

Remnants Walk

The one claiming to rest in Him, ought to walk, himself, even as He walked. 1 John 2:6

**All Scripture is written
by inspiration of
the Holy Spirit and is
profitable for doctrine,
for reproof, for
correction, for
instruction in
righteousness, so that
the man of Yahweh
may be perfected, and
complete for every
good work.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

... is a Worldwide Ministry aimed at restoring the Faith once delivered by Yahshua of Nazareth to the Congregations at its inception close to 2,000 years ago. This restoration needs to take place in order to reach those with ears to hear and eyes to see the truth from the lies, and so the good news of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. (*Matthew 24:14*)

We encourage all those who consider themselves to be true believers to ask: “which congregation do I belong to? The true faith our Savior Yahshua the Messiah set down in the year 30 CE, or the false doctrine, drenched in paganism and sun worship, as set up by Constantine in the year 325 CE?” The two are vastly different and we cannot serve two masters. (*Matthew 6:24*) One, a Hebrew Congregation with a Hebrew Savior that was completely Torah observant. The other was and still is a counterfeit, lawless church, sealed by the decrees of Constantine and implemented for the sole purpose of deceiving and enslaving mankind. (*Revelation 12:9*)

The articles contained in this publication are motivated by the Word of Truth, the Holy Scriptures, inspired by our Almighty Father Yahweh and Yahshua Messiah, His Son. Words made manifest through the power of the Holy Spirit. (*2 Timothy 3:15-17*)

May this free gift bring you closer to our Father Yahweh through His son, our savior and soon returning King, Yahshua the Messiah. In His wonderful name. Shalom...



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Personal

by Don Esposito

Greetings Brethren, And Shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua; the name above all names. It is truly amazing how fast time is moving forward, and even more than this, how fast this evil, wicked society of Satan the Devil has been changing toward total immorality and chaos.

And believe it or not this all started back in the late 1800's with the start of Darwinism and the false theory of evolution or as I like to call it 'evil-lution'. Evolution started what is known today as the progressive movement, and was the beginning of the covert movement to destroy the belief in Yahweh and creation, with Yahweh as Creator.

In the early 1900's international bankers took a great deal of control of the USA monetary system through the Federal Reserve Bank, which is neither federal nor an American banking system, but is made up of numerous international bankers. Once this happened the bankers were not only able to control the money supply in the USA, but they also had the resources to control the political landscape. They were able to back their progressive candidates with large sums of money and over the next 50 years win a great amount of elections, which meant they could lobby their candidates to change laws and push the society in the direction that they wanted to move it in, a communist/socialist manner.

This is how they changed abortion laws, and also laws removing prayer from school and restricting any form of the Bible or mention of Elohim in the school system. Now, more than 100 years later their plan is almost complete and Yahweh and His Word (the Holy Scriptures) has been almost completely eradicated from a society that was actually built on the principles of the moral law of the Ten Commandments.

The Bible today has gone from irrelevant in many circles to actually being labeled hate speech in others. And the entire educational system of Babylon/USA teaches evolution as fact without even mentioning the real truth of the amazing creation account in the book of Genesis.

And, the ironic part of the whole matter is that as science keeps finding out more and more in their quest for knowledge about the universe and creation, they keep coming up with more and more facts that prove the Bible is most accurate and their false theories of Darwinism and evolution from the late 1800's are simply not believable any longer.

The modern understanding of DNA, which shows in our gene code, shows that when DNA is altered that it equates with a mutate species, not a higher more sophisticated one. Also, the fact that every human is unique in his fingerprints, toe prints, and also even in his iris scan shows that only by select design by an awesome, loving Creator could such an outcome happen.

The Bible is the only book in the entire universe that was written over a span of 1,500 years with about 40 some odd writers, and yet, every book in the Bible has turned out to be completely accurate and corroborated by the other books written. And even prophecy in Scripture, such as the naming of King Cyrus of Persia, was written hundreds of years before he was even born.

2 Peter 1:20-21 *knowing this first, that not every prophecy of Scripture is made clear in its own book; for prophecy did not come by the will of man, but holy men of YAHWEH spoke when they were inspired by the Holy Spirit.*

This world is at an extremely serious point in history as the powers that be in this satanic global society are in the process of trying to eradicate all existence of Yahweh, the Creator, and His only begotten Son Yahshua. They are trying to do away with any fibre of the moral code of the 10 commandments and they are replacing Yahweh's Holy Word with an immoral, satanic, new age society that is only based on self and whatever feels good at the time. The true remnant of Yahweh must stand firm in His Word and the truth.

B'Shem Yahshua,

Elder Don

Is The Bible Infallible?

Reprint article.

The Bible is the world's best seller. It is the most widely distributed and read book on this planet. But it is also the most misunderstood and most criticized book ever written. Why?

Millions of people believe the Bible is the infallible Word of Elohim; to them, the Scriptures are inerrant. But to others, the Bible is merely a collection of ancient, uninspired writings that may have some historical, poetic and inspirational value. Is this venerable book, referred to by U.S. President John Adams as "the Volume of Inspiration," really the unquestionable, authoritative Word of the living Elohim? Bruce Barton once wrote a book about the Bible, entitled *The Book Nobody Knows*. Truly, many of those who believe in the Bible don't really believe it – because they don't believe what it says.

Opposing views

The professed agnostic Robert G. Ingersoll (1833-1899) wrote: "The real oppressor, enslaver and corrupter of the people is the Bible. That book is the chain that binds, the dungeon that holds the clergy. That book spreads the pall of superstitions over the colleagues and schools. That book puts out the eyes of science and makes honest investigations a crime. That book fills the world with bigotry, hypocrisy and fear".

Mr. Ingersoll also asserted: "Elohim made a great number of promises to Abraham, but few of them were ever kept, He agreed to make him the father of great nations, but He did not. He solemnly promised to give him a great country, including all the land between the river of Egypt and the Euphrates, but He did not...Their (Israel's) Elohim was quick-tempered, unreasonable, cruel, revengeful and dishonest. He was always promising, but never performed."

What about these claims? Many of the world's great men have been readers of the Bible and confessed that some of their beliefs and wisdom came from that book. President Abraham Lincoln, for instance, often read the Bible and regularly quoted from it.

Sir Winston Churchill was also familiar with many of the teachings of Elohim's Word. He said:

"We reject with scorn all these learned and labored myths that Moses was but legendary figure. We believe that the most scientific view, the most up-to-date and rationalistic conception, will find its fullest satisfaction in taking the Bible story literally.... We may be sure that all these things (mentioned in the Bible) happened just as they are set out according to Holy Writ; we may believe that they happened to people not so very different from ourselves, and that the impressions these people received were faithfully recorded, and have been transmitted across the centuries with far more accuracy than many of the telegraphed accounts we read of the goings-on of today."

Mr. Churchill went on to make this challenge: "Let the man of science and of learning expand their knowledge and probe with their known researches every detail of the records which have been preserved to us from these dim ages. All they will do is to fortify the grand simplicity and essential accuracy of the recorded truths, which have lighted so far the pilgrimage of man" (*Thoughts and Adventures*). What is the truth? Is there any accuracy in either of these widely divergent views?

The Bible Speaks

Now, let us look at the Bible, to see what it says about itself. David said, "*The words of Yahweh are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times*" (Ps 12:6).

Yahshua gave ample testimony to the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures. He referred to them as being the very Word of Elohim: "*And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He (The Messiah) expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself*" (Luke 24:27).

“And He said unto them, *“These are the words which I spoke unto you....that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me. Then He opened their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures”* (verses 44-45).

The Apostle Paul, writing in the middle of the first century, said: *“All Scripture is written by inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, so that the man of YAHWEH may be perfected, and complete for every good work.”* (2 Tim 3:16-17).

Humans visit museums and other repositories of historic documents such as Britain’s Magna Carta and America’s Declaration of Independence and stand in awe at the sight of those documents. How much more should we stand in awe of the very Word of the living Elohim?

Like a puzzle

Through the prophet Isaiah Elohim revealed that He deliberately inspired the Bible in such a way that it is not easily understood. Isaiah asked: *“Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? ...For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people* (Is 28: 9-11).

The Word of Elohim is written so that its various pieces must be put together like a puzzle picture. All the scriptures on any one subject must be viewed together to get the entire picture. But why?

Isaiah answers, *“That they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared and taken”* (verse 13). When Yahshua was asked why He spoke to the multitudes in parables, He said: *“Unto you (His disciples) it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of Yahweh; but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables; that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand, lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them* (Mk 4:11-12).

He is only calling out of this world His Congregation (Greek word for Church, ecclesia, means the “called out ones”). Speaking of true Believers, Elohim said, *“For the time is come that judgment must begin (right now, today) at the house of Yahweh”* (1 Pet. 4:17). Yahweh is now judging us – His Congregation.

Elohim has given the vast majority of mankind over to Satan to let him blind them at this time: *“But if our Good-News be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the “god” of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest light of the glorious Good-News of Yahshua, who is the image of Elohim, should shine unto them”* (2 Cor. 4:3-4).

How does Satan deceive the masses – the whole world (Rev. 12:9)? He does it primarily through false religious organizations and false clergymen: *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Yahshua. And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness”* (2 Cor 11:13-15).

Just as Satan often quotes scripture (e.g. Matt 4:6), so do his ministers, but they always either quote it out of context or put a clever but perverted twist on it: *“For we are not as many,”* wrote Paul, *“which corrupt the word of Elohim: but as of sincerity”* (2 Cor 2:17).

Yes, Elohim deliberately inspired the writing of the Bible in such a way that the worldly wise and the disobedient will misunderstand it and stumble over it. The Apostle Peter admitted that some of Paul’s writings were not easy to understand. He said that *“our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you: As also in all his epistles... in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do so also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction”* (2 Pet. 3:15-16).

How, then, are we, the elect, to understand Elohim’s Word? Isaiah informs us of the attitude required: *“But to this man will I look says Yahweh, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at My Word”* (Is. 66:2).

If we wish to truly understand the Bible, we must “Search the Scriptures” (Jn 5: 39) as did the open-minded Bereans (Acts 17:11). One must be careful about how he handles or expounds the Word of Elohim. Paul told Timothy, “*Study to show thyself approved unto Elohim, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth*” (2 Tim 2:15). Many, instead of “rightly dividing the Word of Truth”, corrupt Yahweh’s Word and, as Peter said, wrest it to their own destruction.

How inspired?

Just how was the Word of Elohim inspired? Peter tells us: “*We have also a more sure Word of prophecy... Knowing this first, that not every prophecy of scripture is made clear in its own book. For the prophecy (in the Scripture) came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of Elohim spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit*” (2 Pet. 1:19-21).

On some occasions when Old Testament prophets were inspired with a message, they themselves didn’t even understand it. The prophet Daniel said: “*And I heard, but I understood not: then said, O my Master, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.*” (Dan 12:8-9).

Apparent contradictions

Is the Word of Elohim infallible, or does it contain discrepancies, contradictions and untruths? You may have heard someone say, “The Bible is full of contradictions!” Or “You can’t prove anything in the Bible!” But are there any real errors in the Word of Yahweh?

Let us examine some so called biblical contradictions to prove the veracity of Yahweh’s Word. One of the most striking examples of a copyist’s error is found in 2 Chr 22:2, where we are told that Ahaziah was 42 years old when he began to rule. 2 Kg 8:26 says he was 22. Which is correct?

None of the original documents extant solves the difficulty for us. Obviously, a copyist error was made thousands of years ago, and has been perpetuated to this day. How did this mistake come about? It is clear what happened. Though the Jewish copyists were extremely meticulous and copied previous manuscripts letter for letter, human error crept in.

The Jews used letters to express numbers, and the ancient Hebrew letter for 40 was quite similar to that for 20 – so that one might easily be mistaken for the other. But Elohim has left us in no doubt as to which is the correct reading. Ahaziah was only 22, as mentioned in 2 Kg 8:26. The age given in 2 Chr 22:2 is incorrect. If Ahaziah was 42, he would have been two years older than his father Jehoram, who was only 40 when he died (2 Kg 8:17).

Elohim made the truth plain for those who want to know it. But those who want to stumble or scoff certainly may. Some think that the four accounts of what was written on Yahshua’s crucifixion contradict. What was actually written on Yahshua’s tree?

Matthew’s account says, “*This is Yahshua the king of the Jews*” (Matt 27:37).

Mark: “*The king of the Jews*” (Mark 15: 26).

Luke: “*This is the king of the Jews*” (Luke 23: 38).

John: “*Yahshua of Nazareth the king of the Jews*” (John 19:19).

The Bible shows that “Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross beam...and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin” (John 19:19-20). The Bible does not say that any one of the four titles was the only title written on the tree. Obviously, the answer to this supposed contradiction lies in the fact that the title on the tree was written in three languages. Each Good-News writer quoted from one of these, or else each combined a portion of what was written in two of the three languages. There is no discrepancy.

Scientifically accurate

The Bible is not a science textbook. Nonetheless, whatever the Scriptures mention is always scientific. Notice these accurate Bible statements: “*It is He that sits upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers*” (Isa 40:22). This verse clearly reveals that the earth is round, even though man did not discover this fact by himself until centuries after this was written.

“He (Elohim)...hangs the earth upon nothing” (Job 26:7). The earth is held in orbit around the sun by the law of gravity. But it is not fastened to anything material.

Notice the truth in this biblical statement: *“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of Elohim, so that things which are seen (the physical universe) were not made of things which do appear”* (Heb 11:3). In plain language, this verse says Elohim created the physical, material, tangible world that we see out of invisible, intangible, nonphysical essence – out of spirit or spirit essence.

Most scientists, steeped in evolution, are unwilling to admit the possibility that an intelligent, all powerful Designer of the universe exists. But they are forced to agree that, as the Bible says, the physical universe came into existence from that which does not now appear (spirit). It is hard for humans to realize that, just as the Bible says, *“In the beginning Elohim created (brought into existence) the heaven and the earth”* (Gen 1:1). Thus, you can envisage how scientists see the big bang as the sudden, explosive appearance of both space and matter from literally nothing.

Of course, Elohim most certainly did not use a big bang to create the universe. But the more research scientists perform, the more they are forced to admit that what the Bible says is true.

The Bible is true not only scientifically, but also historically. And, again, although the Bible is not a history book, whatever is mentioned as history in the Bible is always true. For example, just a few decades ago, skeptics doubted the very existence of ancient cities such as Nineveh and Sodom. But archaeologists have uncovered abundant evidence to prove that those cities actually existed, just as the Bible said thousands of years ago.

Is the Word of Elohim infallible? It certainly is. Yahshua said, *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away”* (Matt. 24:35). Through the centuries, many have tried – unsuccessfully – to discredit or destroy the Bible, *“But the Word of our Master endures forever”* (1Pet. 1:25).

Just how important is the Word of Yahweh – The Bible – in Yahweh’s eyes? We know that Yahweh is very concerned about magnifying and protecting His name: *“You shall not take the name of YAHWEH your Elohim in vain; for YAHWEH will not leave unpunished the one who takes His name in vain”* (Ex 20:7).

But Yahweh is even more jealous concerning His Word than He is for even His own name. *“For You have magnified Your Word above all Your name”* (Ps 138:2).

Of what real value is the Word of Yahweh? Why has Yahweh given it to men? King David said, *“Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light unto my path”* (Ps 119:105). Without that brilliant lamp, this world would be in total darkness. It is only through the light of Yahweh’s infallible Word that man can ever come to know who he is, where he came from, what is his ultimate destiny, and how he is to attain that incredible potential. By mankind doing away with the Bible, this world has become full of darkness, and evil with no moral absolutes.

It would be impossible for human beings to have any kind of true, real relationship with their Creator without having the Bible to learn about the will and character of Yahweh. Let us all thank the Great Creator, Yahweh for the precious gift of His infallible Word.

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Special Blessings for Those with Unbelieving Mates

Ephesians 4:2-3

Reprint Article

Do you sometimes feel you're fighting a losing battle with your unconverted husband or wife? Read this encouraging instruction from Yahweh's Word.

Joseph and Moses. King David, Hosea and Esther. What did these spiritual pillars, all have in common? The answer is surprising!

All were powerful and effective servants of Yahweh while their marital partners were either unbelieving (Hos. 1:2-3), outside the congregation of Israel (Gen. 41:50, Esther 2:10, 16-17) or just plain hostile (Ex. 4:26, 2 Sam. 6:20-23).

What eloquent testimony to the opportunities available today for those in the Congregation of Yahweh with nonmember mates!

Yahweh specifically promises special blessings for those with husbands and wives outside His Congregation. What are these blessings? Let's study Yahweh's Word to see. Expect some surprises.

A Special Service

Yahweh carefully spells out that members with unbaptized mates are called to special service in His Work. Notice: *"If any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she consents to live with him, let him not leave her. And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not leave him"* (1 Cor. 7:12-13).

How clear and precise. As long as the nonbeliever sincerely and seriously desires to maintain a normal family relationship, the marriage should continue.

Why? Why doesn't Yahweh immediately call both husband and wife into the Congregation? Paul says: *"Only as Yahweh has divided to each, each as*

The Master has called, so let him walk. So I command in the congregations" (verse 17).

Why is Yahweh so emphatic here? Why did Paul rule that, all other things being equal, members married to nonmembers should stay together? Notice verse 16: *"For what do you know, wife, whether you will save the husband? Or what do you know, husband, whether you will save the wife?"* The potential payoff in a non-member-mate situation is the possibility that an unbelieving husband or wife will someday respond to Yahweh's calling.

Notice I said **"someday."** Yahweh has plenty of time. We must patiently persevere. Some will answer, "but never my spouse, they have no interest!" However, there was a time that all of us were also in the world living a worldly life, with no interest in Yahweh. Don't sell Yahweh short, He can touch the heart of anyone, and remember *'Yahshua did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance'*.

Yahweh has lived forever, and has all the time in the world, but we need to learn PATIENCE! Also, when we show mercy and grace to our unconverted mate, we are having the wonderful ability, and example, of being like Yahweh is with us.

So, why does Yahweh choose to work this way sometimes? Remember when Yahshua came to His home-town of Nazareth? The Bible records that *"And He did not do many works of power there because of their unbelief"* (Matt. 13:58).

Why? Prejudice and preconceived opinions can block the flow of Yahweh's Spirit (Acts 7:51).

Consider your mate. Wrong examples, disillusioning childhood experiences, misplaced hopes, blinding materialistic pursuits, sheer hardness of heart—these can make it difficult for people to respond to a direct call from Yahweh (Heb. 3:7-8). So, Yahweh sometimes uses the indirect approach. No one is more clever, subtle, and skillful than the Master Designer of the universe (Dan. 2:20).

Outstanding Disciple character has impact (Matt. 5:14). Many with mates outside Yahweh's Congregation have so transformed themselves by the molding and fashioning influence of Yahweh's Spirit (Rom. 12:2) that they are beacons of Yahweh's way. Their mates have come up against the most irresistible force in this universe, the power of Yahweh's Spirit flowing out in kindness, gentleness, and patience (2 Tim. 1:7, Gal. 5:22).

Hundreds reading this article have seen Yahweh's hand at work in this complex situation. Yahweh would love to do the same for all of us (Eph. 3:20). On one condition. Here is the great caution Yahweh's ministers offer to those with unbelieving mates: *"Trust in YAHWEH with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding"* (Prov. 3:5).

Yahweh must do the calling

Don't take matters into your own hands (Prov. 21:30). Forget trying to engineer your mate's conversion. Remember John 6:44: *"No one is able to come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up in the last day."*

Realize the deep implications of that verse. Leave the calling in Yahweh's hands. No human has the eloquence, the skill, the prowess to accomplish what Yahweh hasn't yet accomplished.

Oh, how tempting it is for wives or husbands to *"accidentally"* leave certain *Remnant's Walk* articles displayed on the coffee table in the hope that their mates will happen to see them and – presto! – "join the Congregation."

How clever it seems to go along with a husband's or wife's social pursuits in the hope that he or she might feel somehow obligated to attend the next Congregational activity!

How many men and women try to subtly steer conversations their way so they can end by offering a foolproof (they think) list of arguments for the Congregation! Avoid these carnal gambits!

"This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and devilish. For where jealousy and contention are, there is

confusion and every foul deed" (Jacob 3:15-16). Such strategies usually boomerang miserably.

Remember, giving to get something in return is not Yahweh's kind of giving (Acts 20:35). That is mere merchandising. Respect your mate's position. Yahweh does. He forces no one to go His way. Man can choose not to obey.

Yet Yahweh does, however, look for opportunities to attract others to the truth through the sincere, selfless, submissive examples of His people (John 1:40-41).

1 Corinthians 7:16 is Yahweh's statement of intent in such cases.

Quite a few of those once overtly hostile to Yahweh's truth are now deeply committed members.

Miracles happen. There are always the bitter, incorrigible cases, the Nabals who do not learn (1 Sam. 25:25), who threaten the physical and spiritual survival of Yahweh's begotten children. Such cases need to be brought to the ministry. And at times, in cases of abuse, a spouse may even have to separate.

Yet, still, our primary job is to change ourselves, not our mates (Matt. 7:5). Never forget that through the workings of Yahweh's Spirit in our minds, Yahweh can reach people otherwise impervious to His call. Place the onus upon yourself to set the example of optimism, stability, discretion and efficiency. Yahweh will help (Jacob 1:5).

Yahweh may use your mate

There is still more. Members with nonbelieving mates are already serving Yahweh in ways they perhaps don't realize. Consider this: How many people receive a personal witness because they are friends or associates of your husband or wife? How many may have even checked out the website?

"You know John's wife? Well, she belongs to that Congregation of Yahweh, you know, the group that keeps Saturday and other Jewish festivals."

"Now keep this to yourselves, girls, but I hear that Mildred's husband has joined some religious group that believes America is the biblical Babylon. And you know, it really does make sense."

"I don't agree with your wife's religion, Smelvvinn, but it certainly seems to have changed her for the better!"

Get the picture? Yahweh may often use your mate's unconverted status to spread more of His truth into more lives and can further the Good News in ways you might not know (Ezek. 33:20).

Nonmember mates have numerous business and social contacts they might not have as baptized members. Unwittingly, they are often used to advertise Yahweh's Work in many more lives simply because they aren't members.

Don't be surprised if the talk about your "strange religion" (at which your husband or wife might argue with you to your face, but may defend you out in the world) will sow seeds that will eventually sprout (Eccl. 11:6).

Don't limit yourself. Yahweh can use your mate's nonmember status to shine His light into nooks and crannies of this world that the website or magazine might not penetrate.

Open your eyes to Yahweh's hand in your life. "Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained" (Prov. 29:18). Set a good example for your husband or wife's friends and associates. Quit wasting time idealizing out of all proportion the marriages where both mates are members. Every marriage has problems that are not seen (Eccl. 7:20).

Yahweh knows your situation. If He hasn't changed it yet, trust Him to know what He is doing (1 Cor. 1:25). One day we will learn that the great, magnificent Yahweh was far ahead of us all along (Job 42:2-3). Is that really so hard to believe?

Remember, life is not about getting your spouse saved, but life is a test for each of us to overcome in whatever circumstances that Yahweh has put us in, as He knows best what each of us needs to do this.

What about children?

What about the blessings Yahweh extends to the children of members with unbelieving mates?

It should be encouraging to note that the scripture explaining how the children in Yahweh's Congregation are "*holy or sanctified*" applies to those in this situation: "*For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified by the husband; else, then, your children are impure, but in such cases they are pure*" (1 Cor. 7:14).

How does Yahweh bless entire families if only one mate is baptized? Through financial stability, employment opportunities, healings and special protection (Prov. 11:11).

Many case histories in Yahweh's Congregation testify to this solid truth.

Yet, Yahweh often works a special work in the offspring of those with nonbelieving mates (Prov. 11:21).

Many are the young people inspired by parents battling for their beliefs in uphill struggles against antagonistic mates. Sometimes it prods them to think more deeply about Yahweh's Congregation at an earlier age than they would if both parents attended.

They learn to "*count the cost*" (Luke 14:28) early.

This should be inspiring. Was John Mark's father ever a member? Probably not. Only his mother is mentioned in Scripture. Yet, she was a vital part of the early Congregation (Acts 12:12). What did righteous, capable Kings Azariah, Hezekiah, and Josiah, have in common? All three were the products of righteous mothers who steered their sons in Yahweh's ways even while their fathers were weak, wicked, or both (2 Kings 15:1-3, 18:1-3, 22:1-2).

No easy task in a time when the wrong word or look from a king spelled instant death!

These noble mothers remind us there is sometimes more intensity and sincerity in training children the right way when only one mate is a believer. There is a strong prod to make the most of every day.

And don't only look at your children right now, but think about how maybe the seeds your planting may come to fruition much later, maybe even after they are married and have children of their own. The foundation you are laying now is bearing fruit, even if you don't see it yet, and even if it is for them to make the Kingdom in the White Throne Judgment, in which without your guidance, it could have been the Lake of Fire.

Fathers: Lead the family

Fathers, if your wife resents your family Bible studies, compensate for it by setting a vibrant, enthusiastic example at the supper table (Prov. 15:7). Does your mealtime conversation sparkle? Are you a lift to everyone's day (Prov. 12:18)?

Do your children look forward to your coming home? Are you the one they're going to remember as the real fireball of the family, the one they could count on for a friendly word or a pep talk when necessary (Matt. 5:13)?

Or do you selfishly bemoan your life situation and miss the daily opportunities to show your offspring that Yahweh's way of life is truly the abundant life (John 10:10)?

Remember, enthusiasm is contagious. Our children will remember how we live.

Ask Yahweh to help you shed false pride and worldly concepts of masculinity. Humbly beseech Yahweh to help you guide your children. Learn to express love and warmth.

Serve your family. Plan the right balance of wholesome recreational activities. Utilize family outings to shrewdly drive home basic lessons: Nothing good comes without effort. Lose gracefully without competition. Persevere. Plan wisely. This is more effective than preaching or lecturing.

Surround your children with a warm, hearty, masculine exuberance for life and its challenges and, when bedtime comes, occasionally kneel down and lead them in thanksgiving to their spiritual Father who blesses, protects and teaches us. Few people will resent this!

Many men with wives' hostile to the Congregation outflank the problem by just such a strategy (Prov. 24:5). They are richly blessed. Their children know who the happy parent is in their family. Does yours?

Mothers: Instill biblical principles

Women with nonmember mates can work with their children on simple areas such as righteous conduct, and basic table manners, politeness, respect for elders, punctuality, orderly schoolwork, and successful performance of chores.

These are biblical principles. Wisely schedule the time for Bible lessons you want to cover. Appreciate your husband's sensitivities and sore spots. Pick a time when your mate will not feel like the Congregation is competing with him in his involvement with the family.

Or what about family photograph albums? This can lead to wholesome, righteous discussions on thankfulness, looking on the bright side, changing times, customs, morality. But stay on top of the situation by first seeking wisdom from Yahweh (Jacob 1:5).

Your special calling...

Remember the story of King David with Abigail. Abigail had an unconverted husband who nearly got their whole family killed. Think about how difficult it must have been for Abigail to live with such an evil husband. And yet she was happy, she persevered, she passed her test with Yahweh and grew in character to actually become the lawful wife of King David and to raise royal heirs for the Kingdom.

Also, what about Queen Esther? She was forced into an arranged marriage with a foreign pagan king who she did not choose to marry. Did she sulk, or think about how different her life could have been?

No! She embraced her life with the situation that Yahweh put her in to save the nation of Judah, and realized that she was put in that circumstance not by accident, "**For such a Time As This**".

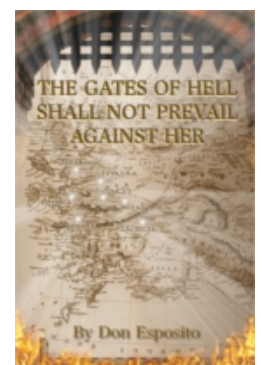
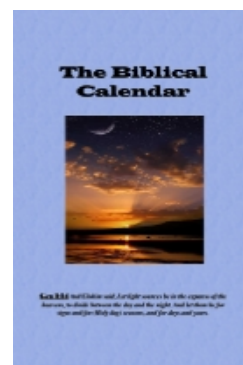
You also have been put in your circumstances for such a time as this! Embrace it, help others who also have unbelieving mates, this can be part of your ministry, and also part of your great reward with Yahweh.

Refuse to be pushed around by life's circumstances

(Prov. 24:10). Yahweh called you alone and you can make it on your own, with His help, if you have to. Look upon your mate's nonmember status as your extra incentive to develop tact, wisdom, resourcefulness. Refuse to indulge in self-pity. Wake up to your opportunities.

Yahweh, by placing you in the special category of bearing His way of life before your family's scrutiny and daily observation, has given you a terrific vote of confidence.

How? Because, calling you in that way, He knew you could handle it, with His help (1 Cor. 7:24). What a special calling you have. Make the most of it! Remember, life is a TEST! And our real bridegroom for eternity is Yahshua. The Kingdom is just around the corner!



Could you Be BRAINWASHED?

Could you be hypnotized? Should you keep your mind open, or closed? No question is more important. Be sure you understand. YOU NEED to think about this. There are things you need to know about your mind.

Various reports came out of Russia about what happened to the captured American U-2 pilot, Francis G. Powers, in 1960. One feature story in a London newspaper reported that Mr. Powers had been brainwashed.

The report described the process. He had been kept in solitary confinement for weeks, allowed to see no human being except one “examiner.” The lights in his small cell were kept extra-ordinarily bright day and night. At first, he was denied food. He was sharply questioned.

When his answers were not what the examiner wanted, he was beaten severely. Then he was left absolutely alone for days. Then, gradually, as he began to be willing to give the answers the examiner wanted, he was given a little food.

Finally, he was brought around to actually *believe* he had committed a terrible wrong against Russia—that Russia was in the right. By the time of his show-case “trial,” which was a farce for purposes of world-wide propaganda, Powers had become docile, completely co-operative. He said before the world precisely what the Russians *wanted* said.

Everything Else Worthless Without it!

Could the Russians brainwash *you*? Don't be too sure! You need to know the TRUTH about your mind!

We are told that we should keep an open mind. Yet it was the very fact that Mr. Powers *opened* his mind, that allowed the Russians to inject psycho-logical poison into it. Not only that. They probably warped and ruined his mind for life! Should we, then, keep our minds *closed*? This is a question you need to understand. Very few do!

What would *anything* be worth to you, without your mind? *Your mind is your most precious possession!* Suppose that on the outside of your head you had beautiful hair, ears, nose, mouth, eyes—but no mind on the inside! Suppose you had a neck, shoulders, arms, torso, legs and feet—but no head—no brains—no *mind!*

Suppose you owned vast possessions, and had a hundred million in the bank—but no mind! **WOULD ANYTHING BE WORTH ANYTHING TO YOU?**

Our Minds Are FED

Yet most people have little or no conception of the IMPORTANCE of the mind. And most people—psychologists and psychiatrists included—*do not understand the mind!* They are in ignorance of the reason Yahweh created it. They do not understand the true PURPOSE of the mind, or how properly to possess and use it!

Being in total ignorance of Yahweh's purposes, right uses, and the potential destiny of humans, a new “profession” has sprung up in the world—based on human reasoning in ignorance—called psychiatry. These people pose as mind doctors. They pretend to cure neuroses, and bring patients “peace of mind.” This misguided profession was started, in its modern form, by Sigmund Freud and the school of contemporary psycho-analyst led by, Alexander Rado and their ilk. The world accepts them and dignifies them with the title “doctor.” Yet none needs his mind examined so much as these supposed mind doctors!

Colleges and universities teach courses in Psychology. Yet the authors of their textbooks, and the professors who teach it, are in ignorance of the real TRUTH about the human mind — its PURPOSE, and proper use.

Few realize that our minds, like our stomachs, *need to be fed!* And, in school, they get fed! But they *get fed* a diet of error mixed with truth. They still are eating away at that same tree of KNOWLEDGE of “good and *evil*” our first human mother partook of and fed to our first human father, Adam. They are fed a diet of mental poison mixed with material truth, but devoid of spiritual knowledge.

If you put in your stomach a mixture of health-giving wheat and vegetables, mixed with an equal portion of potassium cyanide, it will kill you in a few moments. If you eat a mixture of good food and excessive starch, sugar, fat, and unclean meats—as nearly everyone does—you are committing suicide on the installment plan. This diet will slowly poison your system, produce numerous diseases, and kill you in ten to sixty years.

And if you allow your mind to be fed on the usual diet of truth mixed with error, your mind is being slowly drugged, and it will perish, along *with* your body—in a final Lake of Fire!

Our bodies require food composed of a proper balance between the alkaline and the carbohydrate elements. But we leave out, take out, or cook out, most of the alkaline elements and consume an overdose of the carbohydrates, which produce most of our diseases, including colds and fevers, rheumatism, hay fever, diabetes, cancer and heart troubles.

And in our mental diet we imbibe an overdose of materialistic knowledge almost to the exclusion of the spiritual; and even in materialistic teaching our schools mix exact and factual knowledge with erroneous hypotheses, speculations and errors based on human conjecture, reasoning and ignorance. Truly, we are in the age of fake news and mind control.

“Not All There!”

We ridicule supposed fools or the mentally deficient, saying they are “not all there.” The fact is, most of those who teach us what we take into our minds in school and college, are most assuredly “not all there.” The fact is, we were all born only “*half* there!”

I have said so many times that we were all born *incomplete!* We were born of *the flesh*—and we *are* flesh. Yahweh formed man, not out of spirit, but “of the dust of the ground”—of the earth—earthy (1 Cor. 15:48-49).

We were made to need FOOD to live. But, as Yahshua Messiah said, man was made to live, not by bread alone, but by every Word of Yahweh

—that is, not merely by material food, but by the spiritual food we receive from the Holy Bible!

But man has cut himself off from Yahweh! There is an absolute, impenetrable BARRIER between natural, carnal minded man and Yahweh. Man can receive *spiritual* food only from Yahweh! And remember—you do not receive spiritual food into the stomach, but *into the mind!*

And so it is not the body, but the MIND that “is not all there”—that is born incomplete! And when I say that Yahweh did not create Adam *complete*—that the creation of Genesis chapter one describes only the *material* creation, I am referring to the deficiency of MIND, primarily.

True, our bodies, being material, now last only an average of some 75 years for adults. True, if we are converted, and to be given ETERNAL LIFE, even our vile, corruptible bodies are to be changed from matter to spirit instantaneously, at the time of the resurrection.

But it is the MIND, not the body, which can receive the *spiritual* food during this life—and *must* be fed Yahweh's true spiritual diet IF the body is to be changed.

What Adam and Eve rejected, in the Garden in Eden, was the fruit of the tree symbolizing Yahweh's HOLY SPIRIT!

It is man's MIND that is incomplete—not “all there”—for this life. His MIND was made to *need* Yahweh's HOLY SPIRIT. Yahweh's Spirit being received into our minds is the impregnation of the very YAHWEH-LIFE, begetting us as Yahweh's children. It adds the SPIRITUAL or DIVINE content to the material content of our minds. It introduces into our minds a totally new attitude, means of mental approach, viewpoint, concept, capacity of comprehension.

The natural carnal MIND has no capacity whatsoever for comprehension of SPIRITUAL TRUTHS. The unconverted, naturally born carnal mind therefore, *cannot understand the BIBLE!* A natural mind may grasp a few of the materialistic portions of the Bible—and it contains material as well as spiritual knowledge, in properly balanced proportion—but no carnal mind can comprehend and truly UNDERSTAND the spiritual revelations of Yahweh's Word!

1Co 2:11 *For who among men knows the things of a man, except the spirit of a man within him? So also no one has known the things of YAHWEH except the Spirit of YAHWEH.*

1Co 2:12 *But we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from YAHWEH, so that we might know the things that are freely given to us by YAHWEH.*

1Co 2:13-14 *For the things which we discuss, are not dependent on the knowledge of words and man's wisdom, but on the teaching of the Holy Spirit, thus explaining spiritual things with the spiritual minded. 14 But the material man rejects the things of the Spirit of YAHWEH, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

Yes, Actually CRAZY!

Without this BASIC revelation of spiritual TRUTH, no system of knowledge can be complete. The SPIRITUAL revelation is the foundational knowledge. It is what we need first, not last! The knowledge of what we are, why we are—that is, the PURPOSE of life—our potential DESTINY, the spiritual LAWS OF LIFE—the WAY to peace, happiness, prosperity and everything good—this is FOUNDATIONAL knowledge. None of this world's leaders possess it. The knowledge man is equipped to discover and acquire by his own processes—the knowledge receivable through the eyes, ears, sense of feel, smell and taste—may be added to this foundation.

Then, human REASONING, coming from a Spirit-led mind, BASED ON THIS TRUE FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE, leads to correct and truthful conclusions.

But man, CUT OFF from this foundation on which to build—in ignorance of the very factual BASIS for his reasoning and speculating, has arrived at erroneous conclusions. And these false conclusions formulate a very large portion of the organized knowledge—the store of knowledge in this world's libraries, and in the text books used in this world's education. And day by day our children are brainwashed and indoctrinated by these false perceptions and false knowledge being taught in most academic circles.

The true FACT is, this world's psychiatrists are themselves actually and literally CRAZY—if you understand the true meaning of the word!

Two of these quack psychiatrists, to my personal knowledge, testified in court that a woman was insane, and needed to be committed, for no reason other than that she studied the Holy Bible to learn how to live and how to rear her children! Had this woman not been represented at the trial by an alert attorney, she would have been committed to an institution, deprived of her freedom—her children torn from their loving Christian mother and made wards of a cold, heartless court! But actually, and literally, it was these self-professed mind doctors who were insane. Their minds simply were not “all there.”

They were in ignorance of foundational, basic TRUTH. Their reasoning was based on false hypotheses, assumed and carelessly taken for granted. They based reasoning on error. Yet they merely had swallowed unquestioned, what certain text books fed them, authored by other misguided and ignorant men!

Actually, the carnal, unconverted mind—containing its physical content only, devoid of the spiritual, knowing only what PHYSICAL knowledge can be received through the five senses—is a mind bound to go off into false and erroneous ramifications of ideas, suppositions, hypotheses, speculations, and believe a ridiculous and weird system of myths!

Yahweh's Holy Spirit is the Spirit of a SOUND MIND (2Tim 1:7)—and no mind, without the Holy Spirit, can be SOUND in its thinking and reasoning. Perhaps the old Quaker, after all, was right. He said to his wife: “Martha, does thee know, the longer I live the more it seems to me that just about everybody, except me and thee, is a little odd; and does thee know, Martha, sometimes it even seems to me that even THEE is just a little bit odd!”

Guard the Door of Your Mind

You need, above all things, to guard the door of your mind! HAVE A CARE what enters there! You, and you alone, have the stern responsibility for guarding that precious door!

Should you, then, have an OPEN mind? Or, to prevent being brainwashed or hypnotized, should you keep your mind CLOSED? The answer: GUARD THE DOOR OF YOU MIND!

Keep, without prejudice, a questioning mind. I do not mean a negative mind, hostile and against everything. Yahweh's Word commands us to “PROVE ALL THINGS.” You can question, before accepting and believing, without negative prejudice. OPEN your mind to what is proved TRUTH; RID your mind of bias. Do as the Bereans were commended for doing. When the Apostle Paul came to Berea, they did not know whether he was an apostle of Yahweh or a false prophet.

So, they opened the door of their minds, without hostile prejudice which would be only a barrier to the entrance of TRUTH into the mind—but yet with QUESTIONING minds—they opened the door just far enough to listen, to examine, and to prove, before accepting. They searched the SCRIPTURES daily, whether these things were so. Finding them proved, they ACCEPTED the TRUTH!

The answer is, that your mind should never be prejudiced. Neither should it be gullible.

NEVER TAKE FOR GRANTED what you read, or what you hear. Never accept anything just because others do.

And in this evil age that we live in where Satan, the prince of the power of the airways can indoctrinate your mind literally 24 hours a day through the Internet, smart phones, TV, and every form of social media, we need to be guarding our mind and abstaining from such worldly influences. And even subliminal messages can be transported to your mind online!

Could you be HYPNOTIZED? Many people can. I have seen it done. Today, many people are going insane and killing other people and themselves because they allowed Satan an in to hypnotize them through drugs, bad music, social media, and other brain altering methods of addiction.

Addiction is a form of hypnosis, and even being addicted to certain bad foods can cause your mind to be brainwashed.

White sugar suppresses the immune system and is highly addictive and if overloaded with it, it will cause brain fog and with time can damage your body and mind.

Yahweh made your mind so that NO ONE can “cram his thoughts down your throat—or rather, into your mind. Yahweh, also, won't, by force, put TRUTH into your mind. Unless you are willing, and voluntarily accept it, you can never receive Yahweh's TRUTH. Conversely, even Satan the Devil has no power to force error into your mind. You have to give him permission by willingly using the devices that he has maintained to control someone's mind.

YOU ARE A FREE MORAL AGENT! Yahweh granted you this freedom! And, with it, the stern responsibility for what you accept, believe, and DO!

As you sow, so shall you reap! We must stay on the narrow path, and reject all forms of worldliness that will pervert and corrupt our minds. We must constantly be guarding our minds and only be focusing on Yahweh's Word and Kingdom. Truly, we must be taking every thought into captivity into the obedience of Messiah (2 Cor 10:5).

Have we passed... The Point of No Return?

According to the free dictionary the definition of the point of no return is as follows:
Point of no Return

1. The point in a course of action beyond which reversal is not possible.
2. The point in the flight of an aircraft beyond which there is insufficient fuel for return to the starting point.

If you look at the above definition it is very clear that the point of no return is the point in any endeavor in which circumstances have moved so far that it is literally impossible to go back and change the circumstances.

The point of no return can be a good thing or a bad thing depending on what the situation is. Take for instance if someone is getting married; we know from the marriage covenant in Scripture that once the couple would say “I do” to the marriage vow that it would be past the point of no return to annul the marriage, the two would be joined in marriage until death of one of the spouses.

However, in this article, I mainly want to focus on the point of no return of this current system of Satan, and to show how far the world has gone that we are now at the point of no return for humanity in his rebellion of the Creator, Yahweh.

As human beings Yahweh tells us that “His ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts,” (Is 55:8-9).

And in a world that the normalcy bias is regular killings in churches, and schools, and public places, sometimes it is hard for brethren to see that this world has passed the point of no return in the eyes of Yahweh. And yet, almost daily, we see in the news either family members killing each other, sexual harassment in the workplace, or praise for people who become transgenders or homosexuals. Truly, this world has passed the point of no return!

Many will counter that claim with statements like “*But there has always been evil*”, and “look at history at places like Sodom and Gomorrah, they were more evil than today”. And, although, in one sense it is correct that evil has always existed, and Sodom and Gomorrah were evil, wicked places; however, when these places had come to their full of evil, or the point of no return, Yahweh destroyed those societies from off the earth for good.

Gen 6:5-7 **And YAHWEH saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the day long. And YAHWEH sighed with sorrow that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved to His heart. And YAHWEH said, I will wipe off man whom I have created from the face of the earth, from man to beast, to the creeping thing and to the birds of the heavens; for I repent that I made them.**

Also, look at the following:

Gen 18:20-21 **And YAHWEH said, The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and their sin is exceedingly heavy. 21 I will go down and see if they have at all done according to the cry coming to Me. And if not, I will know.**

Gen 19:12-13 **And the men said to Lot, Who still is here to you? Bring out of this place your sons and your sons-in-law and your daughters, and whoever belongs to you in the city. 13 For we are about to destroy this place, for the cry of them is great before YAHWEH, and YAHWEH has sent us to destroy it.**

So, there has always been good and evil in this world since Adam and Eve’s rejection of the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden, but here we see two different civilizations where the sin had increased so much, to the point that Yahweh had to erase every man, woman, and child, off the face of the planet. They reached the point of no return.

And in the end time, Yahweh prophesies the very same thing about this generation that we live in.

Luk 17:26-30 **And as it was in the days of Noah, so also it will be in the days of the Son of Man 27 They were eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, until the day Noah went into the ark. And the flood came **and destroyed all.** 28 And likewise, as it was in the days of Lot, they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building; 29 but on the day Lot went out from Sodom, YAHWEH rained down fire and brimstone from the heaven and **destroyed all of them.** 30 According to those things, it will be in the day the Son of Man is revealed.**

The very generation that we live in now is prophesied to have the same set of circumstances that caused both the society in Noah’s day and Sodom and Gomorrah to perish. It is saying that there would be such wickedness in this last generation that there was no more redeeming element to it, only Yahweh’s judgment to erase its memory from the face of history.

Rev 18:1-8 **And after these things I saw another cherub coming down out of Heaven having great authority, and the earth was lighted up from his glory. 2 And he cried in a strong, great voice, saying, Babylon the great has fallen! It has fallen, and it has become a dwelling-place of those possessed by demons, and a home of every foul spirit, and a home of every unclean bird, even the home of every unclean and hateful beast, 3 because of the wine of the anger of her fornication which all the nations have drunk, even the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her; and the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her trade. 4 And I heard another voice out of Heaven saying, leave the land of her, My people, that you may not share in her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues; 5 **because her sins joined together, even reach up to Heaven, and YAHWEH remembered her unjust deeds.****

Rev 18:6 Give back to her as also she gave back to you, and double to her double, according to her works. In the cup which she mixed, mix to her double.

Rev 18:7 By what things she glorified herself, and luxuriated, by so much give back to her torment and mourning. Because she says in her heart, I sit as a queen, and I am not a widow; and I shall not see sorrow.

Rev 18:8 Because of this, in one day her plagues shall come: death, and mourning, and famine; and she will be consumed with fire, for YAHWEH Elohim judging her is strong.

Mat 24:21 For there will be great suffering, such as has not happened from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be.

Mat 24:22 And except those days were shortened, not any flesh would live. But on account of the chosen, those days will be shortened.

Because of the normalcy bias in this world most don't see how wicked things really are and how far mankind has come away from the basic moral fiber of Yahweh's character laid out in the Ten Commandments. But neither did the people in Noah's day, or the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. They simply tried to do harm to those who witnessed to them of the evil they were performing, and to the consequences of their sins.

Gen 19:9 And they said, Stand back! And they said, This one came in to visit, and must he always judge? Now we will do evil to you rather than to them. And they pressed on the man, upon Lot violently, and drew near to break the door.

Unfortunately, we have the same circumstances today. As technology is multiplying exponentially so is mankind's ability to use that technology in more evil ways and this world has hit the point of no return. The point where they have passed the threshold for change, and the results that we have been seeing the last 5 to 10 years, seem to be irreversible.

This is in part because of the brainwashing and indoctrination of our youth by the progressive educational system for almost 100 years now. It started with the Darwin revolution and the teaching of our children of a creation without a Creator, and it continued with taking prayer out of school, and instilling in our children evil ideas such as safe sex, instead of abstinence until marriage.

However, up to this past decade many of the evil ideas that Satan tried to push on society were a matter of one's religious belief system instead of something they dealt with every day of their lives. Homosexuality is a point of reference in this area. Before becoming law in the USA and a human right by the Supreme Court in 2015, it was simply something someone believed in or did not believe in.

However, now that it is not only legal, but actually even encouraged, you see openly gay people in every facet of life. And now it is not simply a religious belief to our children, but they have gay teachers, and doctors, gay lawyers, and friends. And in a recent survey taken on Christians' support for gay marriage it went from 38% in 2015, to 58% in 2017. **Truly, We have passed the point of no return!**

Not only is the divorce rate in the USA at around 58%, but now for the first time in history, more than 50% of couples are simply cohabitating without getting married. And since the US Supreme Court has denied the fact that the very definition of marriage is between one man and one woman, society cannot last even one more generation without the backbone of the marriage covenant that it was created on.

Since the creation of the world, and Adam and Eve, back in Genesis the first chapter, the marriage covenant is the only institution that has lasted for almost 6,000 years in all societies and places on earth, because it is the very root of procreation and even civilization itself. And without it, mankind with a corrupt human nature is past the point of no return.

The reality is that as humans we are creatures of habit, and when people are allowed to do evil over and over again and there are no consequences, then the evil nature and mindset waxes worse and worse, until there is no redeeming value left to it. ***Ecc 8:11*** *When sentence on an evil work is not executed speedily, on account of this the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.* And it is the same with believers who do not repent and change from their fallen human nature but continue to practice sin.

Let's take a situation like someone committing adultery on their spouse. And then, they will leave the spouse and cohabit with the adulterous woman. At first the adulterous person will feel remorseful for their actions, and feel a certain amount of guilt when they are in a sinful situation. They may even apologize to their children for the harm that they caused. However, as time goes on, and they continue in this sin and they see no consequences, and their lifestyle becomes normal to them, then they actually no longer even see their adultery as wrong, and there is no longer even an ounce of remorse for what they did.

It is just the opposite! They actually become emboldened, and now instead of feeling remorse to the wife that they left or the children they hurt, they start to feel bitter toward them, and brainwash themselves into believing that somehow, they have been the wronged party. They grow more bitter over those they have hurt and repentance will never come because they justify their decisions and believe that they haven't done anything wrong. **They have passed the point of no return!**

The unpardonable sin is unrepentant sin, and when someone lives a lifestyle of sin repeatedly, and it becomes normal to them with no remorse or regret, then they have passed the point of no return! In our calling, after we have committed to living the way of life of Yahweh according to His Torah, and we are baptized into covenant relationship with Him, we have also passed the point of no return. There is no turning back, only a joyful looking ahead to the Kingdom of Yahweh and eternal life as a child in that Kingdom. ***Php 3:13*** *Brothers, I do not count myself to have reached the goal, but one thing I do, forgetting the things behind, and stretching forward to those things before, 14 I press toward the goal to receive the prize of victory of the highest calling of YAHWEH in Messiah Yahshua.*

Sadly, some start this walk and actually are baptized and pass the point of no return, but then, they do turn back and go back to the world. Either the cares of life, or some sort of so called offense, or many times it is that they never really repented of their sins and never really came out of the wicked world around them. So, they walk back to the world and lose out on eternal life. ***2Pe 2:20-22*** *For if, when they have escaped the pollutions of the world by the knowledge of our Master and Redeemer, Yahshua the Messiah, they become again entangled in the very same things and are overcome by them, their latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it was better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than having recognized it to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But the word of the true proverb has happened to them: "The dog returns to his own vomit; also, the sow that was washed, to wallowing in the mud.*

The world has passed the point of no return and is simply waiting for the appointed time of Yahweh's wrath to allow them to reap what they have sown. But, the people of Yahweh, the sheep of Yahshua, have also passed the point of no return by coming out of Satan's wicked society and sanctifying their lives to Yahweh to be servants of His in His Kingdom forever. May we focus on this wonderful joy every day of our lives and always be looking forward toward the Kingdom and not backward as we have already passed the point of no return.

We are Called to a BETTER Resurrection

Has Yahweh required more of some to gain a better resurrection? Is immortality the only reward of the saved? Why are those to be saved in the Millennium not required to war against Satan?

Today's War against Satan

In this age believers must fight in a spiritual warfare against the wicked spirits. Notice Ephesians 6:12, *"For our conflict is not with flesh and blood, but with principalities, and with those in authority, and with the possessors of this dark world, and with the evil spirits [the margin reads wicked spirits] that are beneath heaven.* But in the world tomorrow everything will be different!

Yahshua Messiah, and those of us born into the family of Elohim, will be ruling this earth! Peace will come. Satan and his demons will no longer deceive the nations! There will be no more religious confusion. *"And they shall no more teach each one their neighbor, and each one his brother, saying, know YAHWEH; because all shall know Me, from the least of them to their great ones"* (Hebrews 8:11).

Yes in that happy day there will be no more persecution from relatives or neighbors. Everyone will know the ways of Yahweh!

But why has Elohim allowed Satan and his demons to fight against believers today? Why this *added* warfare?

Yahweh has required us to go through more trials today to receive eternal life than will be required of those to be born in the Millennium! Why? Notice the examples of Abraham, of David, and of the prophets. Abraham looked far beyond what many of us do today. He had more prophetic vision than most of us today.

These worthy men of old went through many *terrible things* in their lives of obedience to Yahweh. Notice verse 34 and 35 of Hebrews 11: *"quenched the power of fire, escaped the mouths of the sword, acquired power from weakness, became strong in war; made armies of foreigners to yield. Restored to women their sons, raised people from the dead; but others were beaten to death, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a BETTER RESURRECTION."*

Did you notice that? Here is one answer to this enigma. Here is why Yahweh has required more from some than others! Those called and chosen in this age - and all past ages - are called to a better resurrection!

Yahweh has not required more of some and less of others to gain immortality, but HE has called some to HIGHER OFFICES in a better resurrection. These have required more training, more experience and more overcoming to qualify for higher offices. Remember the gifts and the calling are of Yahweh! Yahweh does at times call some to higher office than others.

Have you ever thought that one resurrection might be better than another? The first resurrection of which this refers, is to immortality and rulership in the Kingdom of Yahweh.

A Higher Calling

Yahweh has in general called those of this age to higher positions in His kingdom, than those who come after. Notice in your Bible, how Yahweh millenniums ago selected the man to rule over Israel. Later, He added the twelve apostles to rule various tribes. Now He is calling or inviting others to fill lower positions under these men. Yahweh usually calls those with the highest office first. He is calling us to positions of authority above those who will come in the ages to follow. They too will have opportunity to rule in the Kingdom of Yahweh, but, in a lesser way.

Think of the billions of people who have either lived and died before us, or who will live after us in the millennium. And yet, how few in comparison He has called in this age. He is now calling out just a few to serve in these higher places. On the other hand, some who are called now, may not overcome as they should and not attain to the high office that Yahweh has called them to. Possibly some who follow after, who do overcome more will be over them in authority.

Yahweh has provided a better, a higher calling for us, "YAHWEH having foreseen something better concerning us, that they should not be perfected without us" (Heb. 11:40). In other words, those for the resurrection consist of a definite number. Those of past ages are not complete without us. The bride of Yahshua is being selected in this age and is a complete body. When it is complete, when it becomes the bride of Yahshua, others will not be added to it. Rev. 19:7 tells us of the marriage of the Lamb to His wife. The others that come after will have their reward; however, they are nowhere called a part of the bride of Messiah. This may have much greater significance than you realize.

Congregation of the Firstborn

Read on through Hebrews 12, and notice particularly verse 23. Here is mentioned "and to the congregation of the first-born." Remember that in ancient times it was the custom for the firstborn to receive the greater share of the father's estate. Yahweh is to make us heirs of all things. And yet who will receive the greater share?

The Firstborn! They will have greater opportunity for service. They will be in higher positions of authority in Yahweh's Kingdom. The one, who has the highest office, *can more effectively help more people.*

In this place the word "firstborn" is somewhat misleading. The word in the Greek is plural. In other words, if we were to translate it correctly in English, we would say the "firstborn ones."

There are more than one who will be firstborn. At the resurrection *many sons* will be born at once. These all will be the *first-born ones*. They will have an earlier opportunity for service in the Kingdom of Yahweh. They will have a greater opportunity of serving than those that come afterward.

In ancient times Yahweh called the firstborn of each family to serve Him. The firstborn failed and Yahweh had to call others to do this service. In the millennium, Yahweh will again use this same principle of using the firstborn for His *special* service in governing the world.

Ruling is Serving

When we first come into the Congregation, we often think that we do not want to rule in Yahweh's Kingdom. All we want is to be given eternal life. How *selfish* we are! We want to receive the benefits of eternal life, and yet we do not want to serve others.

The higher the position in Yahweh's Kingdom that we might attain, the more we will be able to serve and help others. It is even so today. Yahshua is the greatest servant of all, and that is because Yahweh has given Him the highest office. Those who will be in much lesser positions of authority are less able to as effectively help as many people as those in higher positions. And so, it is in Yahweh's Kingdom.

You should want to qualify for the highest office possible in Yahweh's Kingdom. If you are faithful over a few things in this life, Yahweh will make you ruler over many things in the one to come.

In a business or corporation of this world, the man at the top must have the best training and background. The man who is a janitor, or a door-keeper does not need the training or the experience of the president of the company. In like manner so is the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Those who have overcome the most, and surrendered the most in submission to Yahweh, and who have had the greatest experience, who have proved themselves more effectively than the others will have the highest position. Meaning, he has qualified to the highest position of service to others. The one with the most experience is Yahshua Messiah. And He will be the King over that kingdom.

The others who have high positions will be those who have the best experience, who have overcome more, and who have grown more spiritually and have borne the most fruit for the Kingdom.

Now maybe you can begin to realize why some must go through more in this life than others. They have been invited or called to a higher office in Yahweh's Kingdom. Yahweh has not put a different price on immortality, but He does require more of some than of others to qualify for the high position that He has called them to.

Think how much more experience those in the first resurrection will have than those who will come after. They will have 1,000 years more experience in ruling in Yahweh's Kingdom than those to come later.

Marvelous Prophecy About Our Congregation

It is impossible for us who are now mortal to fully realize the great high calling to which Yahweh has called us. We can only see a few of the more obvious things about this high calling. Notice Rev. 3:12. Here is a prophecy concerning our Congregation. Those that overcome of this Congregation will be "pillars in the temple of Yahweh at Jerusalem."

We refer to a strong person in the Congregation as a pillar in the Congregation. And so, it is in this case too. Those of this Congregation have been called to be at the temple in Jerusalem, the headquarters on this earth of the Kingdom of Yahweh. Our calling and office will be at Jerusalem. That will be our abode, our dwelling place. Just as Yahweh in heaven has His dwelling place so will we be at Jerusalem where we can be with Yahshua Messiah personally.

Reading on in this verse notice that we who overcome are to have the name of Yahweh upon us. Yahweh names things what they are. If we have the name of Yahweh, then we will be Elohim.

Here is another of the many, many places indicating that those who attain to the resurrection will be a part of the very family of Yahweh.

We also will have the name of this city of Yahweh – that is – the New Jerusalem. Does this make any sense to you? The city of the New Jerusalem you may think, is that city which Yahshua is preparing in heaven.

Yes, that is true, and yet a city is more than the buildings and the streets which it contains. A city is composed also of those people who live there. At the beginning of this verse Yahweh says that we will no more go out of the temple of Yahweh. We then will be residents of that city.

For more proof turn to Rev. 20:9. Here is a time pictured which follows the 1,000-year period. This is after the old heavens and the old earth are destroyed and a new heaven and new earth are made. The New Jerusalem comes to this earth, and Yahweh the Father comes to dwell on the earth. In this verse the angel tells John, “Come, I will show you the bride.”

Now remember that we of this age are called to be a part of that bride – those in the first resurrection. But what does the angel show John? A woman? No, he shows him the city the New Jerusalem. Why does he do this? He does this because the bride of Yahshua not only lives with Him in the New Jerusalem, but also rules from that city!

Here is where the saints of this age, those who overcome, and are a part of the bride of Messiah, will be centered.

In the previous age, those who overcame and had the spirit of the Philadelphian are to be at the temple in Jerusalem, Israel. The headquarters of the world. During the time of the new heavens and the new earth, we will be at the very headquarters of the UNIVERSE.

What a glorious opportunity and joy to look forward to! To be at the very headquarters of the universe, at the same place where Yahweh the Father, where Yahshua Messiah and many of the Holy Angels will dwell.

Yet Other Offices

But there are many more who will make up Yahweh’s Kingdom at that time. We find them mentioned in the 24th verse of Revelation 21 “And the nations of the ones *saved* will walk in its light; and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.” Yes, there are still rulers and kings in Yahweh's Kingdom. And they are not all at the New Jerusalem. They will come to the New Jerusalem, to visit it, and bring their gifts into it.

We certainly will not all look exactly alike. We certainly would expect to look in shape and form similar to what we look like today. The great change will be that we then will be *divine, radiant*, like Yahshua Messiah Himself, as we find described in Rev. 1:13-15.

For example, a grandfather may have several families that have come from him. He possibly has several children who have their own families, and they in turn have families. They may look quite different and yet be of the same family.

Yahweh has called many of us who were the foolish, the weak, the lowborn, and the despised to an exceeding “*high calling*” (1 Cor. 1:26-31, Lamsa translation). He has called us to confound the wise. He will confound them through us in the ages to come.

Think how great a responsibility Yahweh has offered to us, the firstborn! By serving in a greater position of authority, we will be able to help and to serve *more people more effectively. And not as mere servants or workers, but as literal children of the great Creator, Yahweh.*

Because of the joy that was set before Him, Yahshua Messiah endured His crucifixion. Maybe you too can now see better the *joy* that is set before you. Yahweh will not require of you more than you are able to bear. You *can* endure to the end! The way may seem difficult and hard at times. And yet you need not fall! “*Therefore, brothers, rather be diligent to make your calling and election sure; for doing these things, you will not ever fall*” (2 Peter 1:10).

If you do the things Peter mentions in this chapter, you will never fall. You will endure to the end. You will be in that *better* resurrection. You too will be a pillar in the temple at Jerusalem, Israel. You too will be an eternal resident of that Holy City, the New Jerusalem.

What You'll Be DOING in the NEXT LIFE

Are YOU one who won't *be* there—because *you're* deceived into a false salvation? Nothing is more misunderstood than the difference between “GRACE” and “WORKS.” Here is one of the most important articles ever published.

Reprint Article

The BIG Question

A woman explained recently what *she* expects to be doing through eternity. “I expect to just be sitting at Yahshua’s feet, looking up into His face,” she exclaimed. And this idea was so deeply implanted in her mind, nothing could shake her out of it!

It is perhaps ten times harder to unlearn error than to learn new truth. And nearly everyone who believes in Yahweh at all—or makes any profession of Christianity—has had one idea so deeply implanted in their mind that it is simply taken *for granted*—and almost impossible to root out!

Now I wouldn't enjoy lounging around in idleness with nothing to do for even three days—let alone for eternity! But THAT explains, I think, WHY some ministers falsely accuse Torah keepers of “proclaiming a salvation by WORKS.” Since we are to be SAVED, as your Bible states repeatedly, by GRACE, therefore these people simply cannot conceive of any WORKS whatsoever. They don't understand that the Believer's life is one of TRAINING for WHAT WE SHALL BE DOING through eternity IN THE NEXT LIFE. They miss the WHOLE PURPOSE of salvation! “Grace” is a term used in the Bible. It means an undeserved FREE GIFT — and unmerited PARDON.

Nowhere does the Bible teach earning your salvation by your own “WORKS.” But what most do NOT understand is that the Bible DOES teach, over and over again, that we shall be REWARDED according to our WORKS!

That has EVERYTHING to do with the question: “WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING IN THE NEXT LIFE—FOR ETERNITY?”

It has little or nothing to do with whether you GET THERE — but everything to do with what will be your STATUS — what you will be doing in the next life IF you are SAVED BY GRACE.

Please believe me, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF YOUR LIFE! You NEED to understand it. It's very VITAL to YOUR ETERNITY!

There's a Vast Difference!

WHY is it that so very FEW understand the great difference between being “saved by GRACE,” and “rewarded according to WORKS”?

To UNDERSTAND, you need to know what “salvation” is, and what “reward” means.

But first, UNDERSTAND. The word “works” translated from the Greek *ergon* means deeds, actions, business. The Bible uses this word primarily in two ways; and there is a vast difference.

When joined with “law,” as, “*the works of the law*,” primarily in Romans and Galatians, it refers to the RITUALS of the Law of Moses as pertaining to the sacrificial system. These were physical WORKS— *labor!* These laborious physical rituals – “the works of the law” – were a SUBSTITUTE for Messiah and the Holy Spirit, and were in force only until Yahshua. They were then ABOLISHED. The works of the law as connected to animal sacrifices and ritualistic works associated with it are even mentioned in the Dead Sea Scrolls.

There were certain other secular laws, such as statutes and judgments, that were not abolished.

Nor, of course, the great spiritual Law (Torah), the Ten Commandments, which define righteousness, the transgression of which is sin.

But where the word “works” appears alone, unassociated in the context with the “works of the law,” it usually refers to RIGHTEOUS acts — that is, GOOD works. In some instances, the context uses the word in the sense of evil works.

In this article we are concerned with “works” in the sense of GOOD works—righteousness —*not* with “works of the law,” rituals which, were abolished. “Salvation” means being saved *from* the penalty of sin—which is DEATH—for eternity—eternal punishment (*not* eternal punishing!).

But to be **SAVED** means, also, “preservation.” In this case, preservation of **LIFE**.

One verse in the Bible explains **BOTH**: “For the wages of sin is **DEATH**; But the gift of Yahweh is **ETERNAL LIFE** through Yahshua Messiah our Master” (Rom. 6:23).

The “wages” you **EARN** by the “works” of **SIN** is eternal **DEATH**. It is **ETERNAL PUNISHMENT** – and since the punishment is **DEATH**, and *not life*, it is eternal **DEATH**.

You *now* have only a chemical, temporary, physical existence, sustained by breathing, eating, drinking, and your physical heart continuing to beat and circulate your blood. Stop breathing, stop your heart beating, and you die – you cease to live – *almost instantly*. Stop eating and drinking, and you’ll die in 45 or 50 days. This physio-chemical life is only temporary.

So, to **PRESERVE LIFE** eternally means the **GIFT** of **ETERNAL LIFE** — spirit life — self-sustaining, **INHERENT** life.

Salvation, then, means to **PRESERVE** you **FROM** eternal death, the “wages” or consequences of sin, and to **GIVE** you inherent **ETERNAL LIFE**. So, then, **ETERNAL LIFE** is something **YOU DO NOT NOW HAVE**. It is something you have no power to supply, or give to yourself.

You can’t earn it by “**WORKS**.” No human ingenuity or scientific effort can prolong human life eternally. The only life that is eternal is **SPIRIT** life. A physical being cannot turn himself into a spirit being. Spirit Life comes as Yahweh’s free **GIFT**. Neither can you yourself erase the **PENALTY** of sins you have already committed — that is, **PREVENT** eternal **DEATH**. For “**ALL** have sinned” (Rom. 3:23). That includes **YOU**! You have brought on yourself the eternal **DEATH SENTENCE**, as a penalty!

The Bible teaches **NOTHING** about an “immortal soul.” On the contrary, it teaches, twice, that “the soul that sins, it shall **DIE**” (Ezek. 18:4, 20). Yahshua said the “soul” can be **DESTROYED** in Gehenna fire (Matt. 10:28).

What your own “works” have earned for you is the “wages” of **ETERNAL DEATH**.

You see, everyone has “**WORKS**” – either good, or bad! And your bad works have earned the wages of eternal **DEATH**. Good works can earn something, too — which I will explain later — but it is **NOT** “salvation” or eternal life!

Yahshua Messiah only, of all who have been human, has immortality (1 Tim. 6:16). Yahweh is **IMMORTAL** (1 Tim. 1:17). He has given eternal life, inherent, to Yahshua, who has eternal life inherent *in Himself* (John 5:26).

We may receive it, as Yahweh’s **GIFT**, through Yahshua Messiah (Rom. 6:23). Yahweh has eternal life **INHERENT**. He has it **TO GIVE**. You do **NOT** have it! You must go to Yahweh to get it!

But, your sins have **CUT YOU OFF** from Yahweh! (Isa. 59:1-2.) You are *so CUT OFF that you cannot reach* Him! There is an impassable **BARRIER** between you and Him, brought on by your **SINS**!

HOW, then, can you gain **ACCESS** to Almighty Yahweh (the Father), to receive from Him eternal life and salvation — **AS HIS GIFT**? Well, Isaiah says, “Let the wicked forsake his way” (Isaiah 55:6-8) – the way of **SIN**. And, further, **YAHWEH SO LOVED THE WORLD** [of sinners], *that He GAVE His only begotten Son*, that whosoever believeth in Him should **NOT PERISH**, but have everlasting **LIFE**” (John 3:16). Yes, but **HOW**?

The answer is in Romans 5:8-10: “But Elohim commends His love to us, in this that, we being yet sinners, Messiah died for us. Much more, then, being **NOW** justified by His blood...” **GET THIS!** “Being **NOW** *justified*” – **HOW?** – by “works”? No, by Messiah’s **DEATH** — by His blood. He shed His blood and **DIED**. He paid the death penalty *for you*, in your stead.

So, **IF** you repent of sinning – that is, turn around to go the **OTHER WAY** – forsake **YOUR** way – the way contrary to Yahweh’s Law (Torah), and turn to **YAHWEH’S WAY** – the way of His Law (Torah) – if you have thus **REPENTED** of sinning, and have *accepted* Yahshua Messiah as *your personal Savior* – *accepted His DEATH* as **PAYMENT IN FULL** for **YOUR** sins – accepted Him as personal Savior, not only from the **PENALTY** of past sins, but as *living* Savior to save you from **SINNING** (now and in the future), then you are **NOW** forgiven past guilt – you are now **JUSTIFIED** of your guilty past

But “*justified*” refers to the guilty past, not to the **FUTURE**!

So, **CONTINUE** this scripture: “...Much more, then, being now *justified* by His blood, we **SHALL BE SAVED** from wrath through Him...” Notice, being “**SAVED**” is yet in the future. We are now “justified,” by Yahweh’s grace – by Yahshua’s **DEATH** – and **SHALL BE** (future) “saved.” But, continue, verse 10 of Romans 5: “...For if, while being enemies, we were **RECONCILED** to **ELOHIM** through the death of His Son...” Here, you see, being **JUSTIFIED** by Yahshua’s death is **ALSO** being **RECONCILED** to Yahweh by His death.

Now continue, the same sentence: "...much more, being reconciled, **we shall be saved** BY HIS LIFE."

Not already "saved." But "*shall be saved.*" And HOW? Saved by the "blood of Messiah"? – by His DEATH? **NO!!!** By His **LIFE!** We are justified of past guilt, which had cut us off from access to Yahweh, by Messiah's DEATH – but SHALL BE, in the future, SAVED by His **LIFE.** He ROSE from the dead. He is a **living** Messiah!

Not saved by your "*works*" – saved by Messiah's LIFE, after having been forgiven your sins, and reconciled to Yahweh by Messiah's DEATH.

HOW Eternal Life Comes

So, with the sentence of eternal DEATH paid for us – our past sins, which put a barrier between us and Yahweh – JUSTIFIED – we are now RECONCILED to Yahweh – given access. And HE has ETERNAL LIFE inherent – self-contained life – to GIVE.

Yes, we are to be SAVED by the living *Messiah* – saved by HIS LIFE! That is, GIVEN eternal life as a GIFT, through HIS life – not through HIS death! We are forgiven by His death, but saved by His life.

But, specifically, HOW? Let the Apostle Peter explain: "REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Yahweh for the forgiveness of sins, and you shall RECEIVE the GIFT of the Spirit of Holiness" (Acts 2:38). On real REPENTANCE of sinning – a turning around to go the other way – to QUIT sinning – and on faith in Yahshua expressed by water baptism (Acts 8:35-37), Yahweh has promised WE SHALL RECEIVE HIS HOLY SPIRIT AS A GIFT. Not by our "works" – but by GRACE!

But how does THIS give us eternal life – salvation?

"If the Spirit of Him that raised up Messiah from the dead dwells in you, He that raised up Messiah from the dead shall ALSO [by a resurrection] make your mortal bodies *live through the indwelling of His Spirit in you*" (Rom. 8:11).

The scripture above quoted spoke of Yahweh's Spirit DWELLING in you. IF this Spirit is dwelling in you until death (the first), or AT THE TIME of the RESURRECTION – at Messiah's coming – THEN you shall be either resurrected IMMORTAL, or, if still alive, CHANGED from mortal to immortal instantaneously (1 Cor. 15:50-52 and 1 Thess. 4:13-17). *Then, you shall be immortal* – composed of SPIRIT – no longer human and composed of material flesh and blood. *Then you, too, shall have life inherent* – be FINALLY saved.

The receiving of the Holy Spirit, NOW, is the TOKEN PAYMENT – or the EARNEST payment from Yahweh on the gift of eternal life.

Notice: "... Messiah...in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our INHERITANCE, *until* the redemption of the purchased possession..." (Eph. 1:12-14). The Moffatt translation renders it in more understandable English, "...the long-promised Holy Spirit, which is the pledge and installment of our common heritage, that we may [in the future] obtain our divine possession..."

Those who have received Yahweh's Holy Spirit are NOW not yet inheritors or possessors of this eternal life – of this salvation. They are NOW HEIRS of Yahweh – co-heirs with Messiah (Gal. 3:29). They are now still mortal, not immortal. They are now BEGOTTEN sons of Yahweh – not yet BORN of Yahweh. They are now in the Congregation of Yahweh – not yet in the KINGDOM of Yahweh.

May We Go on Sinning?

But now what of that scripture that says: "... *you are not under the law (Torah), but under grace*" (Rom. 6:14). Now that you are UNDER GRACE – does this mean you are given license to disobey Yahweh's Law (Torah)?

Listen to Yahweh's answer: "*What shall we say, then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? Yahweh FORBID! How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*" (Rom. 6:1-2). Later, verse 12: "*Then do not let sin [transgressing Yahweh's Law (Torah)] reign in your mortal body, to obey it in its lusts.*"

Once again, verse 14: "*For sin [transgressing the Law (Torah)] shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the Law, but under grace.*" The very next words show PLAINLY this does not mean you are free to BREAK Yahweh's Law (Torah) – to DISOBEY Yahweh,

"*What then? Shall we SIN [break the Law (Torah)], because we are not under the Law, but under grace? YAHWEH FORBID! Know ye not, that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.*"

GRACE does not mean a license to SIN. And the BIBLE definition of SIN is as follows: "*Sin is the transgression of the TORAH [Law]*" (1 John 3:4). You were UNDER THE LAW (TORAH), when the Law (Torah) stood over you, claiming its penalty.

When Messiah paid the penalty, and satisfied the claims of the Law (Torah), you were no longer under the penalty of the Torah, but under GRACE. It is the FALSE PROPHETS of our day who try to deceive you into believing “GRACE” means permission to BREAK YAHWEH’S LAW (TORAH)! We are being saved FROM SINNING (now and in the future) as well as from PAST sins. Messiah came to save us FROM our sin – not to save us IN our sin.

WHY the Holy Spirit?

Yahweh’s Spirit, first of all, is His very own LIFE injected into you – the botanical of ETERNAL life. You are now an HEIR of Yahweh – a joint-heir – a co-heir with Messiah. Not yet an inheritor. The Holy Spirit injects into you also the characteristics of Yahweh. First of *these is LOVE* – not carnal or human love, but DIVINE love – Yahweh’s love.

And WHY? In order to KEEP YAHWEH’S TORAH [Law] – *that’s why!* How is Yahweh’s Law fulfilled? **“LOVE is the fulfilling of the Torah”** (Rom. 13:10). But carnal human love cannot fulfill it. WHY? Because the Torah of Yahweh is a SPIRITUAL Law (Rom. 7:14). It can be fulfilled only by a SPIRITUAL love, which is THE GIFT of Yahweh. It is “the love of Yahweh shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 5:5). And, again, Yahweh gives His Holy Spirit only to “them that OBEY Him” (Acts 5:32).

Also, it requires FAITH to keep Yahweh’s Commandments. And your faith is not strong enough. It requires Messiah’s faith – the same faith He exercised and lived by during His human life-time. Yahweh also GIVES you this very same FAITH, by *the Holy Spirit*. Yahweh’s Spirit also imparts to you spiritual comprehension – power to UNDERSTAND spiritual truth; and wisdom, and patience, and spiritual POWER! All these are imparted to you from Yahweh, by the Holy Spirit – as His GIFT! But these are given to you to LIVE BY – to USE, in order to GROW spiritually in knowledge and grace and to overcome.

MUST There Be “WORKS”?

Your evil “works” – disobedience of the Commandments – will EARN you the penalty of DEATH. But what about GOOD works? Do *they* earn anything? INDEED THEY DO!

Are good “WORKS” required? INDEED THEY ARE! But what, then, do they EARN?

They do NOT earn “salvation.” They do NOT earn eternal life. They will NOT get you into the Kingdom of Yahweh!

Well, then! What DO they earn?

Ah – that is the point of this article! You are not JUSTIFIED by “works,” nor “saved” by “works,” but you are to be JUDGED by your “works,” and “rewarded” according to your “works.” This thing called “WORKS” – meaning deeds, good or bad – cannot put you INTO Yahweh’s Kingdom of IMMORTALS. You get IN by GRACE!

But, once *in*, your “works” during this present life – during your life as a believer after being “converted” and receiving Yahweh’s Holy Spirit – DO determine WHAT OFFICE, or POSITION, or RANK, or degree of GLORY, you shall have!

This is what ALMOST NO ONE seems to have understood! First notice what Yahshua said – AFTER His resurrection – “*To him that OVERCOMES will I grant to sit with me in my THRONE...*” (Rev. 3:21). Further: “*And he that OVERCOMES, and keeps My works unto the end, to him will I give POWER OVER THE NATIONS: AND HE SHALL RULE THEM...*” (Rev. 2:26-27).

Notice again, “*...hast made them KINGS AND PRIESTS to our Elohim; and WE SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH*” (Rev. 5:10).

Notice what is said of those in the first RESURRECTION, at Messiah’s coming: “*...and they lived AND REIGNED with Messiah a thousand years...Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of Yahweh and of His Messiah, AND SHALL REIGN with Him a thousand years*” (Rev. 20:4, 6).

Notice, in these scriptures, the “saved” are to REIGN with Messiah in the coming WORLD GOVERNMENT, the Kingdom of Yahweh. And notice the requirement of OVERCOMING, and keeping Messiah’s WORKS and also of ENDURING TO THE END! NOTICE! Yahshua said “*he that...keeps my works unto the end.*”

Now notice further: “For it is necessary for the Son of man to come in the glory of His Father with His holy cherubs; and then, **He shall REWARD every man ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS**” (Matt. 16:27).

Nowhere does the Bible teach being “SAVED” by our “works,” but it does teach the degree of *reward* according to “works.” Alexander the copper-smith did great evil to the Apostle Paul, and Paul says: “*...Elohim reward him according to his works*” (2 Tim. 4:14).

Notice this distinction! This man did EVIL works. He won’t get salvation at Messiah’s coming.

He will be REWARDED – that is, PAID WAGES according to his WORKS – and the WAGES of SIN is DEATH – eternal PUNISHMENT. “WORKS” means the wages you earn – or the REWARD to be given – *either* good or bad. Evil works (sin) can EARN eternal punishment, but GOOD WORKS can EARN a better position or office in Yahweh’s Kingdom IF you get there – but it cannot earn salvation!

Now notice Romans 4:4; “*Now to one WORKING, the reward is NOT counted according to GRACE, but according to DEBT.*” Salvation is not paid as a DEBT, but is GIVEN by GRACE – an undeserved GIFT. But “WORKS” earn wages, paid as a debt. So, what we WANT is not GRACE or WORKS, but **GRACE and WORKS.**

The “GRACE” will get us into Yahweh’s Kingdom – give us Immortality as Yahweh’s GIFT. The “works” will EARN us – that is, QUALIFY us for a better office – an opportunity for bigger SERVICE – for doing MORE GOOD, once we are born into Yahweh’s Kingdom.

Degree of Reward

Notice, now, Yahshua’s parable of the “pounds (minas).” “*...because they thought the Kingdom of Elohim was immediately to be revealed. He said: A certain well-born man went to a distant country to receive a Kingdom for Himself, and to return*” (Luke 19:11-12).

That is, Yahshua Himself was going to heaven to receive for Himself the Kingdom of Yahweh, and to return to earth. Now continue: “*And calling ten of His slaves, he gave to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Trade and keep busy till I come.’ But the citizens of His city hated Him, and sent ambassadors after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to rule over us.’*” (verses 13-14).

Yahshua had come “to His own,” the Jews – the remnant of the Kingdom of JUDAH – and “they received Him not” (John 1:11), so Yahshua turned to “the lost sheep of the House of Israel” (Matt. 15:24), and sent His twelve apostles to them (Matt.10:6). That is, to the so-called “Lost Ten Tribes” of Israel.

But continuing Yahshua’s parable: “*And it happened, as He returned,*” – now speaking of what SHALL happen at Messiah’s return – “*having received the Kingdom, He even said for those servants to be called to Him, those to whom He gave the silver, that He might know what each had gained by trading*” (Luke 19:15). This is speaking of every converted true believer, to whom Yahweh has GIVEN of His Holy Spirit, and spiritual gifts.

Every one, at that time entering Yahweh’s Kingdom as an INHERITOR – as a POSSESSOR, no longer just an HEIR – actually then “**SAVED**” – will be called to an accounting – JUDGED, to determine WHAT POSITION in Yahweh’s Kingdom he/she has qualified for. And NOTICE that this “REWARD” will be according to his “WORKS” in this present mortal life. Continue, verses 16-19:

“The first came, saying, ‘Master your mina has gained ten minas.’ And He said to him, ‘Well done, good slave! Because you were faithful in a least thing, have authority over ten cities.’ And the second came, saying, ‘Master your mina has made five minas.’ And He said to this one also, ‘And you be over five cities.’”

NOTICE CAREFULLY! They got into Yahweh’s Kingdom by GRACE (as numerous other scriptures make plain). But they are rewarded – that is, given authority, or rule, or position, according to their “WORKS” – according to how well they did with what they had to do with WHILE MESSIAH WAS IN HEAVEN – that is, during their mortal believing lives.

Beginning in verse 20 – read it in your Bible – the one who GAINED NOTHING in this present mortal life – the one who had no good “works” – who did not grow in grace and the knowledge of Messiah (2 Peter 3:18) – not only was not given ANY position – but even had TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM even the spiritual gift he had been given!

This parable teaches what has been shown by other scriptures in this article – that the believer must OVERCOME; he must GROW spiritually – grow in grace and in the knowledge of Messiah (2 Peter 3:18). We are being SAVED to SERVE – and if we do not qualify to serve, we may have taken away even the salvation we thought we had!

IF you do not have good works, you have self-fulfilling worldly ways or even worse, evil works, or sin, which earns the penalty of sin – DEATH!The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) shows the same thing, showing that each is judged by what he has to do with. But the one who makes no SPIRITUAL PROGRESS after his initial “conversion” is cast as an unprofitable servant into outer darkness” (Matt. 25:30).

Life Is a Race

Finally, SEE WHERE ALL THIS LEADS US. Man is MORTAL, without inherent life, possessing in himself only a transitory physical, chemical EXISTENCE.

But, once receiving the GIFT of the Holy Spirit, the down payment of our immortality entering upon a believer's life, this believing life is pictured as A RACE in a stadium, or in a contest. We must TURN FROM SIN (and the Bible definition of SIN is: *transgression of Yahweh's Torah* – 1 John 3:4). Notice: *"Therefore...having laid aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, through patience let us also run the race set before us"* (Heb. 12:1).

FURTHER: Paul wrote: *"And I do this for the good news, that I might become a fellow partaker of it. Do you not know that those running in a stadium indeed all run, but ONE receives the prize? So, RUN that you may obtain. And every man who battles in the contest frees his mind from everything else. And yet they (those uncovered) run to win a crown that is perishable, but we (believers) to win one that is everlasting. So, I run accordingly, as not uncertainly; so, I FIGHT...so that, by no chance, when I have preached to others, I myself will be disapproved [REJECTED]"* (1 Cor. 9:23-27). We must STRIVE to overcome. We must fight temptation and sin. The believer's life was pictured by Yahshua as the hard, ruddy, difficult way – NOT the easy way that leads to destruction.

So, SALVATION – being BORN INTO Yahweh's Kingdom – depends not only on once receiving the Holy Spirit, but BEING LED BY Yahweh's Spirit *through* life (Rom. 8:14), and Yahweh's Spirit DWELLING IN US, *at the end of life's race!* That is, at the time of death, or of Messiah's coming, whichever comes first.

Yahweh's impregnating Holy Spirit is received by GRACE, as Yahweh's GIFT, not as a debt or compensation earned; not by "works." But, once we receive the Holy Spirit, it does not remain bottled up; it does not stagnate; it is not static – it FLOWS in outgoing concern (LOVE) to fellow man, and in worship, reverence, obedience to Yahweh. It flows into us from Yahweh. We can love Yahweh only because He first loved us – our love toward Yahweh is only a return of His love, which He gives to us. That is why we must fully surrender to Him, so He can instill His love back to us. This spiritual LOVE – the HOLY SPIRIT – must be kept on that RETURN CIRCUIT – fulfilling Yahweh's Torah – flowing back to Yahweh by fulfilling the first four Commandments, and out to neighbor fulfilling the last six.

The parable of the sower and the seed illustrates this. There were four classes. The first heard the Good-News Message, but it never conceived – they never were converted. They may STILL have a chance – later. A second class was converted, with great joy, but simply had no spiritual depth of character, and endured only for a

While, but yielded to temptations UNTIL they fell away – that is, CONTINUALLY, till they QUIT TRYING. A third was converted, received Yahweh's Spirit, but let the cares of this material life – earning a living – or former unconverted associates – keeping one foot in the world – seeking the PLEASURES of this world's materialism – and they "brought forth NO FRUIT to perfection."

So, THEY lost out! You MUST BRING FORTH FRUIT – make spiritual PROGRESS – develop spiritual CHARACTER! In other words, good works. Too many, today, are preaching a FALSE salvation of "NO WORKS." Your "WORKS" won't get you converted, won't earn you Yahweh's Spirit, won't earn salvation, as made PLAIN in this article. BUT THE LACK OF GOOD WORKS CAN GET YOU LOST, if persisted in!

The fourth class of the parable are they, "those who with an HONEST and GOOD HEART, having heard the Word, RETAIN it, and *bring forth fruit with patience*" (Luke 8:15). In Matthew's account of this same parable, those finally SAVED, enduring to the END of life's race, brought forth fruit – some thirty-fold, some sixty, some a hundred. All of these were SAVED! All of these go into Yahweh's Kingdom.

But those who bring forth a hundred-fold, during their believing lives, will receive a higher REWARD, or position in the Kingdom, than those who produce only thirty-fold! SALVATION comes as Yahweh's free GIFT by GRACE. But the DEGREE of office, once in the Kingdom – once made Immortal – the rank, the position, the degree of glory – this is what you must QUALIFY FOR, by the fruits you bear in THIS LIFE. Your degree of REWARD will be according to your WORKS. THAT is the teaching of YAHWEH!

We Must Produce "Fruit"

The Bible *again* explains it this way: Yahshua says He is the Vine – we are the branches. (John 15:1, 5). Here we are likened to a grapevine and its branches. The BRANCHES did not get themselves joined on to the main vine by their own efforts. We did not become joined to Messiah – receiving His Holy Spirit by our "works"; but it was His doing – His GIFT – it came by GRACE.

BUT once joined on, with the SAP flowing from the Vine into the branches, the branches must BRING FORTH FRUIT – make spiritual branches (a picture of Yahweh's Holy Spirit flowing from Him into us), we *must produce fruit*. If we don't – *then what? Notice this whole picture, in John 15. Yahweh the Father is the Husbandman – the Vine-dresser – the chief Gardener, who PRUNES the branches. Now notice verse 2: "Every branch in me that beareth NOT fruit He taketh away."*

If, once having received the Holy Spirit, we do not produce spiritual fruit, we shall be cut off from Messiah – and (verse 6), shall be cast into the fire and BURNED UP – referring to the final Gehenna or hellfire!

The Holy Spirit is GIVEN to us – we didn't deserve or earn it – but it was given to PRODUCE FRUIT. We must be DOERS of the Torah, not hearers only – *“for not the hearers of the Torah are just before Yahweh, but the doers of the Torah shall be justified”* (Rom. 2:13). This DOING produces fruit – develops character – trains us for a more glorified position in Yahweh's Kingdom.

What KIND of Works?

One further passage of Scripture should COMPLETE the picture. It is in the third chapter of 1 Corinthians. Notice carefully. Some of these Gentile converts at Corinth wanted to be followers of Paul, others of Peter, others of Apollos. Paul was pointing them to Messiah, and showing what human “nothingness” he and Apollos were.

“What then is Apollos?” he asked (verse 5).

“What is Paul?” And he answered, *“Servants through whom you believed, as the Master assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but Yahweh gave the GROWTH.”* Paul was showing them that he and Apollos, mere humans, were as NOTHING compared to Yahweh. The spiritual GROWTH – the FRUIT BORNE – the WORKS – came through Yahweh's Holy Spirit. The apostle continued:

“So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only Yahweh who gives the growth.”

Notice – Yahweh GIVES the spiritual growth – the fruits borne. It is Yahweh's righteousness. *“He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor”* (verse 8).

Once again, our WORKS do EARN wages – either good or bad. Evil works earn eternal DEATH. Good works earn a better position or reward in Yahweh's Kingdom – IF you get there by GRACE.

Now continue:

“For we are fellow workmen for Yahweh, YOU are Yahweh's field, Yahweh's building” (verse 9). Apply that to this very Work of YAHWEH today.

Today Yahweh is using the Congregation in carrying out Messiah's Great commission – proclaiming His Good-News around the world by radio, Internet, and printing press – our ministers counseling with and baptizing those being converted – the PRAYERS, and financial support of other FELLOW WORKMEN – will earn a better position – a higher glory – IF we make it into Yahweh's Kingdom. But we shall be SAVED only by GRACE, undeserved – as Yahweh's GIFT. Yet our WORK, as instruments in YAHWEH'S HANDS, which HE uses in HIS WORK, is the most important Work or activity on earth today! And it contributes

greatly to our individual and personal SPIRITUAL GROWTH! But continue:

Paul says further, *“According to the commission of Yahweh given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it”* (verse 10). He now pictures THE CONGREGATION AS a BUILDING being built. Continue: *“Let each man take care how he builds upon it.”* Referring to each individual member as well as the Body of Messiah – the Congregation, as a whole. *“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Yahshua Messiah”* (verse 11).

Continue: *“Now if anyone builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble – each man's WORK will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the WORK which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward”* (verse 12-14).

This is speaking of begotten children of Yahweh, who have received Yahweh's Holy Spirit – that is, Messiah in them, in Spirit – as the FOUNDATION. Some people, once converted and receiving Yahweh's Spirit, do begin to live by every word of the Bible, as Yahshua said we must (Luke 4:4). They have had their hearts in YAHWEH'S WORK for our time.

They have prayed for it daily – *prayed* for Yahweh's guidance and *protection* of those in the mission field and also those who are coming to faith. They have been an active part of Yahweh's great end time work and they have borne fruit - a reward - for the Kingdom.

They have sought, and found, the TRUE VALUES of life. They have striven to overcome. They have studied to know Yahweh's WAY – to show themselves approved unto Yahweh.

They have kept close to Yahweh, by daily Bible study and prayer. They have BUILT RIGHTEOUS, SPIRITUAL, STERLING CHARACTER! In other words, they have built on the FOUNDATION with gold, silver, and precious stones. These have survived the TEST. They came through the fire.

These are the ones who *“brought forth fruit”* – whose “pound/minas” gained “ten pounds/minas” – who will be given authority over MUCH. We are SAVED by GRACE, through Yahshua's FAITH – given as Yahweh's GIFT. But whatever “REWARD” – status, rank, position, degree of GLORY – is conferred, once we are changed to immortality IN Yahweh's Kingdom, will be according to our “works” in this present mortal life – and according to the character and quality of those works.

And remember, the WORKS come through Yahweh's Holy Spirit – the works of righteousness are not our *self*-righteousness, but YAHWEH'S *righteousness*. That's the only KIND of real "WORKS".

WHY the Believers Life?

WHY, if there are no works to the believer's life as some say, is not one taken immediately, upon first accepting Messiah, to his 'reward'? WHY must the converted believer – if he is '*already saved*', *finally*, if he has been already 'born again' at his baptism – go on suffering IN THIS LIFE? WHY does the Bible say '*Many are the afflictions of the righteous,*' and ALL who will live holy in Messiah Yahshua *shall suffer persecution?* WHY not avoid all this suffering? *WHY doesn't Yahweh take new converts immediately to 'glory' – or wherever, or whatever, they conceive as the eternal state of the saved?'*

The answer is that Yahweh put humans on this earth for a *PURPOSE!* That *PURPOSE* is stated in Genesis 1:26 – Yahweh is actually *reproducing Himself!* Yahweh is the Supreme Spiritual CHARACTER – holy, righteous, perfect. We, are actually to be BORN of Him – BORN into His FAMILY as His divine children – and we must be changed, *not* only from mortal to Immortal – not only from human to divine – but from our human nature and sinning character, into HIS DIVINE NATURE (2 Peter 1:4) and into His HOLINESS and PERFECTION of character (1 Peter 1:16; Matt. 5:48). And that *must be developed*, through the believer's life! It means *overcoming, growing* in knowledge and character!

We are to become a NEW CREATION (Gal. 6:15). Yahweh's SPIRITUAL CREATION is still going on, in *us!* We are now mere CLAY – made of the dust of the ground. Yahweh is the Potter – we are the clay (Isa. 64:8). We must *on our own decision*, with our own complete submission, and even with our own *effort* accompanying, yield to Yahweh so that the Master Potter may completely remake, refashion, reshape, our vile characters into the holy, righteous, spiritual, and perfect character of Yahweh.

Your Part in YAHWEH'S WORK

I have observed that the very *first* need of every believer, who is to GROW and develop this spiritual character, is to have his heart completely in THE WORK OF YAHWEH, which the *living* Messiah has called His servants to do, as His instruments! Our "WORKS" are our part in YAHWEH'S WORK – getting His True Good -

News to the whole world as *a witness* – preparing the way for Messiah's coming. We are merely His INSTRUMENTS. It is YAHWEH'S WORK! Those who condemn "WORKS" are condemning the GREAT ELOHIM who is the actual DOER *through us* as His instruments and Co-Workers! It is not, after all, *our* works!

Those who are self-centered, caring nothing for the WORK OF YAHWEH, having not enough outgoing *concern* to want to help GET MESSIAH'S MESSAGE out to this blinded, deceived, dying world will fall away.

Those who center their whole "Believing" life and activity on developing their *own selves* spiritually, whose hearts are not in or concerned about this great OUTGOING worldwide WORK OF YAHWEH, actually directed by the *living* MESSIAH HIMSELF, develop only INWARDLY, until they shrivel up spiritually and fall by the wayside!

Those whose hearts, their active, constant, earnest, fervent PRAYERS, and their tithes and offerings are in YAHWEH'S WORK continue to EXPAND spiritually – they become HAPPIER – they become greatly BLESSED – their lives become richer and fuller – and their faces beam with smiles. They RADIATE! They PROSPER! They grow because they are not trying to bear fruit for their own sake but so that they can be greater servants in Yahweh's Kingdom.

The New Testament is literally filled with instruction on Holy *living* – leading a new, different, sparkling, joyous life – or, perhaps more correctly, allowing Yahshua Messiah to live such a life – YAHWEH'S WAY – in them!

How WONDERFUL is Yahweh's *Way!*

SALVATION comes – if we are willing – as Yahweh's FREE GIFT – by GRACE!

But we must *be changed*. There is DOING, not hearing only (Rom. 2:13). There is development of a new righteous CHARACTER. Yet, even that is Messiah *IN YOU* actually DOING it!

Actually, even the "works" are primarily done by HIM! But how WONDERFUL that there *are* righteous "WORKS" in the true believer's life-giving opportunity for *more* than salvation, priceless though that may be – opportunity for higher position, rank, and a greater opportunity to SERVE!

Unconverted Congregational Members?

Sometimes even Yahweh's people need to be AWAKENED to their real spiritual state! Here, in this reprinted article, is revealed the SHOCKING condition some are in.

PAINFUL as it may be, much as we hate to admit it, Yahweh's ministers have come to realize that there are some individuals physically *among* Yahweh's people who are spiritually *not* of Yahweh's Congregation. They are progressing toward a certain destination—the *Lake of Fire!* This could easily include YOU!

Before you were baptized and began building the character of a disciple, you should have sat down to *count the cost*—as Yahshua said in Luke 14:25-33. He said you were to love *Yahweh* more than *any relative*—even your own *husband or wife*—and more than *your own life also* (verse 26). He concluded by saying “*So then every one of you who does not forsake all his possessions is not able to be My disciple*” (verse 33).

Have you *really* forsaken **ALL** that you have? Do you really consider that your life no longer belongs to *you*, but to Yahweh—to do with as *He* wills?

There is no use “kidding” yourself. Some of you new converts—and some who have been in *among* Yahweh's people for *years and years* still have a **CARNAL** mind! It's time for even Yahweh's people to *wake up*. Now let me explain.

Like Corinthian Congregation

Among the strongest and most corrective epistles that the Apostle Paul wrote were his two letters to the Corinthians. He addressed them as “*to the Congregation of YAHWEH*” (1 Cor. 1:2), yet he said “that there are *disputes* among you” (verse 11). Some were following a *man* instead of Yahshua. Others were following other *men*.

Because they liked *men's persons* instead of Messiah, because they had a spirit of *contention* or *argument* about many things, and because they had not *fully* SURRENDERED to *Yahweh* and the guidance of His Spirit, Paul could not write to them as he would to fully converted, spiritually minded people. Instead, he said, “And, brothers, I was not able to speak to you as to *spiritual* ones, but as to *worldly* ones, even as to *babes in Messiah*” (1 Cor. 3:1). And that is the *exact condition* of some of you who now read this article!

Many of you still look on things from the point of view of a CARNAL mind. You have seen much of the truth as a correct argument, and you have gone along with it and have been baptized. But when a particular truth is applied to *you personally*, you often resist it and stick to your *own* way. Whether it is child rearing, or proper eating and health habits, or coming out of the world of social media, and for some, even keeping their own doctrine.

As many have indicated by their *actions*—which speak louder than words – they want to go along with Yahweh and His Congregation “*up to a point.*” And what is beyond that point that they are unwilling to give up?

The answer is SELF! That big part of *self* they still think is pretty good, after all, and that they never learned to *hate*, to REPENT of, and to BURY in baptism. All this may be revealed when a situation arises where the human *self* has to be denied in order to obey Yahweh. Maybe a man has to give up his life-long job in order to fully keep Yahweh's weekly and *annual* Sabbaths. Or it might be refusing to leave old friends that are not conducive to your spiritual well being.

It might be that someone in the Congregation has been given an honor or position that *you* thought *you*—your *self*—should have. Or perhaps you *think* Yahweh's minister has “offended” you in some way.

Suddenly, your “spiritual” attitude *changes*—and we find that yours was only a *surface* conversion—at least *so far*—and that you have surrendered to Yahweh only *up to a point*. Then, you forget about Yahweh's conditions of *total surrender*, and you began setting forth conditions that Yahweh and His Congregation will have to meet in order to keep it in *your* good graces.

You will often begin to *accuse* one of Yahweh's ministers and perhaps compare him unfavorably with another person.

In your mind, and in your words, you will try to create *sides*. You will have the same *carnal*, contentious spirit that some of the people at Corinth had. You may begin to *judge* or *accuse* others—often Yahweh’s ministers—and forget the fact that *Yahweh is your JUDGE*, that *Yahshua* is the living *Head* of Yahweh’s Congregation, and that Yahweh’s ministers are responsible to *Him*—not *you*, and that *He will take care of them!*

Real Examples

These attitudes just described are just a sample of the kind of *carnal* ways that some of YOU—perhaps without *realizing* it—have fallen into. Unless these attitudes are *changed*—REPENTED of—they will lead to *death* in the *Lake of Fire*.

And we in Yahweh’s ministry KNOW that many of you dear brethren, whom we *love very much*, are in such a spiritual state *at this very moment*. Our job is to *warn* you—to help you CHANGE before it’s *too late*.

Following are some examples of the *carnal* minded attitude some of *you* have. Read these carefully and apply them to *yourself*—not to the other fellow.

As Paul wrote the people in Yahweh’s *visible* Congregation at Corinth: “*Examine yourselves, whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Or do you not yourselves realize that Yahshua Messiah is in you? If this is not true than you are rejected*” (a reprobate) (2 Cor. 13:5).

A very common fault in many brethren, particularly those who are older and have absorbed more of *this world’s* religions, is that they tend to keep their *own* standard of right and wrong—and view everything from that standpoint. Often, they tend to look down upon others in the Congregation who don’t go by their own *human* moral code. They forget that sin is the transgression of *Yahweh’s revealed Torah*—not *human* ideas and imagination. WHY?

Isn’t it because you have never fully *surrendered* your *will* to Yahweh? Isn’t it because you are stubbornly hanging on to part of your old SELF- perhaps the *religious* part, the part you still think is *pretty good*, the part you never *crucified* and buried with Yahshua in baptism (Romans 6:3-6)?

Do you realize that one in the attitude I have described is setting himself up as the *judge* of Yahshua Messiah and condemning the *perfect life* that Yahshua led?

Anyone in that attitude is *rejecting* the *perfect example* that Yahshua set for us. Perhaps without realizing it, he is setting himself up as wiser than YAHWEH ALMIGHTY. He is full of a self-righteous spirit.

Compare with Yahshua

Too many people forget that Yahshua set the only *perfect* example, and that we should compare our ideas with His teaching and His example before we condemn others. The truth of the matter is that Yahshua—if He were now living in the flesh—would be a *great disappointment* to many so-called “Christians” today, for He would not follow *their* ideas at all.

Yahshua said that man should LIVE by every Word of YAHWEH (Luke 4:4). You’d better find your ideas in the clear teachings and examples of the Bible before you try to impose them on others.

Some people have grown bitter or have gone off into sin because they looked to *human* examples. Many times, I have heard the remark, “Well, if one of the *ministers* can do *that* (what *they self-righteously* may think is wrong), then I can surely do *this*” (what Yahweh says is SIN).

Have you ever heard talk like that? It matters not whether or not the minister might be setting a *perfect* example in every case, you are to *obey* YAHWEH and to follow Yahshua’s example. Compare yourself with *Him*.

Yahweh’s People Carnal?

Using the real or imagined faults of others as an excuse for *your* SIN is a practice that will lead to your own *condemnation*. It is the attitude of a CARNAL mind. Many of you are going to wonder if people in *Yahweh’s Congregation* could ever be *carnal*.

The point to remember is that Yahweh’s true Congregation is a *spiritual* organism, not a visible, fleshly body of people.

It is composed of the begotten sons of Elohim— For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are sons (children) of Elohim (Rom. 8:14). But Elohim’s true children, meeting together to carry out the mission of His congregation, have *always* had among them some who were *not fully converted*—who were CARNAL-minded. And it seems that even of those who were really converted, some would always fall away.

As mentioned before, Paul addresses First Corinthians to the “Congregation of Yahweh” at Corinth. Yet he immediately shows that some of the *physical* members of the group were CARNAL (1 Cor. 3:1). Paul could also see the *carnal* tendency even in some of the *elders* at Ephesus and he warned: “and out of *you yourselves* will rise up men speaking perverted things, in order to draw away disciples after themselves” (Acts 20:30).

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

In the parable of the ten virgins (Mat. 25:1-13) Yahshua showed the FEARFUL condition Yahweh’s people will be in when He returns!

Notice that *all* of the virgins (disciples) started out with oil in their lamps. But the *wise* virgins took extra oil. They took *extra* pains to continually receive more of Yahweh’s Spirit, symbolized by the oil. They read their Bibles daily, prayed without ceasing, and kept their focus on the work of Yahweh.

But the unwise virgins didn’t *grow* spiritually. They were *self-satisfied* and complacent—perhaps *spiritually proud*. They weren’t *hungering* and *thirsting* for righteousness. They thought they would “get by all right.” When they came to enter into the marriage supper, Yahweh said: “**I DON’T KNOW YOU.**”

They had run out of *oil*—out of *Yahweh’s Spirit!* They hadn’t been *growing* spiritually. They still had to be regarded as CARNAL-minded—as “babes in Yahshua” (1 Cor. 3:1).

Yes, there have *always* been the *two distinct* classes of people *within* the *visible* Congregation of Yahweh. One is going into the Kingdom. The other is not.

Where do YOU stand in Yahweh’s sight?

Carnal Principle

Each one of you had better “*examine*” yourself in the light of these facts. It doesn’t matter how long you *think* you have been converted—*this means you!*

Remember that we are commanded to GROW in grace and knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). You must continually drink in *more* of Yahweh’s Spirit to *grow*—and to become *spiritually* minded.

A *spiritual* mind will be willing to *admit error* and *change*. It will *grow* into *new truth*. It will soak in every sermon looking inward to how they can change.

Spiritual-minded people *love* Yahweh’s Torah, and “NOTHING shall offend them” (Psalms 119:165). They will not be continually getting their “feelings” hurt by Yahweh’s ministers or by others, and they will *not love this present worldly system* (Jacob 4:4).

On the other hand, the *carnal*-minded person is easily upset by anything and everybody. He is not looking to Yahshua – but to *men’s persons*. Naturally he will find fault.

He is always quick to “stumble” on *any* real or imagined stumbling block, because instead of *growing*—he has remained a spiritual “babe” with a *carnal* mind.

He will accuse and find fault especially with Yahweh’s work and His ministers— always thinking he has a better way, and will try to *find his way around the Torah of Yahweh and the judicial order of Yahweh* in the Congregation.

In the presence of such a person, a converted believer usually senses that he must be careful to avoid an “argument” or “hurt feelings.” The carnal mind is stubborn, unyielding, selfish.

Paul wrote: “Because the *mind of the flesh* is *enmity* towards Elohim; for it is not subject to the Torah of Elohim, for it is not possible to be so. And those being in the flesh (*carnal minded*) are *not able* to please Elohim” (Romans 8:7-8). And what is the fate of such individuals?

“To be *carnally minded* is **DEATH**” (Verse 6).

May Yahweh help *all* of us to honestly “*examine yourselves*” and *repent* and *grow* where Yahweh’s Word shows you *must*. Make sure you are *really* in Yahweh’s Congregation.



Answers to your Questions

Q) It says to work 6 days and rest on the 7th. I work on the Weekends. Can I still observe Sabbath by making my 7th day, Monday, a Sabbath day? Or do I need to quit my job?

A) Exodus, the thirty first chapter clearly explains that the Sabbath is not any seventh day BUT THE SEVENTH DAY! And Yahweh clearly states that ONLY His Sabbath should be kept as Holy time, not any day of the week that man delegates.

Exo 31:12 And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

Exo 31:13 And you speak to the sons of Israel, charging them, **only My Sabbaths you shall keep;** for it is a sign between Me and you for your generation; to know that I am YAHWEH your sanctifier.

Exo 31:14 And you shall keep the Sabbath, for it is holy for you; the profaners of it shall sure be executed; for everyone doing work in it, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of his people.

Exo 31:15 Work may be done six days, and on the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to YAHWEH; everyone doing work on the Sabbath day surely shall be put to death.

Exo 31:16 And the sons of Israel shall guard the Sabbath, to observe and do the Sabbath for their generations; it is a never ending covenant.

Exo 31:17 It is a sign forever between Me and the sons of Israel; for in six days YAHWEH made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.

The Sabbath goes back to creation week in which Yahweh named the 6 days of the week, day 1, day 2, etc., but the 7th day is "**The Sabbath Day**" indicating in Hebrew that it can only be one day, and the commandment is not just to rest on one day during the week, but to honor the 7th day Sabbath, which correlates to our Saturday, each week to be obedient and honor Yahweh as Creator of the universe.

Yahweh created the world in six days, and rested on the seventh day thus setting apart **ONLY that day** every seven days as holy and sanctified. It is interesting to note that for the last approximately 6,000 years since creation, that virtually every society on earth that ever existed always kept a seven-day week due to this fact; the day we know as Saturday is indeed the Biblical 7th day, from creation week. We have many booklets and sermons on-line about this subject. http://coyhwh.com/en/topics.php?topic=the_sabbath

Q) Deuteronomy 23:2 states: An illegitimate child shall not enter into the congregation of YAHWEH, even to the tenth generation none of his shall enter into the assembly of YAHWEH. Can you please answer how Deut. 23:2 applies to the new covenant believer/congregation?

A) When one is baptized you become a new creation and you are grafted into the one tree of Israel. You are now an Israelite. All sins at baptism have been fully paid for and forgiven, which makes all things become new. This was not the case with ancient Israel. No spirit-begotten child of Yahweh can be illegitimate.

Gal 3:26 for you are all sons of YAHWEH through faith in Messiah Yahshua.

Gal 3:27 For as many as were baptized into Messiah, you put on Messiah.

Gal 3:28 There cannot be Jew nor Aramean, there is no slave nor freeman, there is no male and female; for you are all one (echad), united in Messiah Yahshua.

Gal 3:29 And if you are of Messiah, then you are seeds of Abraham, even heirs according to the promise.

2Co 5:16 So as we now know no one according to flesh, but even if we have known Messiah according to flesh, yet now we no longer know Him so.

2Co 5:17 So that if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new!

2Co 5:18 And all things are from YAHWEH, the One having reconciled us to Himself through Yahshua Messiah, and having given to us the ministry of reconciliation,

Q) Why does your translation use the letter ~j~ in names such as John~Joseph~Jacob~ etc. if it is not used in Jesus? Didn't the letter "j" come from the devil?

A) According to rules of grammar names are transliterated, not translated. In all Bibles, all names such as Moshe are transliterated as Moses, Yob is transliterated as Job, Yosef is transliterated as Joseph. All names in all Bible translations are transliterated except two, the names of Yahshua and Yahweh; these names are changed to the names of Pagan deities.

The name of the Savior, which is Yahshua would be transliterated as Joshua, not Jesus, which comes from the masculine form of Iasa who was a Greek pagan deity of healing. The name "God" comes from the pagan Babylonian deity called "Gawd". (See Isaiah 65:5 in any Interlinear Bible and concordance.)

Also, originally in English the letter "J" had a "Y" sound, and in German this still applies as Joel would be pronounced Yoel. Our Bible is translated in English, not Hebrew, so we use English rules of grammar in the translation. Out of respect for Yahweh, the Father and His only begotten Son Yahshua, we tried to keep Their names as closely transliterated to its original form.

Q) Who is the woman and her child in Revelation 12:1 and 2, and who is the remnant of her seed?

A) The book of Revelation is a figurative book in which some things could have a dual meaning. In the case of Rev 12:2, it actually has a dual meaning as when Yahshua was born, clearly the woman represented the virgin birth, and His ascension to heaven.

However, today the sign can either represent the woman as Israel, in which her seed would be believing Jews who come to faith in the end time. Or the woman can represent the congregation, and the seed left behind are the Laodiceans, who will have to go through tribulation.

Q) Can you explain who the Azazel goat is representative of in Leviticus the sixteenth chapter?

A) On the Day of Atonement 2 goats were selected for a sacrifice. One was slain for sin and the other one, Azazel, meaning scapegoat, was let loose. This goat that was the scapegoat for the sins of the people was let loose, away into the wilderness, alive. It is the only living sacrifice in Scripture and shows that the 2 goats both represent the Messiah. The one was representative of the dying Messiah, and the other representative of the living, resurrected Messiah.

Letters From Our Readers...

ShalomYAH to you senior Elder Don.

Yes, we were greatly Blessed this past Sabbath. We concluded the lesson 24 "Tithing" which we started the past two Sabbaths. We are deeply appreciating the continuous flow of the Pure rivers of teaching from COYJ Headquarters to us. That lesson 24, Tithing was timely to us in Nigeria. For recently there has been a raging flood of wrong teachings and attacks against Biblical tithing because of the abuse of charlatans hitherto. But this teaching has put tithing in its original intent/purpose of YAHWEH. In fact, while I was concluding the lesson I shouted "THIS IS TITHING RESTORED" HalleluYAH!

Thank you very much for being there for the RESTORATION of the Faith in the Love that was in the beginning for Body of Yahshua.

ShalomYAH to you with Love from Yahweh and COYJ Headquarters in Nigeria.

Shalom Aleichem Senior Elder Don,

I just watched your message on A Pure Language. Every message from our Elohim, through COYJ is such a help to me in this walk of faith and I was convicted, but encouraged to write because, even though it's been a busy week for me with many tests and trials, the still small voice of His Spirit has been telling me to write Elder Don.

I want you to know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers daily. If it hadn't been for your obedience to YAH's calling on your life, I may never have known the truth.

I treasure every Brethren update letter as well as all COYJ'S messages and your personal responses to my letters. Longing for, working toward, and looking forward to the day when we are all in one accord in His Kingdom.

USA Washington

Dear Loved ones in Yahshua,

My wife of 45 years and I believe in your MISSION STATEMENT & DOCTRINE STATEMENT!

I really liked lesson 21: Correspondence Course: The Gift of Languages. It is the best lesson that I have ever found on the subject! I have been an Apostolic, Pentecostal Pastor/Bishop/Elder/Preacher/Evangelist/Minister and servant to the different callings in my life.

I fully agree with your teachings on this subject and my wife and I have come out of doctrines of demons and we have our own worship each Friday at sunset, and 3:00pm on Saturday. WE have become 7th day Sabbath worshippers keeping the Torah through faith.

We do want to be immersed (baptized) in the sacred name. Please pray about this, and we don't believe in or teach the Roman Catholic trinity doctrine of demons. My wife and I have served the Master our entire lives. I have been the preacher of 5 congregations in the past 55 years, and I am still growing in the knowledge of Yahweh and His unique only Son/Lamb of Yahweh. My wife and I want to be kings and priests with Messiah during His 1,000-year reign on this earth.

*Yours truly in Yahshua's name,
USA*

Dear Congregation of YHWH,

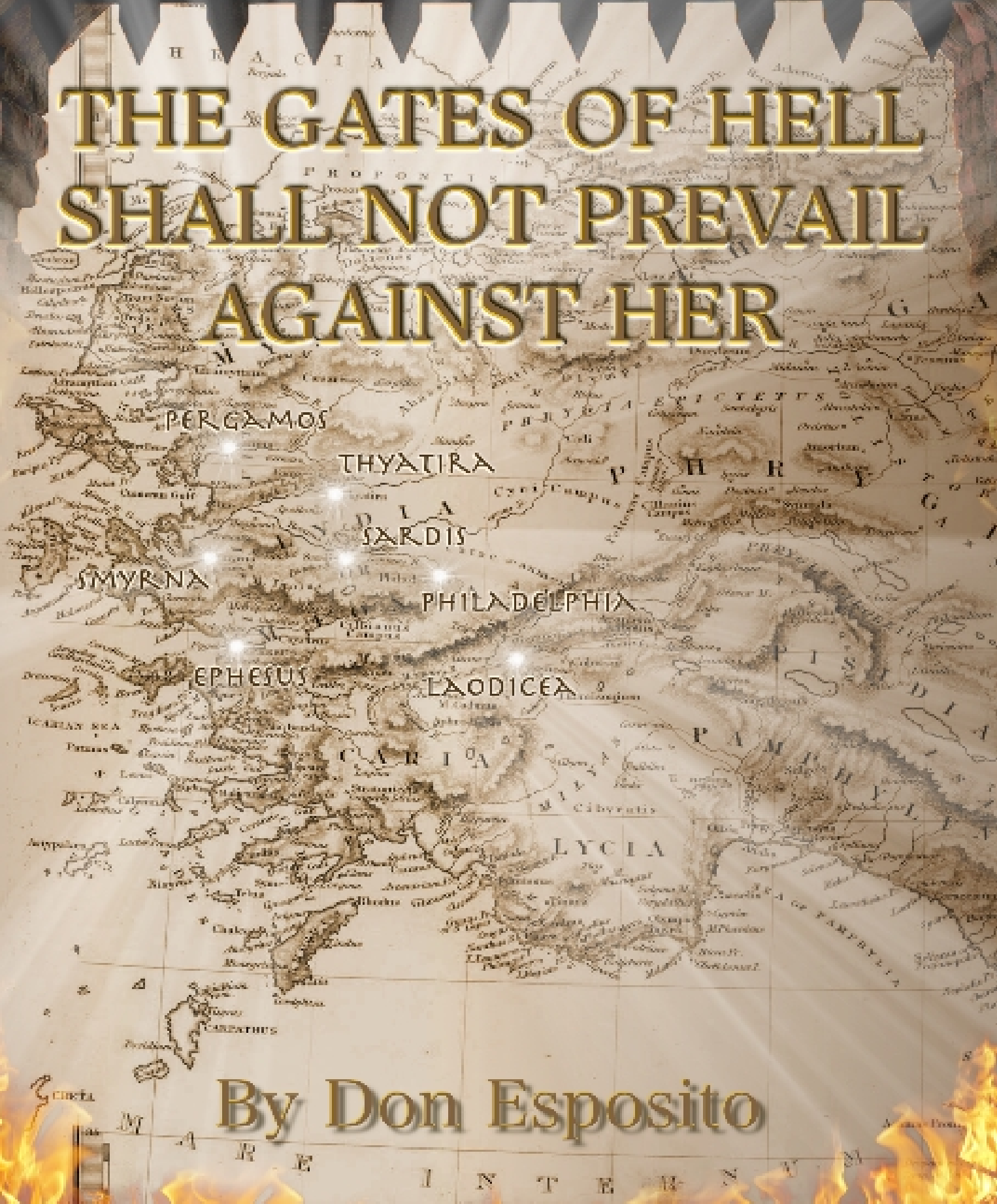
We recently received our Hebraic Roots Bibles and a few different books, which we promptly received. We wanted to say "THANK YOU SO MUCH". The books are being read and one is already completed, and we can hardly put our Bibles down for how wonderful they are.

With all our joy and excitement, we have others who would like the Bibles as well. We would also like 2 more of the Great Falling Away.

*We pray the richest blessings of YHWH and Shalom upon your ministry.
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