

END TIME ISSUE MINISTRIES

FOR WE ARE ALL ONE BODY IN MESSIAH

(Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)



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ARE YOU REALLY SAVED?

Adapted from an original article by Harold Kupp

BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

ABSTRACT: A review of critical Scriptures relating to faith in Yahweh and Yahshua which highlights critical errors in the teachings of the vast majority of "Christians".

The key message is "IF you love (chesed) Yahweh, keep His commandments". The article establishes in considerable detail with numerous Scriptures that simply making a decision that "Jesus Christ is Lord" is NOT sufficient for a Believer to inherit eternal life. A changed life style of obedience to the Word of Yahweh is clearly stipulated throughout Scripture as an essential requirement which, amongst other things, requires that the necessary steps are taken by faith to take up the stake (cross) of obedience to Yahweh's written and spoken Word and follow Yahshua daily.

Understanding the heart of this message is vital to understanding the SPIRITUAL CONTEXT of the suicide airliner hijacking's in the United States of America on Tuesday 11 September 2001.

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DECLARATION: I James Alexander Robertson hereby testify before Almighty Yahweh that i have prayed over this document and that while i have no personal knowledge of the authors, i am satisfied that the message is in large measure Scripturally correct and in accordance with the Word AND Will of Yahweh at this time. It is my understanding, by the Spirit, that this document is about 85% as Yahweh would have it.

I acknowledge and accept that i will be judged for any false statements made by me knowingly or unknowingly and ask Father Yahweh now in the Name of Yahshua Messiah Adonai (the Lord Jesus Christ) that should there be any such errors He judge me in this life that i may come to repentance and not be judged in the life to come.

PRAYER: Father, in the Name of Yahshua Messiah, if there is anything in this document that is not according to Your Word or Your perfect will please prevent it taking root in the heart of the reader and let all that IS according to Your Word and Your Will take deep root in the hearts of all who read it..

No references in this document. Hebrew words defined on page ii.

HEBREW WORDS

In this document the Name **"Yahweh"** is used. This is a reasonably accurate translation of the Hebrew Name of the Father which is commonly translated "the LORD" which in actual fact is a translation of the word "Baal".

"Yahshua" is used for the word that is commonly translated "Jesus" which is an inaccurate Anglicisation of Greek where Yahshua was a Jew. This also reflects the play on Hebrew words that "Yahshua is the yeshua (deliverance / salvation) of Yah".

"Adonai" is used instead of "Lord" when referring to Yahweh and Yahshua to remove confusion between the two uses of the word "Lord" in common English usage.

"Elohim" (mighty one) is used instead of "God" which is the name of a Germanic pagan deity.

"Messiah" is used instead of "Christ" which is again a Greek derived Anglicisation which does not reflect the Hebrew roots of the faith.

"Torah" is used to refer to the Law of Yahweh in the sense that the word **"Torah"** is used in Jewish convention with particular reference to the Five Books of Moses and most particularly the Ten Commandments given by Yahweh Himself at Mount Sinai. The "Torah" IS truth, it IS THE Word of Yahweh!

The word **"stake"** is used instead of "cross" as the word commonly translated "cross" in Greek in fact means "stake" and there is increasing evidence that Yahshua was **"impaled"** on a stake (hung vertically on a tree trunk between one nail through His hands and one nail through His feet), rather than "crucified" on a cross.

"Chesed" is used instead of "love" to refer to Yahweh's all embracing covenant "love" as set out in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. This embraces the various terms "charity", "lovingkindness", etc encountered in various translations but is a MUCH RICHER term. It applies ALSO to the "chesed" toward a neighbour, etc. This is self sacrificing "love" NOT lusting.

"Body" or **"Body of Believers"** is used in most instances instead of "church" since the word "church" also has pagan connotations and many who belong to "churches" today are not necessarily believers or are in such apostasy that they need to be reached with the truth just as desperately as those who are not believers. Where the word "church" is used, this is to refer to those who typically apply that label to themselves.

"Believer" is used instead of "Christian" for a combination of the reasons given above. Where the word "Christian" is used, this is to refer to those who typically apply that label to themselves. The word "Messianic" is NOT used in order to avoid creating some form of apparent separation - there

ARE many who call themselves "Christian" through ignorance who DO have a deep personal relationship with Yahweh and Yahshua.

We are firmly persuaded that the usage of these terms is more pleasing to our Heavenly Father, Yahweh Adonai and His Son Yahshua Messiah and encourage others to adopt these conventions

SUMMARY

This article was received just before the suicide attacks on the World Trade Centre and Pentagon on Tuesday 11 September and timeously addresses some critical aspects of the state of the "Christian" church which have an enormous bearing on the Spiritual Context of these events. Yahweh willing this will be addressed in an article to be published shortly.

The thesis of the article is that simply making a decision to accept "Jesus Christ as Lord" is NOT sufficient to ensure salvation and that true "salvation" requires OBEDIENCE to the Word of Yahweh, particularly the Word spoken by Yahweh Himself on Mount Sinai.

The initial point of departure of the article is that "Christianity" has fallen away from Yahweh and that "most of the organized church system has wandered so far from the truth that it refuses to listen to the truth" which IS the Torah of Yahweh.

Based on John 3:36 *"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but **he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Yahweh abides on him.**"* (NAS adjusted) it is established from many Scriptures that Salvation REQUIRES OBEDIENCE to the Torah [Law and Words] of Yahweh and that those who do NOT obey will NOT inherit eternal life. This is demonstrated robustly from numerous Scriptures.

The need for believers to be "impaled with Messiah" (crucified with Christ) as set out in Galatians 2:20 is clearly spelt out.

Scriptural perspective on answering the questions, "Do i truly love Yahweh?", "Does Yahweh know me?", "Do i abide in Yahweh?" and "Do i really know Yahweh?" is offered in support of the core thesis of "Are you really saved?"

This is related back to the Scriptures that indicate that on the Day of Judgment many who thought they knew Yahweh and Yahshua will find themselves rejected with Yahshua saying that He "never knew" them, etc. This in turn ties back to the recent articles on "Iniquity = Lawlessness = Torahlessness" (1A1.01.08.07) and "The Truth About Torah" (1A1.01.08.08) and many other articles as listed in the section "End Time / Global Context" on page iv.

The article also examines exactly what the "Words" or "Commandments" are that Scripture refers to in the context of keeping Yahweh's Words.

Various widely held "Christian" teachings are addressed and refuted and particular reference is made to the failure of the "Christian church" to keep the Saturday Sabbath.

The conclusion is "Fear Yahweh and keep His Commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:23 KJV).

Overall, a very important article for ALL who fear the coming Judgment!

END TIME / GLOBAL CONTEXT

This article was published on the Regathering.Com list on Monday 10 September 2001.

On Tuesday 11 September 2001 the hijacking of four aircraft in the United States and subsequent suicide attacks on the two towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon took place.

I read this article on the late afternoon of Wednesday 12 September 2001.

It reinforces many points made on the End Time Issue list since Passover 2000 regarding the massive extent of error in the beliefs and practices of the "Christian" church and within the Body of Believers generally as a consequence of the great falling away ("apostasy") of the last approximately 2,000 years which has been highlighted in messages such as:

- 1A1.00.04.01 A Vision Concerning Zephaniah 1 and 3 (Tuesday, April 04, 2000 06:37)
- 1A1.00.04.02 Further to - A Vision Concerning Zephaniah 1 and 3 - A document which assists to place this in context (Thursday, April 06, 2000 21:58) transmitting document "Some Thoughts On 2 Thessalonians 2:7 When "He Who Now Restrains..." "...Is Taken Out Of The Way"
- 1A1.00.04.03 Is the bride ready for the wedding or is she about to face judgment? (Tuesday, April 18, 2000 06:06)
- 1A1.00.04.04 Some thoughts on Luke 6:11 - a continuation of thoughts on Luke 4:34 (Wednesday, April 19, 2000 06:26)
- 1A1.00.04.05 Luke 7:23 blessed is he who does not stumble on account of Yahshua - can we identify the abomination of desolation and are we prepared? (Thursday, April 20, 2000 08:01)
- 1A1.00.04.08 Surely the abomination of desolation is come upon the temple of Yahweh? (Tuesday, April 25, 2000 08:12)

- 1A1.00.07.01 A Dream And Scriptures Concerning Jerusalem (03 July, 2000)
- 1A1.00.07.02 A Mayim Urgent Update - The Temple Mount Archaeological Destruction (17 July, 2000)
- 1A1.00.08.01 Some Thought Provoking Web Sites (18 August, 2000)
- 1A1.00.10.01 Developments In Israel: The War of Gog and Magog and The Beginning of Great Tribulation? (03 October, 2000)
- 1A1.00.11.04 Judgment and the Church - Tribulation FIRST
- 1A1.00.11.06 Wheat and Tares (re Persecuted Christians)
- 1A1.00.11.07 Extracts From "The Call" - Further Indications of Soon Coming Judgment on the Church and the World (14 November, 2000)
- 1A1.00.11.08 Facts on Israel - Helpful Information (14 November, 2000)
- 1A1.00.12.01 Sergei - How will we respond to persecution? (11 December, 2000)
- 1A1.01.01.01 The Wrath of Yahweh for the Church : Why Judgment is Coming on the Church Today (04 January, 2001)
- 1A1.01.01.02 Some Scriptures Relating to "The People" (11 January, 2001)
- 1A1.01.01.03 Islam's End Time Teachings (23 January, 2001)
- 1A1.01.01.05 Thoughts on the Mail regarding "Islam's End Time Teachings" (25 January, 2001)
- 1A1.01.01.07 Who or What is the Remnant (31 January, 2001)
- 1A1.01.02.01 Seeking for Yahweh's Truth - The Key to Unity (05 February, 2001)
- 1A1.01.02.02 Noah's Ark, Sodom and Gomorrah, Red Sea Crossing and Other Biblical Sites Found (08 February, 2001)
- 1A1.01.02.04 Interpreting Bible Prophecy for This Season (09 February, 2001)
- 1A1.01.02.06 An interesting confirmation (09 February, 2001)

- 1A1.01.02.10 Recognizing Yahweh's Servants (20 February, 2001)
- 1A1.01.02.11 The Wrath of Yahweh for the Church : The Judgement for Adultery (22 February, 2001)
- 1A1.01.02.12 Seek Truth Not Error (24 February, 2001)
- 1A1.01.03.01 Conversion versus Decision (05 March, 2001)
- 1A1.01.03.02 The Spirit is Moving on the Earth - How do we understand scriptures referring to "Christ"? (05 March, 2001)
- 1A1.01.03.06 The Wages of Sin (11 March, 2001)
- 1A1.01.03.07 Poverty in The Church of Jesus Christ (11 March, 2001)
- 1A1.01.03.08 Overcoming to the End (14 March, 2001)
- 1A1.01.03.09 The End Time Calendar As We Currently See It (15 March, 2001)
- 1A1.01.03.10 A Beloved Little Sister (18 March, 2001)
- 1A1.01.04.01 Why Easter is Unkosher (02 April, 2001)
- 1A1.01.04.02 Pesach (Passover) Feasting to Freedom (05 April, 2001)
- 1A1.01.04.11 Pokemon: Children Playing With Fire (23 April, 2001)
- 1A1.01.04.13 A Prophetic Move in This Age (23 April, 2001)
- 1A1.01.05.01 A Challenge To Each One Of Us (03 May, 2001)
- 1A1.01.05.02 Living Faith versus Dead Dogma (03 May, 2001)
- 1A1.01.05.04 Declaration of Jacob's Trouble: A Significant Event (09 May, 2001)
- 1A1.01.05.05 "Christian" Persecution of The Jews (10 May, 2001)
- 1A1.02.05.06 I Have A Dream - Why We Do Things The Way We Do (11 May, 2001)
- 1A1.01.05.08 The Calling of End Time Issue Ministries (17 May, 2001)
- 1A1.01.05.09 True repentance, etc in preparation for Pentecost (19 May, 2001)
- 1A1.01.05.10 Angels And The Ark Of The Covenant (31 May, 2001)

- 1A1.01.05.11 Shavuot (Pentecost) The Feast of Weeks - Sunday 3 June 2001 (31 May, 2001)
- 1A1.01.08.03 To Obey Is Better Than Sacrifice (03 August, 2001)
- 1A1.01.08.04 Becoming The Bride He Wants (07 August, 2001)
- 1A1.01.08.05 What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You (08 August, 2001)
- 1A1.01.08.07 Iniquity = Lawlessness = Torahlessness (14 August, 2001)
- 1A1.01.08.08 The Truth About Torah (15 August, 2001)
- 1A1.01.08.10 The Wrath of Yahweh for The Church Today: The Judgment for Adultery Part 2 (16 August, 2001)
- 1A1.01.08.11 The Evangelism Iceberg in 2001: Strategic Objectives Of The Kingdom Of Yahweh (21 August, 2001)

Collectively these articles, published at the leading of the Spirit of Yahweh, have painted an increasingly detailed picture of the level of apostasy in the Body of Believers AND Yahweh's wrath toward those who, despite massive access to innumerable translations of Scripture and Bible Study resources, CONTINUE to use incorrect names, advocate incorrect doctrines and generally place the doctrines of men above the Word of Yahweh, thereby making the Word of Yahweh of no effect.

In conjunction with this we have increasingly seen the extent to which MASSIVE spiritual carnage is occurring on the earth. The article "The Evangelism Iceberg in 2001: Strategic Objectives Of The Kingdom Of Yahweh", (1A1.01.08.11) published on Tuesday 21 August, exactly three weeks before the attacks in the United States, reported that IF Yahshua were to return today, only 1% of the population of the world, some 61 million people, would inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh and most of them as an act of Grace and that the remaining 99% would perish for eternity.

In the aftermath of the events in the USA on 11 September, we are increasingly seeing the unfolding of the SPIRITUAL context of what took place and hope, Yahweh willing, to shortly produce a document presenting what we are seeing.

In order to understand what we expect will be presented in that document it is IMPORTANT to understand the HEART of this message!

PREAMBLE

This article was obtained from the Regathering.Com list.

In the preamble it was stated *"Though the author believes in using the sacred Names, he has chosen to write this piece with the Hellenized names"*

Given the subject of the message and after prayer we have replaced the "Hellenized" names with the Hebrew Names since we are increasingly coming to realize that one of the critical errors of the "Christian" church is the use of the words "the LORD", which is effectively the translation of the Hebrew Word "Baal" and has nothing to do with the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth and the Father of Yahshua Messiah (commonly translated Jesus Christ).

In particular, we recently became aware of Hosea 2:16-17 *"16 'And it shall be, in that day,' says Yahweh, 'That you will call Me 'My Husband,' and no longer call Me 'My Master,' 17 **For I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals [i.e. the LORD]**, and they shall be remembered by their name no more."* (NKJ adjusted)

Accordingly, it now seems imperative that all who truly love Yahweh make a real effort to move away from the terms "the LORD", "God", "Jesus" and "Christ" and move to using "Yahweh", or "Adonai" instead of "the Lord" as applicable, "Yahweh", "Elohim" or "Mighty One" instead of "God", "Yahshua" instead of "Jesus" and "Messiah" instead of "Christ".

Since we are also becoming increasingly aware that the word translated "cross" in the Greek clearly should have been translated "stake" and that there is apparently serious negative spiritual impact associated with not recognizing this, we are also increasingly making use of the terms "stake" and "impaled" or "executed" instead of "cross" and "crucified".

Accordingly, in light of the subject of this message, which is timeous and of vital importance to understanding recent events in the United States of America, we have adjusted the document by making the above substitutions and adjusting the text where necessary. In so doing, if we have in any way altered the sense of the message we accept full responsibility for this.

>>> ARTICLE BEGINS <<<

ARE YOU REALLY SAVED?

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Deceive "To make (a person) believe what is not true; to mislead, to cause to err." [Webster's Dictionary]

S IF A PERSON IS DECEIVED HE DOESN'T KNOW IT!

S THE ONLY CURE IS THE TRUTH.

S THE ONLY TRUTH IS THE BIBLE.

S THE BIBLE SAYS MOST CHRISTIANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DECEIVED.

Christianity has fallen away from Yahweh! Most of the organized church system has wandered so far from the truth that it refuses to even listen to the truth. The apostle Paul warned us that this would happen. He said: "**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth ...**" 2 Tim 4:3 NAS

The Psalmist defines "the truth": "... and **THY LAW is THE TRUTH.**" Psalm 119:142 KJV

In both the business world and the religious world the formula for success has become: "Give the people whatever they want!". The people do not want the truth, they want their ears tickled with "smooth things". Therefore it has become unpopular for the churches to teach that we must obey Yahweh's law and give up our lives on this earth to the service of Yahshua Messiah. It may be unpopular, but that is exactly what Yahshua asked for, our life and nothing less. He said: "... **but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.**" Mark 8:35

He gave us no options; we must surrender this lifetime to him, no matter what it may cost! The first act of our surrender is to obey Yahweh's law, just as Yahshua said: "**but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the Commandments.**" (Matthew 19:17)

Sadly many who have turned to Yahshua for salvation have been led away from obedience to the Commandments by false teachers who tell them that they may remain a "carnal" Christian (one who disobeys Yahweh's Commandments) and yet be saved.

ALL WHO ACCEPT THEIR LIE WILL BE LOST!

IS THE "CARNAL CHRISTIAN" A BELIEVER ?

Many professing Christians have been persuaded to think that they have received eternal life despite their ongoing bondage to sin. They are told they are born again children of Yahweh and saved forever the moment they say: "I believe in Yahshua and receive Him as my Saviour". Their teachers offer this verse as proof of the sinners instant salvation: **"He who believes in the Son has eternal life;"**

HOWEVER, the rest of the verse is seldom quoted. **"... but he who does not OBEY the son shall not see life, but the wrath of Yahweh abides on him."** John 3:36 as correctly rendered in the NAS ASV, DARBEY'S TRANSLATION, WYMOUTH'S, NTME, RSV

"He that BELIEVETH <4100> on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that BELIEVETH <544> not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of Yahweh abideth on him." John 3:36 KJV (with Strong's numbers added)

Notice the second "believeth" is a different Greek word *apeitheo* <544>.

This word is translated by the King James Version at other places as "not obey" or "disobedience". The following verses quoted from the KJV give the true meaning of *apeitheo*:

"But unto them that are contentious, and do NOT OBEY <544> the truth ..." Romans 2:8 KJV

"But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a DISOBEDIENT <544> and gainsaying people." Romans 10:21 KJV

"By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were DISOBEDIENT <544>," 1 Peter 3:19,20 KJV

"Unto you therefore which believe [he is] precious: but unto them which be DISOBEDIENT <544>, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, [even to them] which stumble at the word, being DISOBEDIENT <544>: where unto also they were appointed." 1 Peter 2:7 KJV

Disobedience is contrasted in the foregoing Scriptures with Belief, showing that the kind of belief involved is the type that leads to obedience of the "word" or commandments.

They are being told that they do not have to obey, the only requirement is that they "believe". Yet the apostle Paul said that the mind that will not subject itself to the law of Yahweh is a carnal (sinful) mind and hostile toward Yahweh. He wrote: "... **THE CARNAL MIND [is] enmity against Yahweh: for it is NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF Yahweh, neither indeed can be.**" Romans 8:7 KJV

Is it possible that a person will inherit eternal life even if that person is hostile toward Yahweh and will not obey his law? All major denominations now say: "YES!". The apostle Paul says "NO": "**For to be carnally minded is death;**" Romans 8:6 KJV

This devastating doctrine of "The saved (but still carnal) Christian" has been firmly established in our churches because the meaning of the word BELIEVE is not always clear. The only true definition of what it means to "believe" is the scriptural one found in John 3:36 (see above) Examine it carefully and you will see that **ONLY THOSE WHO OBEY Yahweh TRULY BELIEVE.**

THE PROOF (John 3:36 explained)

IF : One who BELIEVES in the Son HAS ETERNAL LIFE.

AND : One who does not obey shall not see life.

THEN : The one who does not obey, does not believe.

For it is clear that the one who shall not see life, could not possibly have eternal life.

Scripture does not allow anyone who will not obey to be counted a "believer". Thus any church that considers a willfully disobedient person to have eternal life is teaching a fatal error. One may be either disobedient or a believer, but not both. There are no carnal believers...

Satan's lie ("The carnal Christian") is carefully designed to soothe the conscience of those who seek the easy way. You may be sure that all who profess it to be an option are deceived to some degree. Paul did not teach that we had a third choice; quite the contrary he said:

1. **"For if you live according to the flesh YOU WILL DIE,**

BUT

2. **if by spirit you put to death the deeds of the body YOU WILL LIVE."** Romans 8:13 RSV

process of salvation. That initial joyful experience of Yahweh's love reveals that they now have the right (or power) to ... become a child of Yahweh. (born-again) They now have the gift of faith from Yahweh which enables them to surrender this life to Yahweh. (If they will!) The apostle John showed us the process of salvation when he wrote this verse: **"But as many as RECEIVED Him, to them, He gave the right TO BECOME children of Yahweh..."** (born-again) John 1:12 NAS

Yahshua said: **"the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it."** Matthew 7:14 NAS

The first step on that narrow path to life is to repent of our sin and accept (receive) Yahshua as our Savior. The next step is accept Yahshua as our Adonai (master or lord as most English speakers understand "lord") and surrender all of our heart, our soul, our strength and our mind to serve Him forever. The mark of a servant is that he obeys the commandments of his Master.

How would you answer these four questions concerning your relationship with Yahweh?

Do I truly love Yahweh?

Does Yahweh know me?

Do I abide in Yahweh?

Do I really know Yahweh?

According to the New Testament these questions can only be answered "yes" by one who is keeping the Commandments of Yahweh. I certainly would not expect the reader to believe this statement without ample proof.

To find that proof, let us examine Yahweh's word and trust only Scripture to define Scripture.

1. Do I truly love Yahweh?

THE TEACHING OF Yahshua:

As Yahshua was teaching in Jerusalem, one of the Pharisees who was trained in the law of Moses, approached Him and attempted to test Him with the question : **"Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"**

Yahshua said to him: **"What is written in the Law? How do you read?"**

The lawyer responded from the books of Deuteronomy, and Leviticus: **"you shall LOVE Yahweh your Adonai with all your heart and with all your**

soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Yahshua agreed: **"DO THIS and you will live."** Luke 10:25 RSV
Deuteronomy 6:5 (Love Yahweh) Leviticus 19:18 (neighbor)

In 1st Corinthians 13:4 Paul teaches how we are to love our neighbor, but how does one love Yahweh whom we cannot even see? It is just at this point that many are led astray from the truth.

THE SCRIPTURES DEFINE HOW TO "LOVE Yahweh":

"For this is the LOVE of Yahweh, that we keep His Commandments."
1 John 5:3 RSV

"He who has my Commandments and keeps them he it is who LOVES Me" John 14:21 RSV

"If you LOVE Me, you will keep My Commandments." John 14:15 RSV

The word of Yahweh is clear. There can be no possible misunderstanding by those who are willing to hear the truth. The LOVE that Yahweh asks of us, is that we **KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS!**

The practical result of obedience to Yahweh's law is that we will finally overcome sin. It is this battle to conquer sin which tests our faith. James teaches that only those whose faith has been tested and approved will receive the crown of (eternal) life. He wrote: **"Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which Yahweh has promised to those who LOVE Him."** James 1:12 NAS

James is saying that those who are approved and receive the "crown of life" are those who LOVE Yahweh; and Yahshua said that those who LOVE Him are those who keep His Commandments. (See John 14:21 above)

It is clear that those who are "approved" are those who keep Yahweh's Commandments.

Question?

CAN YOU BE KEEPING Yahweh'S COMMANDMENTS IF YOU ARE BREAKING THEM?

Yahweh knows all men, but only a few are "known" by Yahweh in the Biblical sense, that is, as Adam "knew" Eve. To be "known by Yahweh" represents the spiritual union of Yahshua with his people. (The Bridegroom and His bride.) Those who say "Lord, lord" (Adonai, Adonai?) yet continue to willfully sin have never experienced this union. Thus Yahshua will say to the EVILDOERS, "I never knew you".

Who are the "EVILDOERS"? This word comes from the Greek "anomial", which means illegality or violation of the law and generally wickedness.

The apostle John used the same word "anomial" to give a clear definition of what true "sin" is. He said: **"...sin is the transgression of the law (anomial)."** 1 John 3:4 KJV

Therefore, an exact literal translation of what Yahshua is going to declare to the EVILDOERS who say "Lord, lord" (Adonai, Adonai?) is this : **"I never KNEW you, depart from Me you that do transgression of the law [anomial (evildoers)]."**

"ANOMIAN" IN TODAY'S CHURCH.

Another revealing use of the word "anomial" is recorded in Matthew's gospel. During the Olivet discourse, as Yahshua was speaking to the men who were to become His apostles, He foretold of the conditions that would exist near the end times. He said: **"And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many."**

And because lawlessness (anomial) is increased

most peoples LOVE will grow cold." Matthew 24:11 NAS

Dear Reader, as you look about your world, your church, and perhaps even yourself, do you recognize any of the conditions that Yahshua said would come to pass?

1. Many false teachers will arise (WITHIN THE CHURCH) to lead the people astray.
2. And lawlessness (BREAKING OF Yahweh'S LAW) will Increase.
3. And love (THE KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS) will grow cold.

IS THIS "LEGALISM"? . .

NO! Satan, the father of lies, has enticed man to disobey Yahweh's commands from the beginning of creation. The charge of "legalism" against those who teach obedience to the law of Yahweh is just another one of Satan's deceptions. It is not a "work of the flesh" to obey the Commandments unless you are depending on your obedience to earn forgiveness (justification). On the other hand, a willing obedience to

Yahweh's moral law IS the evidence of a true saving faith. James challenged the brethren to show him the reality of their faith without also showing him their works of faith. He asked them: **"What use is it my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but has no works? Can that faith Save him?"** James 2:14 NAS

It is clear that **"Faith without works is dead"**, yet it is also clear that no man can earn forgiveness by doing good works, for we are justified (forgiven) through our faith in a living Messiah. However, if a man accepts Yahshua as both his personal Saviour and Adonai, that man will surely obey Him and keep His Commandments, no matter what it may cost. If we do not obey Him, He is NOT our Adonai.

Through our obedience Yahshua cleanses us from the doing of sin (sanctification). First the law sends us to Yahshua Messiah for justification (forgiveness), and then Yahshua sends us back to the law for sanctification (cleansing) by the Holy Spirit. Paul warned that if we wish to see Yahweh, we MUST go through the process of sanctification, **"Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which NO MAN SHALL SEE Yahweh:"** Hebrews 12:14 ASV

Without the light of Yahweh's law to Expose his sins, a man walks in desperate darkness, for he must depend upon his own heart to decide what is good or evil. The prophet Jeremiah said: **"The heart of man is deceitful ABOVE all things"**, and the Proverbs teach that: **"All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes."** Therefore, if we do not have a permanent standard (carved in stone) by which to measure sin, we will always deceive ourselves

In these "latter days", many teachers who claim to speak for Yahweh have turned away from the law of Yahweh. It has become more popular to obey their "inner voice" than the voice that spoke from Mount Sinai. However, the true test of a teachers "spirit" is found in the book of Jeremiah. Yahweh said:

"But if they had stood in my counsel, then they would have proclaimed MY WORDS. to My people, And they would have TURNED THEM from their evil way and from the evil of their doings." Jeremiah 23:22 RSV

Those who speak by the "Spirit of Messiah" will always teach others to immediately and completely cease from the doing of all sin. They will always proclaim "HIS WORDS".

WHICH WORDS ARE "HIS WORDS"?

When Yahshua faced the temptations in the wilderness, he declared to Satan: **"It is written, `Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD that proceeds from the mouth of Yahweh.'" Matthew 4:4 RSV**

Yahshua was quoting from the book of Deuteronomy (8:3). When that verse is considered in context you can see that it clearly refers to the keeping of Yahweh's Commandments:

Deuteronomy:

(8:1) " **All the Commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, THAT YE MAY LIVE,**

(8:2) "**And thou shalt remember all the way which Yahweh thy Adonai led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove (test) thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, or no."**

(8:3) "**And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH OF Yahweh DOTH MAN LIVE."**

(8:6) "**Therefore thou shalt KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of Yahweh thy Adonai, to walk in his ways, and to fear him."**

Both Yahshua and the book of Jeremiah are referring to the same "WORDS", those that proceeded from the mouth of Yahweh on Mount Sinai!

Legalism? No I think not, unless Yahshua, the prophets and the apostles were all legalists. Now let us return to the four questions.

3. Do I ABIDE in Yahweh?

THE TEACHING OF Yahshua:

At the Last Supper, Yahshua taught his disciples about our spiritual relationship with him. Yahshua used the branch and the vine to illustrate our complete dependence upon Him. He explained that the branch can bear no fruit without the constant flow of life from the vine. Yahshua said to them:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

"If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned." John 15:5,6 RSV

ABIDE is from the Greek "meno". Its means to remain in, to stay, to dwell.

THE SCRIPTURES DEFINE HOW TO "ABIDE" IN Yahweh:

"All who keep His Commandments ABIDE in Him, and He in them."
1 John 3:24 RSV

"If you keep My Commandments you will ABIDE in My Love."
John 15:10 RSV

The church of today is empty of true spiritual strength and bears little resemblance to the church of the first century because it refuses to ABIDE in Yahweh. The scriptures plainly teach that the Father promises to answer only the prayers of those who ABIDE in Him and obey His law: **"If you ABIDE in Me, and My WORDS abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you "** John 15:7 RSV

"And we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS." 1 John 3:22 RSV

"If one turns away his ear from hearing THE LAW, even his prayer is an abomination." Proverbs 28:9 RSV

A thousand may pray until their knees are bloody, but if they are not keeping His Commandments, Yahweh says their prayer is an abomination to Him Yet the prayers of only one man who abides in Him can change the lives and circumstances of many:

"The effectual fervent prayer of a RIGHTEOUS man availeth much."
James 5:16 KJV

"Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is RIGHTEOUS." 1 John 3:7 RSV

Yahweh's word is painfully clear. If one does not keep his Commandments, one does not ABIDE in Him. If one does not ABIDE in Him, Yahweh does not Answer his prayer; and he will become like the withered branch, cast forth, thrown into the fire and burned.

4. Do I really KNOW Yahweh?

THE TEACHING OF Yahshua:

After the last supper, Yahshua was praying to the Father and spoke these words:

"And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true Elohim / Adonai, and Yahshua Messiah whom thou hast sent." John 17:3 RSV

THE SCRIPTURES DEFINE WHO "KNOWS" Yahweh:

"And by this we may be sure that WE KNOW HIM, IF WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS." 1 John 2:3 RSV

Commandment keepers KNOW Yahweh.

"He who says "I know him" but disobeys his Commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him;" 1 John 2:4 RSV

Commandment disobeyers DO NOT KNOW Him.

"No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. (1 John 3:6 RSV)

Yahweh's word is indeed a piercing sword. The apostle John is saying that if you are not able to keep His Commandments, You do not yet know Yahweh, you will not have eternal life.

These are hard words to hear, especially for those who would prefer to have their "ears tickled". Many thousands of words have been spent in vain trying to twist these icy clear verses. Many thousands of hours have been wasted trying to prove that these simple verses do not mean what they say. Yet their unshakable truth is our protection, for we cannot be deceived if we will but listen and accept what they declare: **"THOSE WHO TRULY KNOW Yahweh, KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS."**

DISCIPLES - BEWARE!

The New Testament often uses the "wolf" as a symbol of false teachers. Please take heed for among your own selves there are many friendly and even affectionate "wolves". The church is their hunting ground, and there they prey upon the true flock of Yahweh. Paul warned us of these "wolves in sheep's clothing". He said : **"I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in AMONG YOU, not sparing the flock; and from among your OWN SELVES will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw the disciples after them."** Acts 20:29,30 RSV

The warning Paul gave to the Ephesian elders is relevant today, for Satan has not changed his methods or his tools. The sad thing is that many deceived elders and pastors think they are truly working for Yahweh by teaching against His law.

The law of Yahweh protects the "little flock" like a high fence. The Commandments keep the false prophets out and the disciples in. The light from the law exposes both false doctrines and the hidden temptations of sin. Therefore, the wolves, must try to knock down the fence, so they may lure the sheep out into the world, where they become easy prey.

Many of these false teachers say: "Jesus is Lord" yet they have become unsuspecting servants of Satan, the "great deceiver". Here are some of the distortions they use to undermine the law of Yahweh:

S "No one ever kept the Commandments perfectly."

S "Yahshua has fulfilled the law for us.

S "We are not under the law."

S "The law is only for the Jews."

These twistings of Scripture are simply excuses for sin; pleasant words for itching ears.

One very deceptive lie being taught by some is that we are indeed to **"obey the commandments"** but not the "Old Testament" Commandments. They say that the New testament commandments we are to keep are: **"You shall love Yahweh your Elohim / Adonai with all your heart ... and your neighbor as yourself"**. (See Matthew 22:37)

Yahshua did say that these were the most important commandments (precepts) in the Old Testament, because they compressed all the teachings of the Law and the prophets into two thoughts. But was He really giving us "new" commandments? Let us take a closer look...

Yahshua was quoting from the book of Deuteronomy:

"Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim / Adonai is one Elohim; and

you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:5-7 RSV)

The whole 6th chapter of Deuteronomy is about obedience to the WORDS of Yahweh, which Moses had just finished reading to the people of Israel. In both the Old Testament and the New we are taught to love Yahweh by keeping His Commandments. There is no other way! The apostle John left no room for misunderstanding about how we are to "love" Yahweh: **"For this is the love of Yahweh, THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS."** (1 John 5:3 RSV) WHICH COMMANDMENTS?

When Yahshua was asked this direct question:

"What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

Yahshua gave this direct answer:

"Keep the Commandments."

When the man asked: "Which" Commandments?; Yahshua quoted from the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament and added: "love your neighbor as yourself". (see Matthew 19:17)

Yahshua never revoked the law that he himself gave us. The scriptures teach that it could only have been through Yahshua that the Ten Words were written upon the tablets of stone over 3,400 years ago, it could only have been through him that Moses received the Law:

"All things were made through Him, and without Him Was not anything made that was made." John 1:3 RSV

"Yahshua Messiah the same yesterday, and today, and FOREVER." Hebrews 13:8 KJV

If there is any doubt in your mind which commandments we are to obey Yahshua Himself pointed Specifically to the Fifth commandment and called it both the COMMANDMENT of Yahweh and the WORD of Yahweh (not Moses) when he rebuked the Pharisees and the Scribes for their hypocrisy. They were teaching that it was all right not to provide for ones parents if the money was given to the temple as an offering. Yahshua said:

"And why do you transgress the COMMANDMENT OF Yahweh for the sake of your tradition?" Matthew 15:3 RSV

"Thus have ye made the COMMANDMENT OF Yahweh of none effect by your tradition." Matthew 15:6 KJV

"Making the WORD OF Yahweh of non effect through your tradition..." Mark 7:13 KJV

Yahshua did not condemn the Pharisees for keeping the law, but for disregarding it. His anger with all those who are **"teaching for doctrines the commandments of men"** has never changed. In Mark's version of this incident Yahshua added: **"You nicely set aside the COMMANDMENT OF Yahweh in order to keep your tradition."** Mark 7:9 NAS

As it was then, so it is now. If we would enter life we must trust only Yahweh's word, and turn away from the "leaven" of the modern Pharisees; those religious leaders who would teach us to set aside the Commandments of Yahweh and follow their "new" traditions.

Beware of those who smile and say: "Oh yes, we should try to keep Yahweh's Commandments, but if you don't, well, you are still saved by grace." That is a LIE! If you have grace you are able to do what Yahweh has commanded you to do.

THE "NEW" TRADITION

One of Satan's greatest accomplishments has been to get the "church" to set aside Yahweh's Sabbath day. He has caused many to disobey Yahweh by doing away with the Fourth Commandment. Please, don't listen to him! The seventh day Sabbath stands forever, just like the stone on which it was carved by the finger of Yahweh. You may search the scriptures end to end and you will not find one verse that says that the Sabbath was ever changed from the seventh to the first day of the week. Nor one verse that says the requirement to keep the Sabbath has been canceled. We can clearly see where Yahweh commanded us, to **"Remember the Sabbath day"**. (Exodus 20:8) Where did Yahweh change it? Since there is no scriptural authority for disregarding the Sabbath then it could only have been changed by the tradition of man! The TEN Commandments were given by the very mouth of Yahweh for all to hear that day on Mount Sinai. If you are not keeping the Sabbath then you are breaking Yahweh's law.

BUT WE ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW!

There has always been confusion sown into the church about Paul's position on the Law. Peter warned us that unlearned and unstable men would twist the teachings of Paul. (2 Peter 3:15) The apostle Paul himself settled the matter for all time. He said:

"Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but WHAT MATTERS IS THE KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS OF Yahweh."
1 Corinthians 7:19 ASV

"Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law." Romans 3:31 RSV

Therefore, knowing that Yahweh's word cannot possibly contradict itself we can be sure that when Paul said: **"we are not under the law"**, he did not mean that we are no longer required to keep Yahweh's Commandments. **"IF YOU WOULD ENTER LIFE..."**

I know that many of you who are reading this are still saying : "legalism" or "Phariseeism" or perhaps, "No!, Never!, Salvation is all by grace, I am not to do anything."

Friends, to you I can only let Yahweh's word speak: **"...he who DOES NOT OBEY the Son shall not see life, but THE WRATH OF Yahweh RESTS UPON HIM."** John 3:36 RSV

Surely all would agree that to OBEY the Son would require us to "do" something. That "something" is the total surrender of our self-life in obedience to Yahweh. Through that obedience we "work out our salvation (from sin) with fear and trembling." When we repent of sin and surrender our lives to Yahshua Messiah in faith, Yahweh puts His Holy Spirit into us

and by His strength and grace we are enabled to walk the narrow way that leads to eternal life.

As Yahshua spoke to his disciples following the sermon on the Mount, He warned them of the difficulties they would face along that "narrow way". He said:

"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way EASY that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are MANY."

"For the gate is narrow and the way is HARD that leads to (eternal) Life, AND THOSE WHO FIND IT ARE FEW. " Matthew 7:13 RSV

All of you who are seeking the way that leads to life; please listen to the words of Yahshua as he spoke to the "Rich Young Ruler". Try to imagine yourself to be the young (and very religious) man who sought out Yahweh on the hot and dusty road to Jerusalem. You approach the Master and ask Him: **"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"** Look into the eyes of the son of Yahweh, as He says to you: **"IF YOU WOULD ENTER LIFE, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS. "** Matthew 19:17 RSV

Adonai Yahshua is the same **"yesterday, and today, and forever"**, He did not have one plan of salvation for that young man and another for you. Will you listen to the theologians of the world (who don't even agree with each other) or will you let the simple clear words of Yahshua decide the issue?

If this message bothers you, and you go to your Pastor or counsellor for advice, I suggest you ask him this question: Do you keep the Commandments? (including the Sabbath?) If he says "No", remember this verse: **"The one who says, "I have come to know Him, " and does not keep his Commandments, is a liar, (false) and the truth is not in him."** 1 John 2:4 NAS

Let Yahweh's word alone guide your way. Do not trust someone because of their position, or good deeds, or pleasing personality, instead test them by the pure and simple teachings of the Bible. The truth will set you free, but a lie will kill you!

The Bible teaches that Yahweh's message to Man is very simple, it has never changed. It is this:

“FEAR Yahweh AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS : FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN. "

Ecclesiastes 12:13 KJV

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CLOSURE

It is hoped that this article has been helpful.

Father, in the Name of YAHSHUA may all that is according to Your Will and Your Word in this article find deep root in the hearts of the readers and if there is anything that is not of You let it find no root at all.

It is our prayer¹⁷ that the Elohim of our Adonai Yahshua Messiah, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power²⁰ which He worked in Messiah when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the Body,²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJ adjusted)

May YAHWEH bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you. In the name of Adonai Yahshua Messiah, King of kings and Adonai of lords. Amen.

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