

WHAT IS SALVATION..BORN AGAIN..IN DETAIL..PT. 1 OF 2

WHAT IS SALVATION? (BORN AGAIN)

Salvation is a free gift from Yahveh. He gives it to us when we ask for it and confess that He is our Father and Savior. He freely offers this gift of eternal life in His presence if we simply follow His instructions in our Bibles and remain faithful to His word. **Salvation is what we receive, not what we achieve.** He gives us this gift because of our faith in Him. If, however, we want to have eternal salvation, there are some basic requirements. A good life is the ability to survive on earth without being overcome by the things of this world, without being overcome by Satan's influence in this world, while we are here in the flesh. Eternal life is the ability to have spiritual control of our destiny in this world now, while we are in the flesh, and, in the forevermore, or ever-after, however you would like to put it.

The gift of salvation includes the cleansing of us from all our past sins and the right to have all our other sins forgiven, in Yeshua's name, when we ask and repent of them. Yahveh saves us OUT OF and AWAY FROM our sins; not IN and WITH our sins. There will be NO SIN going on in heaven, and those who love their sins here WILL HAVE NO PLACE THERE. **1John 3:7-8** "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. **He that committeth sin is of The Devil; for The Devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of Yah was manifested, that He might destroy the works of The Devil.**" **1John 3:3** "And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."

The penalty of our sins is death, and Yah gave us the ability to have Yeshua pay the price of our sins, which was death, if we follow Him. We are now able to return to Yah as His children and enter personally into His Holy of Holies. His spirit, the Holy Spirit leads us to truth, to love, and to trust Yah. We are to fear (respect) Yah.

Eternal life is in the teaching that Yeshua gave us when He was here in person. He gave us the choice of following Him in the paths of righteousness and His Torah, having to look forward to eternal life with Him, or not following Him and having eternal damnation. Yeshua is our way to eternal life. **John 14:6** "Yeshua said to him, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me"**. Yeshua is the way, the truth and the life. In order to have eternal salvation you must follow Yeshua because He is where life comes from. **John 1:12** "But as many as received Him, to them He gave **the right** to become children of Yahveh, {even} to those who believe in His name,"

The prominent incorrect doctrine among many Believers today is: "once saved always saved", also know as "eternal security". The basic concept is; there is nothing a sinner can do to earn salvation, there is therefore nothing a saved person can do to lose it. Many claim that the moment you accept Yeshua, that persons salvation is secured and he faces no risk of ever losing it.

Many of the fundamentalists claim that a saved person will not commit any serious sins. They say that anyone who claims to be "saved" and yet commits serious sins was never truly saved in the first place. Others claim that regardless of what a saved person does, he can never lose his salvation. They say that because one cannot "work" his way into salvation one cannot "work" his way out of it with unrighteous deeds! Many

Fundamentalists think that if personal sin can result in loss of salvation, the Messiahs redemptive work is not "all sufficient". They apparently take the word "all" to include un-repented sins. **The doctrine of "once saved always saved" is heretical to its very core. I believe that this doctrine comes from the pit of hell, the same place the doctrine of "pre-tribulation rapture" comes from.**

When we talk of being saved by faith we must always remember that it is only if we have repented and changed direction. You cannot be saved if you haven't repented of your past deeds and sins. Yeshua is our example, we are to repent of all things we do that He didn't. **John 8:29** "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for **I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.**"

Gal. 5:25 "Since it is **through the Spirit that we have Life**, let it also be through the Spirit that we order our lives day by day."

Rom. 8:5-7 "For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For **the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward Yahveh; for it does not subject itself to the law of Yah, for it is not even able {to do so} ;**

Gal. 6:7-8 "Don't delude yourselves: no one makes a fool of Yah! **A person reaps what he sows.** Those who keep sowing in the field of their old nature, in order to meet its demands, will eventually reap ruin; but those who keep sowing in the field of the Spirit will reap from the Spirit **everlasting life.**"

John 6:53-54 "Yeshua therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, **you have no life in yourselves.** "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has



eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Luke 13:23-24 “And someone said to Him, “Yah, **are there {just} a few who are being saved?**” And He said to them, “Strive to enter by the narrow door; for **many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.**”

Ps. 27:1 “**Adonai is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? Adonai is the defence of my life; Whom shall I dread?**”

OLD TESTAMENT SALVATION

Even in the Old Testament times one could not be saved by strictly following the Torah. One was saved by trust in Hashem. All the offerings were only symbolic and pointed to the methods that Yah would use to save us. The Temple sacrifices only covered the sins of the people, Yeshua had to come later to take away the sins of all us saints. In the Old Testament, just as in the Re-newed Testament, salvation came through faith.

In the 5 Books of the Torah (the foundation of the Old Testament), the people of faith looked forward to the coming of Yeshua because it was revealed to them in the Torah through Abraham in Gen. 22. They looked forward to the final sacrifice and the atonement of those who accept Yah as their Abba.

In the Renewed Testament, after Calvary, we, in faith, look back at what Yeshua made possible for us with His atonement. We have to look back in faith, whereas the other Believers looked forward.

YAHVEH’S PLAN OF SALVATION AS SEEN IN HIS FEASTS

The Feasts as a whole are the prophetic outline of everything explained in the written word. The plan of

salvation from our “born again” (Exodus out of Egypt experience), is clearly shown in the Feasts of Adonai, as explained in Lev. 23. Yah’s appointed Feasts show us the picture of the beginning of time to the end of time. From the alpha to the omega. If you spend any amount of time studying the Feasts of Adonai that we are commanded to keep, you will see the plan of salvation laid out before you. The Feasts are rehearsals of the salvation plan and the outline of Yah’s plan for all people. The following is a brief description of how the plan of salvation is seen in the Feasts of Yah.

First (like the Israelites lead out of slavery), we as babes, come out of Egypt (Satan’s/Pharaohs rule) and are Passed-over by the death angel because we are under the blood of the Lamb of Yah, hence the Feast of Pass-over.

Second, we partake of the body and blood of Yeshua at the Seder meal, hence; the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Third, we accept Yeshua as our Rabbi and Savior and the First Fruit of the resurrection, hence: Feast of First Fruits.

Fourth, we accept the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on us, hence; the Feast of Shavuot/Pentecost.

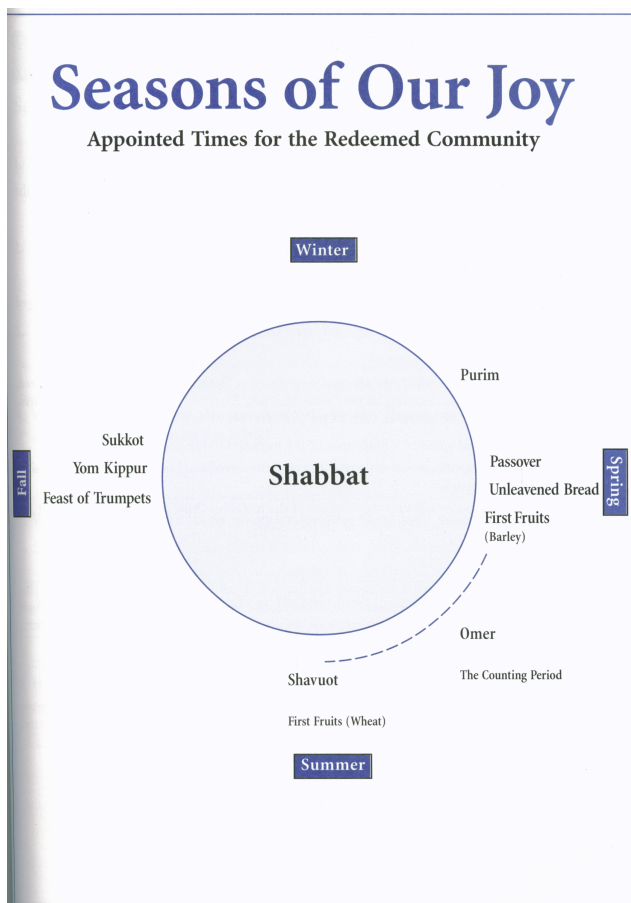
If we continue to grow as the Word tells us to, we participate in the harvest of the unbelievers, and bring in the crop, (introduce them to Yeshua).

Fifth, after the harvest of souls is near completion, we repent of all our wrong doings and prepare for the introduction of the anti-Messiah to the world. During the Tribulation, the Feast of Trumpets takes place, when

Exodus Part two of the “people of the way”, will happen.

Sixth, when we atone for the sins of ourselves and the nations. This is the one time of the year throughout the history of the Temple that the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies; hence, the Feast of Atonement.

The **Seventh** Feast is when Yeshua comes and dwells with us. He becomes our Tabernacle; hence the Feast of Tabernacles. Yeshua was born in a sukkah during the Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) in the fall of the year and the circle is complete when He returns for His bride in the fall during the Feast of Tabernacles. He comes back as “The King of Kings” and “Master of Masters”. Yeshua defeats the armies of the world in the battle of Armageddon. Yeshua’s angel binds Satan up and has him put in the pit of the abyss. Messiah then rules from the New Jerusalem, the Great White Throne judgment takes place and those who have been faithful and true receive their rewards; life in Heaven or the New Jerusalem, in the presence of El Shaddai, for all eternity. Those who have not accepted Yeshua and followed Him, are then cast into the Lake of Fire.



IN THE BEGINNING

At the beginning of time, before Yah created man and woman, He made the seasons, so that His Feasts could be followed for perpetual generations. **Gen. 1:14** *"Then Yah said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for **seasons**, and for days and years;"* The Hebrew word used here for "seasons" (moedim in Hebrew), is the same word used for "feasts". It is saying that the signs were for the feasts, so people would know when to keep the feasts. This word is seen again in **Ps. 104:19** *"He made the moon for **the seasons**; The sun knows the place of its setting."*

SAVED BY WAY OF THE JEWS

It is the Hebrew people that made salvation possible for us Gentiles. We must NEVER EVER forget that. **John 4:22** *"You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for **salvation is from the Jews.**"*

Romans speaks of the temporary blindness of the Jews needed to make salvation possible for the Gentiles. **Rom. 11:25-27** *"For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a **partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in**; and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, **THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.**" "AND THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."*

Salvation is made possible through the Jewish people. **Rom. 11:11** *"I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! **But by their transgression salvation {has come} to the Gentiles, to make them jealous.**"* The Hebrew people actually became jealous of the Gentiles in many ways. They were always the chosen special people with grand status because of their birth rights. When it was made possible for the Gentiles to share in the inheritance of the King of Kings, one can understand that many of the Jewish people became jealous. Many remain jealous to this very day.

REQUIREMENTS OF SALVATION

HOW ARE WE SAVED?

IT IS BY FAITH THAT WE ARE SAVED

Eph. 2:8-10 *"For by **grace you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, **{it is} the gift of Yah** not as a result of works, that no one should boast." For we are His workmanship, **created in Yeshua for good works**, which Yah prepared beforehand, **that we should walk in them.**" Clearly good works no-matter how wonderful they may be will not get one salvation, it is by faith that we are saved and that by continuing to walk with Him and doing good works, we assure ourselves continued salvation. Faith is the down-payment on eternal salvation.*

The promises of Yah are the substance. Abraham was proven to have faith and trust in Yahveh, and all of us who are born again must have that same faith and trust.

What did he trust in?

Abraham trusted that Adonai would keep His promises, and He did. We also must believe that Adonai will keep His promises to us through our father Abraham. The promise that we will be spiritually blessed and never experience death, the promise to go to heaven, the promise that we will be set free, the promises that our sins will be forgiven; the many promises in our bible. Abraham knew Yah would raise Isaac from the dead if he was sacrificed that's why he told those with him that him and Isaac would return. Isaac also must have known because they were going to make a sacrifice without an animal. This is an example of Abraham's faith in his son Isaac, and Isaacs faith in his father and Yah. This was the substance of faith manifested when Yah provide a substitute sacrifice. Abraham was given a promise from Yah that threw Isaac he would have many nations, that's faith. That faith included an action that did indeed come to be. We know many of these promises have to happen at the end of the age. At the conclusion of the battle is when Yah says the exile is over and the restoration will get started. Every promise Yah gave to Abraham belongs to us and we will receive it.

"Faith is the arm that reaches out to accept what El Gibor has to offer."

It is because we are saved that we are obedient to His laws (instructions ..teachings). That obedience is the outer proof of the inner change that takes place when one is TRULY saved.

Faith establishes the law. **Rom. 3:31** *"Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law."*

Faith is saying that " I have made this commitment of salvation and I have entered into the contract of salvation, which I will stand on"

FAITH can be represented as: "Father, **Adonai** Is The Holy one" or "Full Assurance In The Holy one". Faith is what saves us and it is love that should motivate us to be obedient to His Torah.

It is very important to remember that even the demons know the word of Yah, even the demons "believe". Belief is not enough in itself. Their belief is not the kind of belief that results in good works or a change in behavior. Their belief doesn't result in obedience, ours should (James 2:19).

We are to walk by faith and not by sight. In the physical realm we use our eyes, but for those things we cannot see Adonai has given us faith. Like physical sight, faith too is a gift from Adonai that helps us focus upon His truth. Faith is not wishful thinking, but is in fact more dependable than physical sight:

2Cor. 4:18 “while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but **the things which are not seen are eternal.**”



Gal. 2:20 “I have been crucified with Messiah; and it is no longer I who live, but Messiah lives in me; and the {life} which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of Yah, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.”

If we look into the Tanakh (Old Testament/Covenant) we will see that Abraham had faith and He showed His faith by producing good works. Abraham’s inner man was made manifest by the works it produced. His works were the end result of His great faith.

A good example of faith with works can be seen in Rahab the harlot. She was justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way (James 2:25). Rahab believed that Yah was with the people of Israel, that Israel’s God was the true Elohim, and she acted according to her belief. Her faith produced action, her outward actions demonstrated her inner faith.

Faith, like love, is an active verb. In order to maintain “faith”, one must be active in the following of the word which results in the doing of the word. Faith without works is useless. **James 2:17** “**Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, {being} by itself.**” (NAS) It is translated a little better in the The Complete Jewish Bible as “**Thus, faith by itself, unaccompanied by actions, is dead**”

What James was trying to explain was that no one can achieve a righteous standing before Yah by doing good works. He meant that faith, if it was the kind of faith that pleases Yah, would produce good works automatically. This outward expression of works is for mankind to see and witness with the result being recognition of that person being holy, righteous and special to all those around him. We know that Yah knows our heart but unlike Yah man cannot see ones heart unless they have spent a great deal of time together. We are His workmanship, created in the image of Yeshua for good works which Yah prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Yah’s works cannot produce salvation, but they always accompany true salvation.

Rev. 2:2 “**I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them {to be} false;**” It is by our faith that we are saved but it is by our deeds we are known and made right with Yah. A very harsh verse in Revelation tells of those false churches that abound. **Rev. 2:9** “**I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.**” **Rev. 2:19** “**I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.**”

Hebr. 11:1 “**Now faith is the assurance of {things} hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.**”

2Cor. 5:7 “**for we walk by faith, not by sight**” **Rom. 1:17** “**For in it {the} righteousness of Yah is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS {man} SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”**”

Yah made it clear, when John wrote to the churches, that He knows our deeds/works, so if we don’t follow Yeshua and Hashem’s law (teachings), we have no works. **Rev. 3:1** “**And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of Yah, and the seven stars, says this: ‘I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.’**” Again in **Rev. 3:8** “**I know your deeds. Behold, I have**

put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, **and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.**” It’s sad but true. Most proclaimed Christians have not followed His laws/instructions, nor used His proper name, yet they think they are saved. **Rev. 3:15-16** says, **“I know what you are doing: you are neither cold nor hot. How I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth!”** The Laodiceans were another timid unproductive bunch of Believers. They were stagnant and becoming more and more useless for Yah’s kingdom.

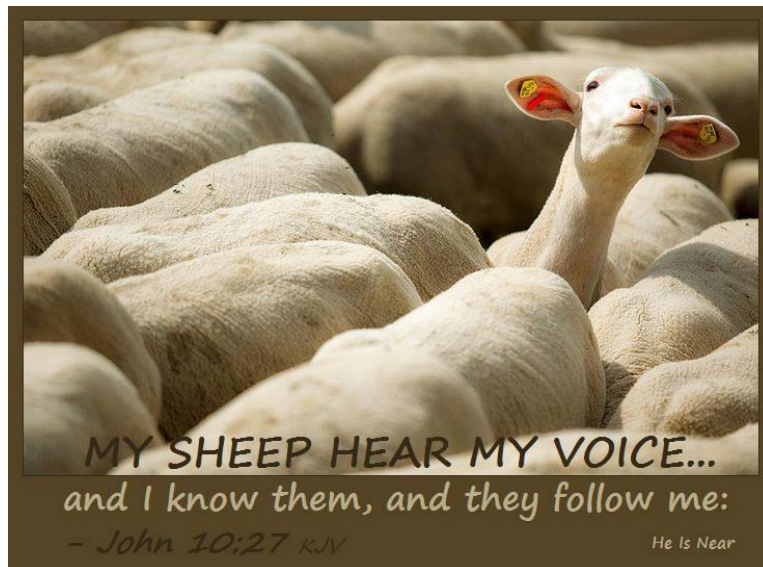
I would like to address a major misconception in verses 15-16. This text has been used in such sermons entitled **“The Hot, Cold, and Lukewarm Christians.”** These sermons equate these three temperatures (hot, cold, and lukewarm) to represent three types of Believers; the “on fire” Believer, the cold, and the lukewarm Believer. This however, is a misinterpretation of the historical context of these verses. Let me explain. The city of Laodicea was known for its intricate water system. They had hot and cold water channeled into the city. The hot water was used for bathing, etc. and the cold water was used for drinking purposes. Sometimes the hot water would get mixed with the cold water, creating lukewarm water. Messiah uses this natural illustration to teach a valuable spiritual lesson. Hot water is useful and serves a purpose; cold water is useful and serves a purpose; but lukewarm water is an inconvenience, and serves little purpose. When strangers came into Laodicea they would sometimes drink of the water that was lukewarm and they would spit it out. Yeshua knew of this and therefore used the vomiting as a good example of what spiritual life is about for those who aren’t serious. The Believers in Laodicea were neither hot nor cold, they were lukewarm. Messiah admonishes them to be either hot or cold, but not tepid. This text is not talking about three different spiritual levels of Believers. This text is only addressing two types of Believers, those who are being used by Yah (hot and cold) and those who are not being used by Yah (lukewarm).

The people of Laodicea were famous for their garment district and for their eye-salve. These two things made them renowned in all nations. The “eye-salve” in verse 18 is referring to their renowned eye-salve in a mocking manner. The Laodiceans also thought they were rich, when in fact they were poor, wretched, pitiable, blind, and naked (Rev. 3:17). Many churches today have forfeited their spiritual blessings for monetary gains. Quite often we fail to see our own spiritual depravity. It’s only when we stand in front of the mirror of Truth, (the Torah), that we see ourselves for what we are.

What is Messiah’s advice to these Believers in verse 18? First, He recommends that they buy refined gold from Him. Why? *“If you are going to boast about your riches, then you better have something to show for yourself”*. Second, Messiah tells them to get some white clothing. White represents purity. These Believers were to “clean up” their act so to speak. Thirdly, He tells them to get eye-salve and put it on their own eyes so that they can see. When our eyes are bad, we fail to see the bigger picture. El Shaddai knows and watches our deeds, and they are part of our continual growth in Yah.

Phil. 2:12-13 *“So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation with fear and trembling**; for it is Yah who is at work in you, both to will and to work for {His} good pleasure.”*

FOLLOW YESHUA



Yah knows our works, and He is concerned that we do good works. He wants us to keep His commandments. **Rev. 22:14** **“Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have the right to**

the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” (New Jerusalem) (KJV) We must have His works abiding in us or we aren't really the “body of Yeshua”, because Yeshua walked righteously and perfectly as described in **1John 2:6** **“the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.”** If Yeshua is “in you”, and His righteousness is “in you”, and His spirit is “in you”, it will cause you to walk in His statutes. As Ezekiel said in **Ezek. 36:27** **“And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”** The Spirit of Yeshua, if it is really in us, is supposed to guide us to walk in His statutes, laws.

In **John 10:27-28** Yeshua says **“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.”** Again Yeshua expresses that those who follow Him receive eternal life. Yeshua is reassuring His sheep that they will receive eternal salvation if they continue to follow Him.

Again in **2Pet. 1:10-11** we see the way to receive salvation is to not stumble **“Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Messiah and Savior Yeshua will be abundantly supplied to you.”**

BORN AGAIN

The word “Hebrew” means “crossed over”. Just as Abraham, an Israelite, who lived in Babylon, crossed over the Jordan River and became a Hebrew, we as Believers cross over from death (Gentile world), to life (light), when we accept Yeshua as our Savior. Abraham was the first Hebrew, not Jew. Abraham's great grandson (Judah) was the first Judah (Yahudah/Jew). Yahudah simply means “Praisers of Yah”. If you are a praiser of Yah (overcome by Yah), you are an Israelite.

We come out of Babylon, and cross over to become Believers in Yeshua. Jews and Gentiles who have crossed over become Hebrew, Israel. Israel in turn means “overcome by El”, or “wrestles with El”.

Adam was created in the image of Yah. **Gen. 5:1** **This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.** He sinned and became a new Adam with death now made possible. **Gen. 5:3** **When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.** We are Adam's/Seth's descendants, born in the image of the Adam who sinned, not in the image of Yah. When we are born again we are born back into Yeshua's image with eternal life made available. All those not born again are still in the image of Seth, with death as the result of their sins. That's why when Yeshua went to Nicodemus, He said you must be born again (John 3). **John 3:3** **Yeshua answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”** Nicodemus was a God-fearer and teacher, yet he didn't know that people are no longer in Yah's image. Yeshua was amazed that this teacher didn't know that, so He explained it to him. The born again idea was from the very beginning, it is not only from the Renewed Testament. In the Old Testament they believed in the promise that was made to Abraham, that there would be a son who would come and solve the problem of death. Abraham believed in being saved by faith and grace as was the promise Yah made with him, and we believe the same thing. We believe that Yah sent His Son and He resolved this death problem. We believe in the same promise they believed in, the only difference was that their promise happened in the future and ours occurred in the past.

In the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, Adam sinned. All of humanity is the offspring of Adam so all humans have, because of Adam, sin in their lives. It is in our genes. That is the general concept of generational curses. We all have curses in our lives because of generations before us, and these curses generally go through the genes of the father. Adam is the father of all of us, so curses begin there. In order to remove that sin we must be “born again”. In that way Yeshua is then able to take away our sins because of what He did at Calvary. Yeshua made it possible for all of us to have our generational curses removed because of what He did at Calvary. He made it possible for us to be set free from sin and our curses, but we must of our own free will allow His redemption on the stake to set us free. We must invite Him into our heart and verbally renounce any curses in our lives and the lives of the generations previous.

When we became “BORN AGAIN” Believers, we were given salvation and a guarantee of eternity, provided we continually walk close to Sar Shalom (Prince of Peace). **Rom. 10:9-10** **“That if you confess with your mouth, Yeshua as Messiah and believe in your heart that Yah raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation”** When Yeshua died on the stake He made it possible for us to be saved from this world, and made it possible for us to have eternal life. Eternal means “time doesn't apply”. **Millions of proclaimed Believers today are not saved, even though they honestly think they are.** Some have been going to church for many years thinking, that in itself saves them.

Rom. 10:9 **that if you confess (make covenant) with your mouth Yeshua is Yahveh, and believe in your heart that Yah raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;”** This verse is called a confession of faith. In this verse we see a translation error that is very obvious. All you have to do is look up the word translated “confess” in your Strong's concordance and you will see it means “make covenant” (3670) “homologeo”, in Greek. If you

make covenant, (follow the law/instructions of the Most high from your circumcised heart), and believe that Yeshua is Yahveh, sent by Yahveh to teach us the Living Word (torah), you will be saved.

When we do as Romans 10:9 says to do, we are coming into the same covenant that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses came into many years ago. When people in the so-called christian churches are taught to confess with their mouth as Romans says, they are not being told that they are confessing that they are accepting the covenant of Torah, Yeshua in the flesh, as their guide for salvation. They are not being told the simple truth and are not by any exaggeration saved. I would compare this to getting someone to agree to make my mortgage payment for the rest of my life by confessing the following. They are being lied to and abused. There is no place in Heaven for these liars (preachers/pastors) that tell people so (1John 2:4-6). Just as Moses asked the people gathered at Mt. Sinai if they wanted to be a covenant people they needed to do so, so to the evangelists, preachers and teachers should ask anyone the same before confessing Romans 10:9. Anyone who makes this commitment should know exactly what they are getting into before they make it.



When we go to buy a new house or car for example, we understand and agree to the conditions of the sale (what it says in the details of the contract), before we agree to the sale and exchange funds. That is a basic principal for any major investment.

In the case of salvation most are taught that all one must do is confess with their mouth that they love Yeshua, they invite Him into their heart and they are automatically saved. Are we naive enough to believe this is for real? Most will agree, used car salesmen are not to be trusted. This is a common understanding. When buying something we must be very very careful about what we are buying and the salesman we are buying things from. We must go through a due process to make sure what we are buying is really what we are being told it is. Is what the salesman telling us the truth, or should we search it out first to be on the safe side? Pretty much all major purchases in life should be checked out thoroughly before we commit to the terms and conditions of the sale. This is just simple common sense. The preachers and evangelists are like the used car salesman, they are trying to sell you something. Is it not wise to check out exactly what they are trying to sell us before we commit ourselves to the contract? We check this contract out by first reading it. Likewise, when one becomes born again he must know the conditions and terms he is agreeing to before he makes a final commitment.

Buying a car or a house is no doubt considered a huge investment in the lives of most people and that decision will affect the future for most of us. But it fails in comparison to the eternal salvation of our spirit and soul, which is part of the born again lifestyle we agree to when making a born again commitment, inviting Yeshua into our heart forever.

The requirement of our obedience to the terms and conditions of the contract of being born again is established in the instructions (law) Yah gave us in His bible. Without first understanding them, it is not wise to commit to following a preacher or denomination.

It seems everyone tells people it is so simple to be born again and be part of the family of Yeshua, but how many take the time to read the contract and understand the conditions REQUIRED in order for the contract to be valid. "Just as I am" may sound really good, and it is a beautiful idea, but "just as I am" is established at the beginning of the contract, not the last verse of the contract. You may certainly "come as you are", but you must also read and agree to the terms and conditions of that contract before Yah's purchase of

your soul and acceptance of you as His betrothed bride, is made valid. One must know, agree to, and understand the wedding contract given to those who accept Him as the groom given out at Mt. Sinai, before they can be officially be in agreement with His ketubah.

What is written in Romans 10:9 is totally correct, but there is a lot more to this verse than what appears literally. Paul for example, is the used car salesman in this verse, was he a trustworthy honest holy man who represented the Most High in a valid way? Paul tells us his beliefs in one simple verse of Phil. 3:5. He makes it abundantly clear he keeps the law.

Phil. 3:5 *circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;*" With this said, we can decide if we think he is a holy man of Yah or not, and make a decision whether or not to follow him as a guide. We must figure out if we can trust our salesman before we agree to the conditions of the sale of the car he is trying to sell us.

Acts 21:20 *And when they heard it they began glorifying God; and they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law;"* The Jews spoken of here "zealous for the law", were zealous twenty or more years after Calvary.

Acts 21:24 *take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law"* Here we see Paul taking the Nazarite oath, along with some other Believers in Yeshua. Paul paid his and their expenses for taking the oath. At that time it cost money to take the oath. It cost approximately one years wages. This was a very serious thing for Sha'ul to do. Not only did he make an oath as per the instructions, but he paid big money up front in order to prove he was a genuine follower of torah.

Acts 28:23 *When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Yeshua, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening."*

The churches teach that the church is "spiritual Israel", which is a lie from the pit of Hell. The words "spiritual Israel" cannot be found anywhere in the bible. That phrase is an invention of the church fathers trying to accommodate their theology so they can separate the body of Messiah. They tried to create their own mindset and their own unbiblical way of thinking, doctrine and dogma. They teach that when you accept Yeshua you are part of the church, not part of Israel. They have separated the two. The "ekklesia" (supposed Greek word for church) is incorrect, yet they proclaim it means church. The same word in Greek, (ekklesia) refers to the "assembly of the people", "assembly of people of the way" (in Hebrew), in the Renewed Testament, just as it did when the people assembled at the foot of Mt. Sinai when Moshe gave the Ten Commandments. Yeshua is the way, His people follow Him and are "people of the way". They are NOT the church!

Paul was teaching the same thing about the law as Moses, the same thing that Abraham practiced (Gen. 26:5). He followed the same way the people of the assembly agreed to follow at Mt. Sinai when they were betrothed to Yah. The greatest teacher of the Renewed testament, followed the Law of the Holy One of Israel, pure and simple.

"you who were formerly far off (Gentiles) have been brought near (in with Israel)"(Eph. 2:13,17)

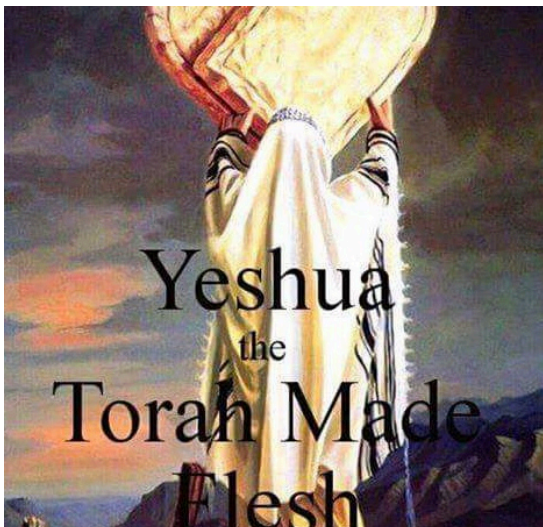
MESSIAH IS THE GOAL OF THE LAW

Rom. 10:4 *For Messiah is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."* The word "end" here is translated from the Greek word "telos" (5056) which means "goal". Now let's look at a proper

translation. **Rom. 10:4** *For the goal at which the Torah aims is the Messiah, who offers righteousness to everyone who trusts."*(CJB) Paul is telling us in all his writings that the law is the goal which points us to the Messiah. We need Yeshua in our lives for redemption so we can be restored back to the Father so we can walk in the covenant He gave us, His children of Israel, in the desert.

The moment we accept Yeshua as our Messiah, His wedding covenant given out at Mt. Sinai, and we confess this with our mouth, we become His born again bride. We become one with Israel:

Eph. 2:11-16 *Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands 12 remember that you were at that time separate from Messiah, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without Yahveh in the world. 13 But now in Messiah Yeshua you who formerly were far*



off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to Elohim through the stake, by it having put to death the enmity.” Yahudah (Jew) in Hebrew means “one who praises Yah”. The moment we are born again we become Jews. Yahudah simply means “Praisers of Yah”. Anyone who praises Yahveh is a Yahudah (Jew). Abraham was the first Hebrew, and his great grandson Judah was the first Yahudah (Jew).

Those that say that we are saved only by faith (true faith includes obedience), not accompanied by works of repentance, humility and commitment to change, are making a serious mistake. **While it is true that we are saved by grace, it is also true that we are saved by grace IF we have REPENTED.** We are to repent and do what is right. We are to be RIGHTEOUS.

John 5:39-40 “You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life: and it is these that bear witness of me: and you are un-willing to come to me, that you may have life” Here Paul is saying; if you believe by reading the scriptures you are saved you are mistaken. That is bibliography. You must not worship the Bible you must “CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH” (make covenant) to come to Yah.

John 3:3 “Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is “**BORN AGAIN**”, he cannot see the kingdom of Yah”

John 3:16 “For Yah so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that **whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life**”

Acts 16:31 “**Believe in Messiah Yeshua, and you shall be saved, you and your household**” In this verse we see that word “believe” which connotes action. Following through with something, good works, is included in belief, if it is real faith. People with real active faith can’t just remain stagnant, we must move on and grow in our faith.

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER (Matt. 13:1-9)

The parable of the sower reveals to us the essence of what the Torah stands for. We sow seeds and we bear fruit accordingly. We are the seed of Abraham if we obey Yah’s Living Word. When a seed is planted, it dies in and of itself, but in its place comes a plant that grows to produce fruit. The seed (torah) makes it possible for us to die to ourselves and become new plants (so to speak), that grow and bear much fruit. The fruit is the result of the blessings of obedience and love for our Abba. In the same manner, when we die, our fleshly body becomes the seed of our rebirth as a spiritual entity. We go from flesh to spiritual. We go from the seed of flesh to the body in the spiritual realm. Hence we are in another sense “born again”, again. The born again concept can be seen throughout scripture. There are many thematic connections associated with this idea.

CALVARY

At Calvary Yeshua became our substitutionary death (olah) offering, our offering of thanksgiving to Yah (minhah), our peace offering (shlamim), our sin offering (hatat), and our guilt offering (asham).



The exchanges that took place at Calvary can be summed up in one word, “**SALVATION**”. Yeshua made salvation possible for us on the stake. Yeshua made provisions on the stake for salvation, but are all people automatically saved? NO!!

To simplify the exchanges that Yeshua made on the stake for us would be as follows:

Yeshua was **punished** that we might be **forgiven**.

Yeshua was **wounded** that we might be **healed**.

Yeshua was made sin with our sinfulness that we might be made right with His **righteousness**.

Yeshua **died** our death that we might receive His **life**.

Yeshua endured our **poverty** that we might share His **abundance**.

Yeshua bore our **shame** that we might share His **glory**.

Yeshua endured our **rejection** that we might have His **acceptance** with the Father.

Yeshua **poured** Himself out that we may have **direct access** to the Father.

Yeshua was made a **curse** that we might enter into the **blessing**. He made it possible for us to have all our curses removed.

BEING SAVED THROUGH WORKS

Gal. 5:4 “**You who are trying to be declared righteous by Yah through legalism have severed yourselves from the Messiah! You have fallen away from grace!**” This verse really summarizes well the whole book of Galatians. The NAS translates, “**You have been severed from Messiah, you who are**

seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.” The context here is regarding people who are observing the Law in order to be justified, those who want to be righteous. Remember justification and righteousness mean the same thing. This verse is in NO WAY referring to a believer who wants to observe Yah’s Torah.

Can a person lose their salvation? Once saved always saved? This verse seems to say otherwise. Paul is basically saying that if a believer in Messiah decides to earn their own righteousness through works (Law), then that believer has fallen from grace. It appears that a believer can “fall from grace.” I know that some will argue by saying that this person who has “fallen from grace” was not really saved from the beginning. If this is true, then can I safely assume that the Galatians were not really saved?

Acts 13:48 “*And when the Gentiles heard this, they {began} rejoicing and glorifying the word of Adonai; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.*” I am lead to believe that the Galatians were saved based on Acts 13:48. But these born-again Galatian Believers were very close to losing their salvation. Why? Because they thought they could add to their righteousness; they were in danger of severing themselves from Messiah.

Rom. 9:30-33 “*What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at {that} law. Why? Because {they did} not {pursue it} by faith, but as though {it were} by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone, just as it is written, BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.*” Here it talks about trying to be saved by works, which can’t be done. Yeshua was the stumbling stone that they came across because He was righteousness, and the righteousness they were trying to obtain was by works.

It is true, righteousness could come by following the laws if we were perfect, but Yeshua was the only one who was made perfect. That is why we need Him, we need His righteousness “IN US” if we ever want to live life eternal.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SALVATION AND BAPTISM

Yah’s opinion of Water Baptism is obvious throughout the scriptures, but one passage in particular gives us the importance of Baptism. **Mark 16:15-16** “*And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”* This passage may astonish many people because clearly Yeshua did not say “He who believes and is saved shall be baptized”, He said it the other way around. In other words **one must be publicly baptized after he gives himself to Yeshua in order to be saved.** Baptism in this verse could be “water baptism” or “baptism of the Holy Spirit”, identifying oneself with Messiah Yeshua.



The proper order is; first faith, then baptism, then salvation. When we are “saved” we make our exodus from Satan’s world into Yah’s world. Another example of the direct connection of salvation and water baptism is found in **1Pet. 3:20-21** “*who once were disobedient, when the patience of Yah kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through {the} water. And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you —not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience —through the resurrection of Yeshua,*” One must always

remember that salvation is essentially an exit from the doomed world of Satan through the waters of baptism into the citizenship of Heaven. Just as Noah passed through the waters of the flood we must pass through the waters of baptism to be saved from Satan's, "of the world", spirit. You cannot pass through the waters if someone is sprinkling you with water, (a pagan custom), you must be immersed to pass through the water. Not only does your whole evil world get left behind but your history as a child of Adam is left behind in your baptism. Once you pass through the water you become "one" in Yeshua. You are neither Jewish, Greek, Italian, or anything else, you are one new person. Through baptism you declare publicly to the whole universe that you have left it behind and have put yourself in the hands of Almighty Yah (Matt. 3:13-15/21). You are baptized "into His death" and "into Yeshua". You accept Him as your Savior, as the Head of the new race and the ruler of a new kingdom.

Many ask the question: Do I really need to get baptized? I say to all: Why would anyone proclaiming to be born again not get baptized asap? Are they ashamed to publicly pronounce that they are no longer heathens? In fact are they born again? Why is it that so many people want the maximum results, yet are willing to only put in a minimum requirement? Why is it that everyone wants to receive but are unwilling to give? That attitude describes our society as a whole.

When Sha'ul (Paul) and Silas were in prison in Philippi, after a miracle of Yah, the keeper of the prison asked them: "what must we do to be saved" and Paul told them. **Acts 16:30-31** "and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?"** And they said, "**Believe in Yeshua, and you shall be saved, you and your household.**"

Immediately after this Paul baptized them. **Acts 16:33** "**And he took them that {very} hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his {household.}**" This is a good example of the proper order of salvation even under extreme circumstances.

If one is being properly baptized by immersion, the water represents the old world of Satan's domain left behind, and one comes up emerging from the water like Noah's Ark. The whole evil world has been left behind you and put to death, never to be revived. Your sins are washed away and are never to be thought of again. In baptism you declare to ADONAI that you are leaving the old world behind. You are declaring that the stake separates you from that world, and you are walking in Messiah Yeshua. There is a cliché that describes it very well. "*God forgives our sins during Baptism and casts them into the sea of forgetfulness, then He puts up a sign that say's, "no fishing here".*" What most people don't seem to realize is that baptism is symbolic of what happened when the Red Sea parted for the Israelites in the desert. The entire nation of people there were baptized. They were taken out and away from the Pharaoh (Egypt), which represented Satan, and born again in the waters of the "mikvah".

True Baptism was called "Mikveh/Mikvah", by the Jewish people at the roots of our Biblical faith. In Jewish customs it was immersion that was done for various reasons. One reason was when a Gentile converted to being a Jew. The other was when an Orthodox Jewish woman got married. At marriage it represented the woman coming out from under the authority of her father (being washed away), and being brought under the authority of her groom. The Mikveh was considered an act of "**righteousness**", something that one "did" and did it in public, to proclaim being under that authority. It meant a person was symbolically re-entering the womb and thus we get the phrase "**BORN AGAIN**". The old self dies and the new self re-emerges from the waters, one then born of water and of spirit.

The immersion baptism (mikveh), also represents a grave. A person dies under water because he cannot breath. Breath is representative of the holy spirit, without breath, we are spiritually dead. So we must die to ourselves so that we are "re-born". We enter the water dead in our trespasses and sins, unclean. We are buried with Him, entering the grave. However, that grave is also the womb; the same time we die, we are also "born again". We are raised to newness of life, now constituting the righteousness of Hashem in Him. Yeshua Himself is our Mikveh. It is in Him that we have this change in status. It is in Him that we are made new. For it is written: **Gal. 3:26-27** "*For you are all sons of Yah through faith in Yeshua. **For all of you who were baptized into Messiah have clothed yourselves with Messiah***"(Matt. 5:6, 23:28, Acts 10:22, Rom. 2:13, 23)

The role of spiritual baptism in eternal salvation is paramount. As per many verses in our good book, it is imperative that we be properly publicly immersed and baptized to show outwardly that we receive eternal salvation inwardly through spiritual baptism. Although there are six types of baptisms in our Bible, there is only one true "SPIRITUAL BAPTISM". **Eph. 4:5** "**one Yahveh, one faith, one baptism**" Some people seem to ignore the importance of the mikvah/baptism in our covenant relationship with Adonai, but it is no doubt of extreme importance. The following verses are good examples of how important it is to believe, repent and be baptized in order to receive the gift of salvation. **Mark 16:16** "**He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.**" **Acts 2:38** "**And Peter {said} to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Yeshua for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."**

Kaf, lamed and mem make up the word "melech" (king), which means: "the water of instruction (torah) brings anointing". This explains why Yeshua had to be baptized. He was a King who needed the water of

instruction to anoint Him. In Hebrew thought, a King only receives his power and anointing after he is baptized. That is why we are told to be baptized immediately after we become born again, so we can be anointed as a servant of the King. The "mem" (water of life), is the torah, (tree of life in the garden), which gives us life. That is why water is associated with life, doing miqvah. When we are immersed in water for baptism there is a spiritual connection to something that happens in the heavenly realm that we don't understand, but is very true. This is the same type of spiritual connection we see in the words that come out of our mouth, be they blessings or curses. We may not understand how this physical makes the spiritual happen, but it does so in a divine way.

It is very common for people to avoid being baptized and yet claim they are saved. Many of the participants in the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches for example, think that because they were baptized as an infant they needn't be baptized as an adult. **The Roman Catholic church states clearly in its doctrine that you must be a member of their church to receive salvation at all. They clearly state, that all those who are not Roman Catholics simply go to Hell.** "This is of course" the teaching of Satan himself and is totally incorrect. Only a person of the age of accountability can be baptized spiritually. Many have been baptized as per church doctrine, but this is not at all Biblical. It is simply not accepted as part of our salvation. For those who have been infant baptized, I can only say; "get properly baptized" and do it yesterday, for we know not when we will die. We know for a fact that babies being sprinkled with water is another pagan custom used when children were dedicated to various gods and goddesses.

Many are ashamed to be publicly baptized and yet proclaim to love their Father in heaven. How can one claim to love Adonai and yet be ashamed to stand up in public and pronounce ones faith and belief in Yah. If this is the case, the Bible makes it clear what the outcome of their actions is. **Matt. 10:34-39** *"Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. "For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; and A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD. "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. "And he who does not take his stake and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. "He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it."*

Through proper baptism and the receipt of Yah's Holy Spirit, you are automatically baptized into the true church of Yah. **1Cor. 12:13** *"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."* Yah's true church/body is composed of those people who have the same one true Spirit of Yah (Rom. 8:14). If one does not have the Spirit of Yah, he is simply not a child of Yah. You can't just join the body of Yeshua, the church. You must be drawn in by Yah Himself. He must call you in and then you must take your place in the assembly of the people. Yeshua explained it well in **John 6:44** *"No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."*

Yah does have an organized church, but it is not the buildings we call churches. His organized assembly of Believers, "People of the Way", are all over the globe, praying together in unity as the scriptures speak of. Yeshua pointed out that the body of the true church will be forever. **Matt. 16:18** *"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it."*

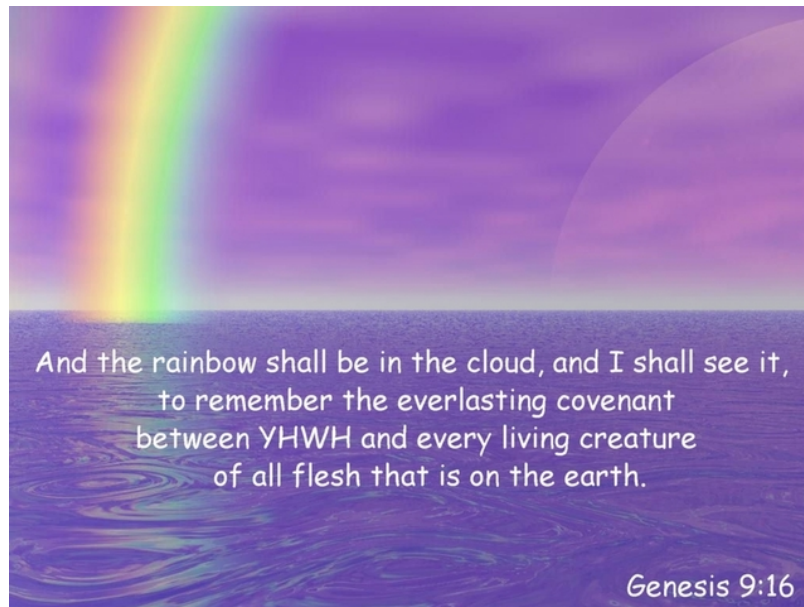
As mentioned earlier, the earth was baptized at the time of the flood. **Gen. 6:13** *"Then Yahveh said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth."* Those who were delivered from the world were saved in the ark. Those delivered from the world were delivered from the flood. In like manner, those of us delivered from the world are delivered from the lake of fire. All those of us in the Ark of Yah are saved from fire, we are saved out of this world. This is the case with baptism, we are saved from the death in this world and given the opportunity to have eternal salvation if we continue to follow Yah.

Even today, as in Noah's time, a person cannot be saved unless they get out of this world and get on the Ark of El emet. Even as it was in the days of Noah, no one can have one foot in the Ark and one foot in the world; all who entered into Noah's Ark were shut into the Ark. Our Father, as it were, "builds" an ark in the person of Yeshua His Son, and brings us out of this world by allowing us, through faith, to enter into the Ark of Messiah. Now those who were in the new earth of Noah's day, typify all who in the future day shall inherit heaven because they are in the ark of Yeshua. The people in the ark are representative of the people of our day who are in Messiah. Those outside the ark of Noah are representative of those people who are in Adam, and therefore they are the people who will be judged by Yah in the future. On the other hand, those who had entered into the ark were brought through the judgment of water (baptism), and entered and filled the new earth. This explains how Messiah in the future will fill the new heavens.

At the time of Noah, Elohim declared that the world was His enemy, that it was against Him. Elohim provided the Ark through Noah and all who entered it stood with Elohim against the world, as it was then. The Bible shows us that the entering of the ark in order to pass through the flood, now signifies what we call baptism. We must constantly be reminded that baptism means turning our backs on the world, and turning our

faces towards Yah. As there was a door in Noah's Ark, so to, baptism, can be considered the door out of our world into the ark of Messiah Yeshua. As Adonai washed the world of that day with the great flood, Yah will, in the future, cleanse the world by means of fire. Do we linger in Sodom and Gomorrah, or look back as Lot's wife did, or do we head away from it without looking back? **Only a dog returns to its vomit.**

Gen. 8:4 "And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of **Ararat**." Ararat, means "Holy Land". We, like the ark, are resting in the Holy Land in the arms of our Messiah Yeshua. **1Pet. 3:20-21** "who once were disobedient, when the patience of Yah kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, **were brought safely through {the} water. And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you** —not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to Yah for a good conscience —through the resurrection of Yeshua Hamashiach," We are saved through baptism and faith. One without the other will not grant us fellowship in Messiah. They are both basic requirements of getting eternal salvation. Putting it bluntly, one should be baptized to be saved. Our first act before Yah is to believe, but our first act before mankind is to be baptized. The declaration that there is no longer any relationship between the world and us, since we have been delivered from the world.



For salvation speaks not merely of our escaping hell in the future; according to its strictest interpretation, salvation points to our deliverance from the world of today as it was in the days of Noah.

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