the sun"--SUN-day! Now what happens? Messiah resurrects you.

He gives you back your life because He paid your penalty. Now you come up out of the watery grave, symbolizing a resurrection. For what purpose? You are now free to live the new way of life, Yahshua in all of the Bible instructs...not your old way.

A beautiful example of this was when the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt to the false system of life that brought misery, heartache and death. Then they were set free through the baptismal waters of the Red Sea, after the death of the lamb, the Passover, symbolizing the death of Yahshua Messiah. Set free to begin to live the new way of life in which Yahweh would instruct them.

The BIG overall purpose of your life now should be manifested in a profound LOVE for Yahshua Messiah, because He loved you FIRST while you were sinning and gave His life's blood as a substitute for yours. Now... "You shall **love** Yahweh your Elohim with ALL your heart, and with ALL your soul, and with ALL your mind, and with ALL your strength: this is the FIRST commandment." Mark 12:29-30

How do you begin to DO this AFTER Messiah resurrected you out of your watery grave to give you a NEW LIFE? Remember, you DIED to ALL that went on previously.

You begin to look into Yahweh's WORD, the Bible, to see what He says for you to do, how you ought to live. You come to find that the way to love Yahweh, to show Him you really mean it, is to keep all of His Commandments, for that is what the love of Yahweh IS. Read it in I John 5:3. "For this is the love of Yahweh, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are NOT grievous." You are now to be a servant, surrendered to Yahshua Messiah who

bought you, redeemed you, and owns you. You have received His Spirit after baptism and the laying on of hands. "What? Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Kodesh Spirit which is in you, which you have of Yahweh and **YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN?** For you were bought with a price (the precious blood of Yahshua): therefore glorify Yahweh in your body, and in your spirit, which are Yahweh's." I Corinthians 6:19-20

Now you don't argue or give excuse. No matter what instruction, rule, command, admonition, example Yahshua gives you in the Bible, you agree and set yourself to **DO** it. NOT to "get saved," because you are already "resurrected" out of the grave. Resurrected to a new life, a life of good works which Yahweh previously ordained for you to

do. Ephesians 2:10..."For we (you) are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yahshua unto **good works**, which Yahweh has before ordained that we (you) should walk in them." Your loving obedience is the outward evidence of the salvation you have already received in Yahshua.

You are now willingly subject to the government of the Kingdom of Yahweh. You happily accept Yahshua as your **RULER!** Your **MASTER!** He tells you, for your good, in the Bible, what manner of life you should now live. It is **ALL** new! Romans 6:4..."that like as Messiah was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

You now realize that the Scriptures from Genesis to Malachi and from Matthew to Revelation are to be lived by, not argued against or reasoned around. Now you are free to obey Yahweh's good and kodesh and spiritual law. You now begin wholeheartedly to follow Yahshua's example of humility, meekness, love, joy, patience and kindness. You even have new religious festivals to observe - the very same ones Yahshua made kodesh long before Moses, and revealed them to the children of Israel. He kept them as an example to you. He always did those things which pleased the Father, and your observance of His Kodesh Days will also be very pleasing to the Father. You will begin to make good use of your new found freedom to observe the true and only weekly Sabbath, the seventh day of the week.

(The beast system now emerging is quietly altering the sequence of the weekly cycle to show the day of sun worship - Sunday - as the seventh day to **DECEIVE** those who have not loved the **TRUTH** of the Bible. This "new" seventh day Sunday is even being falsely called "Sabbath" for even greater deception!)

Remember, all this doesn't **EARN** your salvation. Your salvation has already been secured in Messiah. You now are obedient **BECAUSE** you **love** Yahshua and the Father for what they have done for you and are now even yet doing. Your salvation will remain secured **IF** you continue in **THE FAITH** - this new way of life. You **have been** (past tense) **reconciled** from previously living a life of

wicked works prior to baptism which included the wicked and evil religious system. Colossians 1:21-23..."And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies by your mind in wicked works, yet **now** has He **reconciled** in the body of His flesh **through death**, to present you kodesh and unblameable and unreprieveable in His sight: IF you **continue** in **the faith** grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the good news, which you have heard..."

Paul warns you NOT to return to the former Christmas, Easter, New Years, Valentine's Day, Hallowe'en, etc. Galatians 4:8-10

As you continue in **the faith** you will realize the greatness of your calling to a **better** resurrection, the FIRST resurrection! You will come to understand and know this doctrine is of Yahweh and not of men. (John 7:17)

In summary, water baptism not only symbolizes your death to all of your past way of life, but also the resurrection to a whole **new way** of living. The way of the abundant life (not dependent on material things). The way to a close, personal, warm and loving relationship to your heavenly Father and Yahshua, who is your elder brother, becomes a reality. Now the Laws of Yahweh will be a joy and will become written in your heart by the power of the Kodesh Spirit. The Kodesh Spirit is the Spirit of love, Yahweh's love, which always acts in accordance with His kodesh and good laws.

Now is the time. Don't put it off. Consider the importance of baptism in your life. We beseech you, by the mercies of Messiah, be YOU reconciled to Yahweh!

## CHAPTER 3

### SHOULD YOU BE BAPTIZED?

This is the third in a series clearly showing the way to be reconciled to your loving Creator.

The second important part of Peter's instruction on the Day of Pentecost in answer to the people who asked what they should do, was "be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins,"...Acts 2:38. Let us look into the instruction book of life, the Bible, and come to an understanding of baptism and its beautiful symbolism full of meaning.

### BAPTISM COMMANDED

Peter was not alone in commanding baptism. There are other prime examples in the Scriptures to show us the way. Note first Acts 8:12...Philip had

been preaching about the kingdom of Yahweh and performing miracles. As a result the people were baptized. "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of Yahweh, and the name of Yahshua Messiah, they were **baptized**, both men and women."

There was no hesitation on the part of the jailer in Acts 16:33 after he believed Paul and Silas..."And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was **baptized**, he and all his, straightway."

In Ephesus there were disciples of John. Acts 19:3-5..."And he said unto them, unto what then were you baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized you with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Messiah Yahshua. When they heard this, they were **baptized** in the name of the Master Yahshua."

Even the very Day of Pentecost was marked by thousands being baptized. Acts 2:41..."Then they that gladly received his word were **baptized**: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

Think of such a gigantic undertaking. 3,000 people being baptized in one day! The book of Acts is replete with examples of people being baptized in the name of Yahshua Messiah.

### MESSIAH - OUR EXAMPLE

Peter said we are to follow in the steps of Yahshua who is our example. (I Peter 2:21) What was that example? Though Messiah never sinned, never needed to repent, never needed to be baptized, yet He was baptized. Read it in Matthew 3:13-16..."Then comes Yahshua from Galilee to Jordan (a river) unto John, **to be baptized** of him. But John forbade Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of you, and come you to me? And Yahshua answering said to him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered Him. And Yahshua, when He was **baptized**, went up straightway out of the water..."

Yahshua shows His example of being baptized in water as a matter of doing righteousness in the sight of Yahweh. It is a righteous thing for us, also, to be baptized, following the example of our Savior.

### BAPTISM BY IMMERSION

The very word "baptizo" in Greek means to immerse. Since it symbolizes a burial of self, the only logical way would be to find water plentiful enough to be fully immersed and buried as the very word means. Again we look to the example

of Yahshua. Matthew 3:16..."And Yahshua, when He was baptized went up straightway **OUT OF THE WATER.**" Yahshua had come to John at the river Jordan where there was much water. Yahshua went down into the water so He could be symbolically buried by John. Then Yahshua came **UP OUT OF THE WATER.** Yahshua was symbolizing the death He would accomplish for the sins of all.

Another prime example of being immersed in a place of much water is found in Acts 8:37-39. When baptism was in order..."they went down **INTO THE WATER,** both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Of course if they go down into the water, they have to come up to get out. "And when they were **come up out of the water,** the Spirit of Yahweh caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing." The example of baptism is always by immersion, and as this passage shows, a time of rejoicing.

### **THE MEANING OF BAPTISM**

Baptism has profound symbolism. Let us read the main Bible passage on baptism and afterward think seriously of what you've read. Romans 6:3-6..."Know you not, that so many of us that were baptized into Yahshua Messiah were baptized into His death? Therefore we are **buried** with Him by baptism into death: that like as Messiah was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so, we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

Understand, when you repent, you acknowledge you have disobeyed the laws of Yahweh and death is required. You now want to obey the commandments of Yahweh. As you are buried by baptism, it symbolizes burying the old disobedient self. This is the reason Messiah died. So you are dead with Him by the baptismal grave.

Yet, you come up out of that watery grave to live a new life of obedience to the commandments of Yahweh. As you come up out of the water, it pictures also the future time when you will become a Spirit born son of Yahweh even as Yahshua was declared to be the Son of Yahweh by His resurrection.

What beautiful symbolism! You will now lead a life of overcoming the old sinful self, following Yahshua wherever He goes. The new creature now being formed will grow in the grace and knowledge of Yahshua Messiah, until Messiah be formed in you, until you become more and more like Yahshua Messiah and the Father in thought, word and deed. You will progress onward until that moment, in a twinkling of an eye, you shall be changed from mortal to immortal. And every



man who has this hope in him purifies himself even as He is pure. (I John 3:1-3)

## CHAPTER 4

### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

In today's world there seems to be much Churchianity. Yet with all the dope and drug addiction, pornography, rape, crime of all sorts, divorce, child abuse, mate abuse, abortion, homosexuality and sex perversion, murder, drunkenness, violence and such like...one could not help but wonder - is today's Churchianity **really** Christianity?

A person can go to practically any of dozens of different denominational, or cultist churches to satisfy whatever "turns that person on." Some churches are very syrupy, some meditational, others fundamentalist, still others hierarchical or dictatorial. Then there are those who say they are the word of faith, in fact often putting their faith above the principle of **TOTAL UNCONDITIONAL OBEDIENCE** to the truth.

Can all these groups be RIGHT? They all differ on MANY points of **basic** doctrine. Yet they all claim to get their teaching from the Bible. Sounds as if Yahweh is all divided up into various segments, each differing. With that picture, wouldn't Yahshua have a really confused mind, have great difficulty in keeping track of what He told one group what they needed to do to be saved, what He told yet another and another, so as to have a different process or a different standard for each group. The apostle Paul once asked the question of those who were the ones Messiah called out of the hodge podge of the religions of his day - "IS Messiah divided?" So even in Yahweh's one TRUE Assembly, shameful divisions occur, rather than having a loving attitude toward the various administrations of that one true body. The **ONLY** thing about 99% of all these various groups are agreed upon is that you may break at least one of the Ten Commandments. Oh, of course, they don't SAY it that way, but they LIVE it that way by usually forsaking the longest of the Ten.

Well, IS MESSIAH DIVIDED? Let us begin to really **UNDERSTAND**. Messiah is NOT divided! During the days of the early Assembly **another** Messiah was being preached (II Corinthians 11:4). The **false** Jesus was being proclaimed by "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Messiah. And no marvel for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if **his ministers** be transformed into the ministers of righteousness (commandment keeping...yet in reality breaking them. Psalm 119:172); whose end shall be according to their works." (II Corinthians 11:13-15) Here were ministers masquerading, putting on a

mere disguise, passing themselves off as someone they were not. Even Jude writing about A. D. 67, about 34 years after Yahshua was resurrected, exhorted the brethren to "**earnestly contend** for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." Candidly, how **far away from** the message of Yahshua do you think the world has come in nearly 2,000 years? In II Thessalonians 2:3 Paul said there would be an apostasy, and in I Timothy 4:1 he warned some would depart from the **true** faith, the one and only true body of beliefs and doctrines, giving heed to deceitful spirits. That apostasy would come prior to the Day of Yahweh! We are in those days just prior to the Day of Yahweh!

### **YAHSHUA'S WARNING!**

Yahshua gave a grave warning to His own called out ones. He said in Matthew 24:4-5..."Take heed that no man deceive **you**." Yes, even His own elect were told to beware. "For **MANY** shall come **IN MY NAME**, saying, I am Messiah; and shall **deceive MANY**."

Consider! There would be **many** who would come in His name admitting Yahshua is the Messiah. Look around you at all the assemblies today. They nearly all come to you in the name of Jesus, claiming Him to be the Messiah! Yet the cold, spine chilling warning from Yahshua is that they will **DECEIVE MANY!** A deceived person **does not know** he is deceived or he wouldn't be. Could **you** be deceived? As we have previously shown, the Jesus these deceivers proclaimed as the Messiah was **NOT** the **real** Yahshua, but **ANOTHER** Messiah, a false one. These false teachers are going to even use the Bible and claim..."Yahweh says"...when He does **NOT** say and when He has **NOT** spoken. (Jeremiah 23:31).

Jeremiah 23 foretold of prophets who are hypocrites, masqueraders. They would teach lies and cause **you** to err. They would even salve your conscience to believe in a false peace. But they would **NOT** speak to turn people **from their wickedness**. (We shall see later Yahweh's definition of the wicked). Read Jeremiah 23:1-2, 13-17 and notice the time setting in verse 20 is for our day..."In the **latter days** you shall consider it perfectly." That is, with knowledge and understanding. In verse 21 Yahweh **PLAINLY** says..."**I have NOT** sent these prophets, yet they ran: I **have NOT** spoken to them, yet they prophesied."

Remember, Yahshua said these deceivers would come in **His name**. Read verse 25 of Jeremiah 23..."I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy **LIES** in **my name**..." Finish reading the rest of the chapter, for Yahweh says His word ought to be spoken faithfully. Yet those prophets, those ministers were **NOT** doing so. You are to check up on **ANY** who would come **IN HIS**

NAME, including **me**. Your responsibility is to STUDY the Word of Yahweh so YOU will know who is, and who is NOT, a false minister, a deceiver. Yahweh says He is AGAINST these deceivers. Do you want to be party to them? Do you want to continue to support them with money and prayers? You had better take Yahweh's Word seriously in these latter days!

Ezekiel 22:25-26 shows some more astonishing facts about these false ministers, these deceivers! Read it. It is in direct contrast to the **TRUE** ministers mentioned in Ezekiel 44:23-24. You can take a topical Bible and go through your own study on "False Prophets." You will see their stock in trade is to say you don't have to keep **all** the commandments of Yahweh. And yet they **MASQUERADE** as commandment keepers, as obedient, **but in reality disobedient**.

### WHAT DECEIVERS SAY

Some will loudly quote to you scripture just as Satan did to Yahshua. But they refuse to refer to all the scripture on the same subject. One of their favorite quotes is found in Romans 10:9..."But if you shall confess with your mouth the Master Yahshua, and shall believe in your heart that Yahweh has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." Does this verse honestly say you ARE saved at the time you make this confession? No! Why? Because this is not all there is to it. Even demons confess the Master Yahshua, that He is the Messiah. Demons know His is Yahshua of Nazareth. Read it ...Luke 4:33-34, 41..."And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil (demon), and cried out with a loud voice, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with you, you Yahshua of Nazareth? Are you come to destroy us? I **know who you are**; the Kodesh One of Yahweh. And demons also came out of many, crying out, and saying, You are Messiah the Son of Yahweh. And He rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they **knew** He was Messiah."

Demons **KNOW** and **CONFESS**, but are they saved? **NO!** The demonic spirits do not depart from iniquity, from lawlessness. And Yahweh's word says that any one who would confess Messiah, who would name the name of Messiah, would DEPART FROM iniquity. (II Timothy 2:19b) There is more to it than just "confession."

### BELIEVE ONLY

Another favorite scripture used by deceivers is found in Acts 16:31. "...Believe on the Master Yahshua Messiah, and you shall be saved, and your house." Again, does this honestly say they ARE saved at the moment of the words

coming out of their mouth that they believe? NO! Why? Because saving "belief" brings obedience! The demons WILL NOT OBEY YAHWEH'S COMMANDMENTS! But the demons sure "believe" and they tremble! (James 2:19)

The problem lies in not expounding and explaining what it really means to confess and believe by combining these verses with other verses that add more light on the subject.

### **BELIEVE? HOW?**

If you are to believe, who are you to believe? OF course, the MASTER (Ruler...the One who has the right to tell you what to **DO**), Yahshua Messiah. HOW is that done? It is done by believing what He, Himself **said!** And if He says **do** something or **not do** another, then your ACTION in accordance with His word or **command** is PROOF whether your "confession" was valid or not.

Comparing Revelation 22:6 & 16; I Corinthians 10:4; I Peter 1:11; Luke 2:10; II Timothy 1:10; Titus 1:4; Isaiah 43:1, 3, 11 and many others, will prove Yahshua IS the Yahweh Elohim who caused to be written the Kodesh Scriptures from Genesis to Malachi which are able to make you wise to salvation. See II Timothy 3:15-16. Since Yahshua **NEVER** has and **NEVER** will change His standard (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8), then what did Yahshua SAY?

### **SOMETHING TO DO?**

When a man came to Yahshua to inquire as to how he could gain eternal life, Yahshua answered SPECIFICALLY! That answer agrees with all that has been written from Genesis to Malachi and from Matthew to Revelation. Read Matthew 19:17b..."IF (that means eternal life is conditional, based upon what is said next) you will enter into life, **KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS!"**

Do **you believe** Yahshua? Do you **really** believe He meant what He said? Or did He say, "If you will enter into life, keep whatever commandments are convenient to you in your society, simply the traditions of men?"

Yahshua went on to mention five of the last six of the TEN COMMANDMENTS! James clearly says anyone who has a life style that is practicing the breaking of any **one** of the Ten Commandments is fully guilty of breaking them ALL. A person in such a state is NOT KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF YAHWEH, no matter how much the person deceives him or herself into believing that he or she is. Sounds like Saul justifying himself in I Samuel 15:17-23.

## EVERY WORD

Yahshua is recorded to have said in Matthew 4:4 that we all must live by **every** word that comes from the mouth of Yahweh. In December 1982, a letter to a well known TV preacher suggested that the letter writer should not have a Christmas tree since Jeremiah 10:1-5 seemed to forbid it. In verses 2-5a you can read..."Thus says YAHWEH (that is Yahshua Messiah), learn NOT the way of the heathen...for the customs of the people are vain (useless): for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not." A very simple, clear command from Yahweh, yet what did this TV minister boastfully proclaim,? That he knew Christmas and all the trimmings came from rank paganism including the tree, holly, Yule log, and all the rest, but just "Christianize" it and don't worry about it. He said he served Jesus and was "free". Amazing? That Scripture came out of the mouth of the REAL Yahshua this minister claimed to serve.

No, this man did not serve the REAL Yahshua and he surely was not "free". That man was in opposition to a **direct** command of Yahshua Messiah. He was contrary to it. As such he was in abject **rebellion** against Messiah which announced him effectively as ANTI-MESSIAH! He was not "free" but in bondage to his gross sins of disobedience to the great KING! When Yahshua says "FOLLOW NOT THE WAY OF THE HEATHEN!" He **means** what He says. If **you** believe Him, you will **DO** what He says regardless of what a wolf in sheep's clothing says to contrary!

## WHO ARE THE WICKED?

Yahweh's own definition of who the "wicked" are is very clear. Will you BELIEVE Yahweh? Will you **believe** His own words? Read it. Psalm 119:53..."Horror has taken hold upon me because of the WICKED that **FORSAKE YOUR LAW!**" **THAT** is Yahweh's plain definition, and it fits. Do **you** believe Him? The false ministers loudly proclaim "obey", but they, themselves **REFUSE** to keep the clear commands of Yahshua, the Master, the boss. Not only the simple command previously stated namely the 4th one, that thunders.. "**REMEMBER** the Sabbath day, to keep IT KODESH!"...is not only ignored but taught against! The true Sabbath is from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset.

## MASTER, MASTER

So many of these deceivers constantly talk of Yahshua as Master. They praise Him profusely. And they praise others who do the same thing as they contend with the just as Proverbs 28:4 states ..."They that **forsake** the law praise the wicked. But such as **keep** the law contend with them."

All their verbally calling Him "Master" evidently is meaningless! Read and **believe** Luke 6:46 ..."And **why** do you call me Master, Master, and do NOT THE THINGS WHICH I say?" Matthew 7:15 says ..."Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, (as ministers of righteousness), but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Again, do you **really** believe Yahshua, the **real** Yahshua? Continue in verse-21 ..."NOT everyone that says to me, Master, Master, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **DOETH** the will of my Father which is in heaven."

### WORKERS OF MIRACLES

Many of those who emotionally and loudly worship the Master, will be doing great miracles such as casting out demons, and prophesying even in the name of Yahshua. But what does the **real** Yahshua say? Matthew 7:22-23... "**Many** (remember there are many false ministers and their many deceived followers) will say to me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name cast out demons? And in your name done many wonderful works? (Note that Yahshua does not deny that they had, but pay careful attention to what He said in response.) And then will I profess unto them, I **NEVER** knew you: **depart from me**, you that work iniquity (lawlessness, transgression)!"

Let these words sink down deep into your ears. Your eternal life depends upon it!

These false ministers are leading millions into error by their clever deceit. If they don't keep **ALL** of Yahweh's commandments, all of their "show" of the miracles is of no value! Get the blinders off! Don't be deluded any longer!

### WORSHIP IN VAIN

Many lift their hands in praise. They sing to Yahweh in a language they do not understand. They even say and sing "worship Him." (None of which is wrong in itself). Yet, they still follow the customs of the heathen. They follow the traditions of men! And what does Yahshua say about that? He said they would honor Him with their lips all IN VAIN! Matthew 15:9..."But **IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME**, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN!" When will you **believe** Yahshua? That is the word of Yahweh,

and it is settled in heaven. That word will judge you!

### **NO REAL DISCERNMENT**

These wolves in sheep's clothing, those who deceive the unsuspecting, do not have proper discernment. Yet many claim to show you Yahweh's way. But what does Yahshua say in Ezekiel 22:26..."her priests have **violated My law!** and have profaned (treated with irreverence) my kodesh things: they have put no difference between the kodesh and the profane, neither have they shown the difference between the unclean and the clean, and have **HID THEIR EYES FROM MY SABBATHS**, and I am profaned among them!"

Read it again. No wonder Yahweh says they **refuse** to obey His law, and especially the Sabbaths (plural), which include seven annual days that Yahshua made KODESH and to be kept as Kodesh commanded assemblies. These masqueraders have promoted and supported the holidays of the heathen, the days of Baal...Christmas, Easter, New Year's, Valentine's day and Hallowe'en. Does the Elohim of truth accept worship of Him in lies? **NO!!!**

### **SPIRIT GIVEN?**

Many false ministers who sound sooooo spiritual, who get real excited and put on a good show on stage in front of people or in front of a TV camera, proclaim they have the "baptism of the kodesh Spirit", and that you need what they have. I **plead** with you to open your Bible for yourself, and ask, can it be that Yahweh has given His Spirit to those who **disobey** His commands, who **disobey** His KODESH SABBATHS, thus breaking ALL of the commandments. Paul, in the chapter on false ministers mentions **another** Messiah and **another** spirit (II Corinthians 11:4). Those who dis-obey the commandments have a spirit of dis-obedience. Ephesians 2:2..."Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit that **now** works in the children of **DISOBEDIENCE!**" You do not need, nor should you want, **that** spirit. Does this concur with the other Scriptures? Indeed, for you can read in Acts 5:32..."And we are His witnesses of these things; and so also is the Kodesh Spirit, whom Yahweh has given (a gift) to them that **OBEY HIM!**" YAHWEH DOES NOT GIVE HIS SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO DISOBEY HIM!!

### **PURPOSE OF THE KODESH SPIRIT**

One of the major purposes of the Kodesh Spirit is to lead you into obedience, enabling you to keep the just requirements of Yahweh's law. Romans

8:1..."There is therefore now no condemnation to them who walk **not** after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Verse 3..."For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, Yahweh sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin (condemned the practice of the breaking of Yahweh's law) in the flesh."

Yahshua proved by His sinless life, that through the power of the Kodesh Spirit you CAN stop sinning and CAN meet the righteous requirements of Yahweh's law. Verse 4..."That the requirement (margin) of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Verse 5..."For to be carnally (fleshly) minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Why? Verses 7-8..."**BECAUSE** the carnal (fleshly) mind is **enmity** against Yahweh: for it (the fleshly mind) **IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF YAHWEH, NEITHER INDEED CAN BE!** So then, they that are in the flesh (NOT SUBJECT TO YAHWEH'S LAW) **CANNOT** please Yahweh."

Friends, if the fleshly mind is not subject to Yahweh's law, then the spiritual mind **IS SUBJECT TO YAHWEH'S LAW!**

These false ministers who appear sooooo good, sooooo righteous, will not teach you these **sound doctrines**.

### **GOOD NEWS!**

LISTEN! Yahweh loves YOU! And Yahweh wants to give you His Kodesh Spirit. He will give it to you freely IF you will REPENT of breaking His Kodesh laws, begin to keep them, be baptized in water for the remission of sins, have one of His true servants lay hands on you for the receiving of the Kodesh Spirit. He has then promised, upon your sincere repentance, to give you His Kodesh Spirit, which is the love of Yahweh that enables you to keep His commandments and statutes, His laws of love. Read Ezekiel 36:26-27. May Yahweh bless you, Acts 3:36, and give you the courage to obey Him now.

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