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Editorial

ALL NATIONS NEED TO REPENT

Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and come short of the excellence of Elohim.

While we are spending our time face booking, twittering and texting back and forth, are we forgetting how to communicate with our fellow man face to face? Most important, are we spending less of our time praying and communicating with Yahweh? While our attention is focused on computer, ipod, telephone, television, movie and other screens, the world seems to be falling apart.

Countries are close to bankruptcy, as are states and local government agencies. In the U.S.A. many families/households have lost their homes due to foreclosure. People are behaving immorally, same-sex marriage is on the rise, the divorce rate is increasing, social service programs are running out of funds, public education/school funding has been cut back. One million homes will have returned to mortgage companies in 2010. Around nine million people are unemployed and depending on unemployment benefits.

The X-mass season is here again with the merchants of the earth waxing rich or hoping to (Revelation 18), with the people purchasing items imported from other countries such as China, Japan, etc.

What has happened to the blessings and prosperity the U.S.A. has enjoyed in years past? Has the outside influence of world powers in a satanic scene to control the world become more visible and more possible at this time? Introducing to world governments the idea of a one-world government is not new. World War I and World War II are prime examples. The serpent (Satan) considered himself superior to Yahweh (Genesis 3), and in Revelation 12:9 – that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan which deceiveth the whole world. Genesis 11 – The people wanted to build a city and tower that reached to heaven and make a name for themselves, not wanting to be scattered abroad.

Are we already in the Man of Sin's grasp? Revelation 13:1-4. Have the United Nations buckled under false prophets? Have world leaders listened to another world leader who lives in a city set on seven hills? Is there a plan to divide the wealth, taking money from the developed nations and giving it to the undeveloped nations; thinking this will bring world peace and everyone will be on the same social/economic level? Then will the Man of Sin rise and be the hero to the masses?

Daniel 11:21 tells of a vile person standing up; to whom the masses shall not give the honor of the Kingdom, but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. And, verse 23, after a league (a covenant agreement like NAFTA or NATO?), he shall work deceitfully. Verse 24 – He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places ... he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

The rest of the chapter tells of more battles; the king of the north and the king of the south – and many shall fall down slain. Both kings' hearts shall be to do mischief and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper. One king shall return to his own land with great riches, and his heart shall be against the holy covenant.

We can see these leaders, these kings, have no integrity. They flatter with their lips and are against Yahweh's covenant and His covenant people Israel. At this present time there are several countries that would like the nation of Israel pushed into the sea forever.

The people, the nations, the world needs another Jonah to warn them of their sins and tell them to repent before Yahshua's return. After Jonah went to Nineveh, the people took heed and repented (with fasting and prayer), and the city and all the inhabitants were saved. Jonah – all.

Our Savior Yahshua the Messiah warned the world in Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13 of impending troubles – wars and rumors of wars, nation rising against nation and kingdom against kingdom, famines, pestilences and earthquakes – that would occur before His return.

Please read the article entitled Repentance in this issue; it explains in detail regarding personal repentance. We as individuals need to look into our own lives; repent on our knees, in our prayer closets if necessary. Remember Yahweh's admonition to king Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:14 – If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

The world needs to be reminded of Matthew 24:29-30 – Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great majesty.

We, as individuals, still have time to repent and be saved. "Let's do it."

Samuel A. Graham

2 Peter 3:9 – Yahweh is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Through times of trouble and times of strife:
I know YAHWEH is by my side.
Even when my heart aches,
I know YAHWEH never forsakes.
Walls are built and mountains crumble;
Through these times,
I will stay humble.

James M. Meagher Jr.

REPENTANCE

WHAT IS IT? HOW DO WE DO IT?

Many times we hear the word repentance and yet many do not actually know what it is or how to repent. Repentance is regret or sorrow for one's wrongdoing with desire to mend one's ways. To repent is to feel regret or contrition for something done or left undone, usually with a promise to behave better or to do better. Contrition or contrite is the showing of sorrow or regret for faults or wrongs, and should be sincere and from the heart.

As usual, we must always go to the beginning for the doctrine on any subject, therefore we must go to the Old Testament. Repentance in the Old Testament means turning or turning specifically to YAHWEH. In turning to YAHWEH, the Self-Existent One, one must be turning from something and specifically something that is not pleasing to YAHWEH. In the Strong's Concordance the meaning of repentance is ruefulness or desistance #5164 in the Hebrew. To be rueful means to be filled with regret and desistance means to discontinue or cease from an action.

Before one can repent, they must know that they are in a wrongful state or have done something wrong. We must keep in mind that each person that comes into the world has the mind, attitude and actions of Adam and that mind and actions are contrary to all that YAHWEH would have us do, know or believe. Romans 5:12 says, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed unto all mankind (men), for that all have sinned.

After Elohim created man in His image, the man Adam was commanded not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Adam disobeyed that commandment and because of that all mankind is born with a sinful nature that results in death. Genesis 1:26, 2:15-17, 3:1-24. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of Him that was to come. Romans 5:14. Adam was punished with the penalty of death. Genesis 2:17, Adam did not die the same literal day he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but he did die within the time span of the 1000 year day. 2 Peter 3:8 says, A day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day. Adam died at the age of 930 years old, just under the 1000 year period. Genesis 5:5.

The death penalty was kept in force because of sin until YAHWEH instituted the written law to show mankind what sin was. Even though there was no written law at that time, there was the spoken law which was just as binding. Sin could not be imputed where there was no written law, but because of the spoken law man was a sinner. Along with the 10 commandments YAHWEH also instituted the ceremonial law to cover man's sin until the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Galatians 3:19, John 15:22, 1 Timothy 1:9, Romans 1:20, James 4:17. Many Believers do not realize that the people in the Old Testament were told what to do and not to do by the spoken word. Just the same, YAHWEH instituted the law beginning with the Sabbath and giving manna from heaven to prove whether they would obey Him or not. Exodus 16:4-7. The 10 commandments were given next, written by the finger of YAHWEH not once, but two times. Exodus 31:18, 32:16, 34:1-4. The last was the book of the law that was placed in the side of the ark.

This book contained the statutes, ordinances and judgments of YAHWEH. Deuteronomy 31:26. Some ordinances were instituted for ever. Leviticus 23.

All through the Old Testament individuals, cities, and the whole tribes of Israel were cried against to repent from their evil doings. Isaiah 1:1-10; Hosea 6:1-3; Amos 5:4-6, 21-24; Jonah 1:1-12 and 2 Samuel 12:1-7 are just a few examples of this call for repentance. The evil which was committed in many situations was idolatry and YAHWEH had commanded them that they should have no other elohim (idols, mighty ones) before Him. Exodus 20:2.

There were other commandments which were broken which caused the need for must repentance. The book of Leviticus and Exodus 20 show some detailed items of sin that would be an active or physical form of sin. The Old Testament writings show sin as an active or physical situation of wrong, but the New Testament shows that YAHWEH looks at our heart in a greater way especially since the Messiah YAHSHUA prepared the way for us to have eternal [everlasting] life. John 10:11, 3:16.

The New Testament shows that acts, desires and lust that cause mankind to break the laws of YAHWEH are sin. To have respect of persons is sin, James 2:9. The thought of foolishness is sin, Proverbs 24:9, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. Every idle word that men shall speak is sin. Matthew 12:36-37. He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin. James 4:17, Matthew 23:23. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Romans 14:23. Because we have outward sin in the body and inward sin in the mind, we must pray without ceasing, being in an attitude of repentance as we find sin in our lives. We must ask for forgiveness of sins of omission and commission, sins known and sins unknown, even the secret sin in our lives.

Many times Believers are taught or think that they have no sin, but the scriptures say, all have sinned and come short of the glory of YAHWEH. Romans 3:23. Therefore, if we say we have not sin, we lie. 1 John 1:8. Because of sin mankind needed a Saviour and YAHWEH sent His only begotten Son to save the world and if we believe in Him we shall have everlasting life. Once we come to YAHSHUA we must learn the way YAHWEH wants us to live. YAHWEH sent His Son because He loved us and that is the bottom line. John 3:16 says, For YAHWEH so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son – YAHSHUA – that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. The gift of eternal [everlasting] life comes from YAHSHUA. Romans 3:23. As a Believer, we need to mortify the deeds of the flesh and suppress wicked imaginations and learn the true ways of righteousness.

Therefore repentance in the New Testament is turning to YAHWEH through YAHSHUA the Messiah His Son and turning from lawlessness. All unrighteousness is sin. 1 John 5:17. YAHSHUA said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one (man) comes to the Father, but by Me.” John 14:6. Many times we as a people have thought that YAHWEH has heard our prayers, but John 9:31 says, YAHWEH heareth not sinners: but if any one be a worshipper of YAHWEH and does His will him He heareth. Psalms 66:16; Proverbs 1:27-32, 28:9; Isaiah 1:15; Jeremiah 11:11, 14:11-12, 7:13; Ezekiel 8:17-18; Micah 3:1-4.

The question comes up sometimes as to what types of sin must be repented of or turned from. ... Sometimes we can have a certain shortcoming or sin in our life and not know it or not realize it. ... Pray and ask for forgiveness; and ask YAHWEH to reveal the sin in your life and the areas you need to correct. Ask for strength to be an overcomer. James 1:5 says, If anyone lack wisdom, let him ask of YAHWEH, that giveth to all of mankind liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. The fear of YAHWEH

is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom and because of it mankind learns to hate evil. Proverbs 1:7, 2:5-6, 3:7, 4:7, 8:13, 9:10, 15:33; Deuteronomy 4:5-6.

A good and righteous exhortation is given in Proverbs 3:5-7: Trust in YAHWEH with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear YAHWEH and depart from evil. If YAHWEH did not love us, He would not show us His way and when we understand that, He will help us do all that He wants us to do, then repentance will be done and with sincerity. By mercy and truth iniquity is purged and by the fear of YAHWEH mankind departs from evil.

There could be sins in the physical, mental or spiritual realm. During this time of repentance ask YAHWEH for His Holy [Kodesh] Spirit to dwell in you or to refill you as the case may be. Luke 11:13. Remember the Holy Spirit will not dwell in an unclean temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17. Many have gone into a backslidden state and need to be cleansed, just as an ordinary sinner does who has never repented or asked for forgiveness. You must have the Gift Giver to have the Gift, for it comes from Him. The Holy Spirit comes from Father YAHWEH and YAHSUA the Messiah His Son. 2 John 2:9, John 14:23. Remember that we have an advocate with the Father, YAHSUA, who died for us while we were still sinners. 1 John 2:2, Romans 5:8. We must repent!! ...

YAHWEH said, **“If My people who are called by My Name would humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”** 2 Chronicles 7:14.

For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. Hosea 2:17. Baalim are all false names that we call the Father and His Son.

Repent, and be immersed (baptized) every one of you in the Name of YAHSUA the Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38.

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Be attracted by and seek the light of
YAHSUA the Messiah
Who promises and will give you everlasting life.
Be not attracted by the ways of the world
That seek to destroy you.

Russell Medina

“ST. NICHOLAS”

Another year has rolled around. “Christmas” has come again. Newspapers, magazines, radios, [televisions] and posters will tell the world that Santa Claus is come again. The churches will have special services, and commemorate, as they say, the birth day of the Savior on the 25th of December.

Whence came Santa Claus, Christmas, and the custom of celebrating this special day? You may answer that it was the day on which the Messiah as the babe of Bethlehem was born; the night upon which the angels sang praises as they appeared unto the shepherds – or, not being satisfied with “hear say” you may have gone to the bottom of this custom – and found the “devil in the wood pile.”

Who is Saint Nick? He is the devil. Yes, we know of the mythological bishop Nicholas of Myra, but we also know that the Scriptures speak of the deeds of the Nicolaitans, worshippers of Nicka – the devil. And even today, we speak of the devil as “Old Nick.”

Santa Claus is merely a corruption of the name Saint Nicholas – so he is also the devil – regardless of names. The evergreens hung upon the house, the wreaths upon the windows, the holly and mistletoe, the yule-log, the giving of presents, came not from the faith of the Saints from Jerusalem, but from the mystery of Babylon – from Nimrod of Chaldea.

Centuries before the Messiah was born at Bethlehem, the pagans of Babylon, of Greece, of Rome, observed Christmas – almost as we do today.

The early saints in England and America knew the origin and taintedness of this pagan holiday, and refused to have any thing to do with it. In England, Christmas was forbidden to be observed by act of Parliament in 1644. This act was later revoked, but the Puritans, Scots and others, refused to have anything to do with this holiday; regarding its festivities as sinful and pagan.

In our early colonial days, the Puritans were strongly opposed to Christmas observance, and they had a law enforced against those who adopted the pagan custom. On May 11, 1659, the elders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony decreed: “Whosoever shall be found observing any such days as Christmas, or the like, either forbearing of labor, feasting, or any way, as a festival, shall be fined five shillings.” – A.P.

Why were these early believers so strongly opposed to Christmas, a custom now so universally observed, defended and encouraged, so that it has become the chief festival of the church? The answer is, they knew its origin, its early evil associations, its corrupt practices, and its exaltation of a mythological personage (Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus, or Nimrod), instead of the Savior of the world – and refused to have anything to do with this hybrid festival of half Saint Nick and half the Messiah of the world.

You ask, was not the Savior born on December 25th? The answer is, No. It could not have been. The evidence is against it. The shepherds tended their flocks in the open fields, the people were called to Jerusalem to be taxed, a thing not thought of in the midst of winter. The Savior was not born in December.

You question, can we know when the Savior was really born? Our answer is, not for a surety – possibly because the heavenly Father did not wish His followers to adopt and celebrate that date. However, there are evidences that the Messiah was born at the “Feast of Tabernacles” – in the fall, the seventh Bible month. The pyramid of Gizeh bears witness to this date. But the scriptures give us evidence to work from in the courses of

the priests in Luke 1:5-36, regarding the course of Abijah, which proves that the Savior was born in the fall at the time of the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles – a truly fitting time of the year.

All evidence which can be collected goes to prove the heathen origin of the Christmas festival – and to show that it was not the birth date of the Messiah. Since its pagan origin is fully established, so much so that every December the newspapers of the country give the true origin of this holiday, we believe it is time for the saints to wake up, to forsake such heathen customs, and take heed to the prophet Jeremiah, who warns us in these clear-cut sentences:

“Thus saith Yahweh, Learn not the way of the heathen ... for the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver (tinsel) and with gold (ornaments); they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.” (They nail down the Christmas tree.) – Jeremiah 10:2-4.

The custom of observing Christmas is of pagan origin, is useless, harmful and unscriptural. Saints should never allow themselves to be caught in its whirlpool. ...

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CUSTOMS – The Great Festival

Nineveh saw nothing like it, Imperial Rome would have been abashed, and Solomon, in all his glory, could not have afforded it. It is America’s great Christmas festival. ...

Pagan Rights. As usual, there is considerable hand-wringing by purists and priests, who complain that the cash box has replaced the crèche. But the fact remains that Christmas never completely belonged to the church. It began as a pagan festival, and it has slowly been changing back into one for the past half-century.

Long before the birth of Chr-st, December 25 was celebrated in pagan societies as the day on which the sun began its yearly rebirth (astronomically they were only three days off). Peasants in northern Europe decorated their homes with evergreens as a tribute to nature’s victory over the numbing winter, held lengthy feasts and processions. The Romans celebrated the entire winter solstice season to honor Saturn, the god of agriculture. During the Saturnalia everyone ate, drank and exchanged presents in one long bacchanal. When the Christian missionaries began to comb the countryside for converts, they found that few were willing to give up their pagan rites. Figuring that pragmatism was called for, they combined the two holidays into the mixture of religious and secular customs that remains today.

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MEDITATION

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To grasp just how we are best to learn of any matter of Faith, let's look to our Father's Word, and a most instructive and pertinent verse.

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Ya (Jo) 1.8

Here, notice our Father does not say to "read" His Book but, rather, to **meditate** in it day and night. Indeed, as the renowned American Founder (Noah Webster) shows so well, in the first American Dictionary of the English Language:

MEDITATE, v.i. [L. meditor; Sp. meditar; Fr. mediter.] 1. To dwell on any thing in thought; to contemplate; to study; to turn or revolve any subject in the mind; appropriately but not exclusively used of pious contemplation, or a consideration of the great truths of religion. His delight is in the law of [Yahweh], and in his law doth he *meditate* day and night. Ps. i. 2. To intend; to have in contemplation. I *meditate* to pass the remainder of life in a state of undisturbed repose. *Washington*.

Obviously, proper attention to our Father's Word involves much, much more than a casual or occasional reading. This is affirmed fully by Bullinger's notes in the Companion Bible. "**meditate=talk to thyself**. Cp. Ps. 1. 2=**audible musing**." And, of course, "**talk to thyself**" is usually done not in the full tones of normal intercourse, but in the more gentler or softer tones, barely above a whisper. As for the Psalm to which Bullinger refers, it is: But his delight is in the law of Yahweh; and in his law doth he *meditate* day and night. And what is "**audible musing**?" Well, naturally, audible refers to that which is perceivable or perceived by the sense of hearing. As to "musing," again Webster edifies: "to be so occupied in study or contemplation, as **not** to observe passing scenes or things present."

Indeed, the Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament shows the Hebrew word here is *haga*, the same word as in Ya 1.8 and observes: "The basic meaning of *haga* and its cognate is a low sound."

Consonant with this, the Ryrie Study Bible footnote at Ya 1.8 provides: "The success of Joshua's mission would lie in his personal obedience to the Law of [Yah]. *meditate*. To ponder, muse, involving half-aloud reading and rereading of the Word ... Notice that the law was already written at this time and was held to be authoritative."

Finally, the Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible more expansively provides: **MEDITATION** ... Related meanings of the Heb. word are: "murmur," "muse," "mutter," "sigh," "whisper," "moan," "dull sound" (of harp), and a "bowing down." Meditation seems to have been more a Heb. than Christian practice. It is a most rewarding act of worship, of spiritual renewal, of mental refreshing, and of divine communion (see Job 15.4; Ps 77.3, 6).

So now we see clearly, *meditation* on our Father's Word involves the whole person being earnestly and intently focused on discovering the deeper meaning of blessed Writ. Think about this just a moment. In casual reading, only one of our senses is engaged, i.e. sight. But, in meditation, i.e. reading, softly reciting and musing on (rolling over in one's mind) the words involved, we engage directly at least three of our senses, i.e. sight, speech, and hearing. How appropriate a degree of engagement, considering the Author of the text being studied, and the Great promise He makes therein, even life everlasting by His Grace. Provided in the public spiritual interest by: Morningstar Witness

Dear loved ones at The Assembly of Yahweh,

I am a faith-filled follower of our Messiah Yahshua. I study daily to show myself approved. I spend time in prayer and fellowship with the few believers on this yard whenever possible. I sing and play guitar to praise our heavenly Father. I have even written some wonderful songs.

The Father has blessed me with understanding of the Scriptures and given me the ability to write. I have put studies together on subjects like Faith, Prayer, The Whole Armor, The Law of Yahweh and others. They are very comprehensive, but so simple a child could grasp the concepts. Many men I have shared with, have really enjoyed the studies.

The last one I was blessed with seemed to me the most unique. It flowed like the Proverbs of Solomon. I want to share them with you. I feel very blessed to have received these words and feel they strengthened me. They were just jotted down on little pieces of scratch paper and came one after another. I just followed the pen. It reminds me of the words of Yahshua in John 14:26, But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 16:13, Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

I was in prayer and contemplation when these words came to me. I did not have my Bible open. Also, I had not read the Proverbs in quite some time. Here they are:

Though men around me act like fools, I will walk in the way of the upright.
Though men break out in wrath and conflict, thy peace oh Yahweh, shall guard my heart.
Theft, lies and vanity are the sinners delight, but I will walk in the law of my Father.
The wicked and wrathful surround Yahweh's people, but like the Messiah, we will pass through their midst.
Truth is my high wall, thy words are my fortress, and thy Holy Spirit my defense.
I will keep thy commandments oh Yahweh. The wicked will notice and be enraged.
Sinners behold the way of the upright and accuse them falsely, but Yahweh is the rewarder of the just.
Yahweh beholds the thoughts of my heart, therefore I will not hide any evil therein.
My steps are toward thy Kingdom and when I stumble, my Father will help me up.
The upright struggle all the day, but sinners are easily swept away in the current of iniquity.
To the unrighteous, sin is pleasing, but to the just, it is a shame.
The wicked are vessels that hold no water, but the just are vessels of honor in any household.
Righteousness is a boat on a gentle ocean. Sinfulness is a tempest that will sink a ship.

The upright are a light in a dark place and the wicked grope in the thick darkness.

The wicked devise plans for evil and many are entertained, but the righteous are offended and turn away.

The spirit of Yahweh is life to His children, but death is the legacy of satan. Vulgar words flow like lava from the mouths of sinners, and by their words they'll be condemned. The words of the upright edify, and by their words they'll be justified.

Your precepts are counsels of wisdom and those desiring life turn to them. A meek and quiet spirit is an ornament on a man's character, but pride and arrogance are stains on a beautiful garment.

Troubles come suddenly upon the wicked, but thy law, oh Yahweh, is a shelter in a storm.

The ones who walk in the way of righteousness are the ones who are led by the Prince of shepherds. They will find streams of living water and fields of endless green pasture.

The Day of Judgment cometh. To the upright in heart it is a time of vindication and honor, but to the sinful, it is a time of shame and condemnation.

Our Saviour hath clothed us with garments of salvation, but the wicked walk in the shame of nakedness.

I once walked as a blind man, but thou, oh Yahshua, hath anointed my eyes. Those of the world seek all things temporal, but my hope is in thee, my eternal Father.

Pride, anger, jealousy, lust, greed, hypocrisy and covetousness are seven chains upon a man, but Yahshua has broken down these strongholds and delivered me.

My righteousness is as filthy rags, but Yahshua has taken away my filthy garments and clothed me with beautiful garments, even garments of salvation.

Thy words, oh Yahweh, are treasures of truth and life. My heart is a vault and a storehouse.

Yahshua, gentle as a lamb and the Lion of the tribe of Judah – He shall execute mercy and judgment.

Yahshua, my Saviour, my high priest and my king – You called me your friend.

Sin is a fire that consumes a man, but Yahshua is the life giving water. The secrets of a man's heart are only hidden from another man, but Yahweh's eyes behold all things.

Resisting temptation requires the efforts of love, but sin befalls the indifferent.

Justification is by faith in Yahshua – the righteous one; the propitiation; the atonement; the righteousness of Yahweh upon all them which believe.

Grace – the undeserved favor of a compassionate Elohim, the essence of our salvation.

Law is the foundation of any government. Thy commandments, oh Yahweh, are wisdom and righteousness, everlasting and holy.

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2010 Feast of Tabernacles Report

Eaton Rapids, Michigan

The theme this year was **1 Peter 2:25: For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls**; which is also the key verse on an I-69 Billboard the Eaton Rapids Assembly sponsored.

Pastor Samuel Graham shared scriptures on Yahweh's set appointments (moeds). Exodus 23:14-17 – Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. Apostle Paul in Acts 18:21 – I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem. John 7:8 – Yahshua said, Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. Then in Verse 37 – In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. Leviticus 23:40 – ... ye shall rejoice before Yahweh your Elohim seven days.

The Book of Deuteronomy was read in segments throughout the eight days. The following men shared the good news with the saints. Bob McDonald, Ohio – What is Sin? Jeff Kopp, Michigan – Why Study Torah? Bob Wells, Michigan – You Need to Read the Book, Do You Fear Yahweh? and History of the Nazarenes. Rock Key Yah Spence, Illinois – I am Willing. Mark Biggs, Michigan – In the First Place. John Reynolds, Georgia – Yahweh Hath Committed All Things to His Son. Tom Lanphere, Michigan – Israel. Bill McDiarmid, Michigan – Remnant People, Baptism in Yahshua's Name, and Psalm 138. Tim Carr, Pennsylvania – Woe Unto the Scribes and Pharisees.

Specials, songs and testimonials were offered by the following: Richard and Teshuah Lattier, Theresa Wells, Hiawatha Cromer, Bill Jackson, Bob McDonald, Dora Gugliotta, Stuart Clarke, Darren Clarke, Sabine Massera, Rock Key Yah Spence, Fred Gatzke, Pam Kopp, Samuel Graham, Nathaniel Hines, Tim and Karen Carr and family (forgive us if we left anyone out).

Dora Gugliotta, Stuart and Darren Clarke, Canada, performed a special ceremony while lighting an authentic Menorah provided by Darren.

Children's classes and activities were supervised/taught by Beth Biggs, Amy Runkel and Sarah Bristol. Saints enjoyed a field trip to a hands-on museum and state historical library, horseback riding, the usual hay ride and hot dog roast, and a Ladies tea party held in honor of Beth Gatzke. The Carr family brought boxes and boxes of produce which were greatly appreciated.

Eight brethren were baptized/immersed during the Feast: Joseph Perez, MI; Bartley Arndt, OH; Lisa Willhite, MI; Judy Pennock, IN; Devin and Shawn Davis, MI; Vincent Pace, MI; Jim Graves, MI.

Several brothers led by Bob Barnes used their carpentry skills in assisting Silas Nichols build a garden shed/feast shelter in the afternoons during the Feast.

From the first meeting of the Feast of Tabernacles until the last person packing their camper to return home, there was a feeling of family coming home (Yahweh's world-wide family). Apostle Paul must have had the same feeling in Acts 20:16 when he hastened, if it were possible for him to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

Let's not just read about Yahweh's set appointments, let's celebrate/keep Yahweh's Feast Days listed in Leviticus 23. Rejoice in Yahweh always, again I say rejoice.

Submitted by Samuel A. Graham

Children's Page

People of the Bible and You

Kepha [John 1:42] – The Story of Little Faith

Kepha (called Peter by many) was called, “little faith” by Yahshua. His story is similar to all of ours. Let us look at a few of his characteristics and see how that is so:

1. “Little Faith” is a true disciple although a faulty one. In the past Kepha had made statements of faith – it was he who said, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim.” [Matthew 16:13-17] There is a great difference between little faith and no faith.
2. Little Faith accomplished at times a great deal. He actually walked on the water [Matthew 14:22-32], nobody but Yahshua himself did that!
3. Little Faith was on his way to Yahshua! When he took his eyes off Yahshua and looked at the boisterous wind as indicated by the angry waves, he began to sink. How often do we move forward with courage, lose sight of our goal and sink in fear and unbelief?
4. Little Faith knew how to pray, calling out to Yahshua to save him.

We see Kepha ventured forth to be with Yahshua. We too should have this attitude and be able to say like Kepha, “We have left all and have followed you.”

How was Kepha delivered? Not by his swimming or by a revival of his Faith! He was delivered wholly by Yahshua. The sinking did not end in a drowning but in deliverance. This is a lesson for us too. When we see weak members in the body of Messiah, near dead in sin, we should remember that as long as there is a spark of faith in them, Yahshua can revive them. Yahshua took Kepha's hand, caught him and brought him back safely into the ship.

When our storms in life come can we remember how to be delivered? There is a song that says, “Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water, put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea.” That is how to be delivered.

The story ends with a gentle rebuke, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” Doubt means to hesitate in faith. It is the element of doubt in our faith that weakens it and makes us unfruitful, our prayers unanswered and puts us in danger of losing our lives [and/or our salvation].

And so we see, little faith is not the most desirable but it is better than no faith at all. It can be used to draw nearer to Yahshua and to a larger faith.

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Matthew 19:13-15 – Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Yahshua said, Permit little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

SALVATION – HOW?

The Name

- (1) Who created all things, including the way for our salvation? Revelation 4:11; Psalms Chapter 148; Jonah 2:9.
- (2) Will a time come when all who call on the name of Yahweh, shall be delivered (protected)? Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13.
- (3) Will these people be ones who know of Yahweh, and believe in Him? Romans 10:14. Who will know His name? Isaiah 52:6.
- (4) Does a true believer believe on Yahshua's name also? John 1:12, 3:18; 1 John 3:23, 5:13.
- (5) Does a true believer, who is to be saved, do more than just believe Yahweh exists, and call upon His name? James 2:14-26.
- (6) Will there be deception in Yahweh's and Yahshua's name? Jeremiah 14:14; Matthew 24:5.
- (7) Did Yahshua declare Yahweh's name to His people? John 17:6, 12, 26. Should we proclaim it? Psalms 96:1-10. How is it described? Psalms 111:9, 99:3; Deuteronomy 28:58; Luke 11:2; Exodus 3:15; Psalms 135:13.

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In Memoriam

Celebrating the life of **Russell D. Sullivan**, who was born on July 5, 1946 in Lansing, Michigan. His earthly journey ended on October 27, 2010 in Robstown, Texas.

Russell first came to the knowledge of Yahweh and Yahshua through his father Donald Sullivan in the 1980's. Russell continued to study further to find out more truth. He eventually was baptized in Yahshua the Messiah by Bill McDiarmid in the late 80's. He continued to study the truth up until his death and was always willing to share his knowledge with anyone.

Russell was well gifted with musical talent. He could play several instruments including the accordion, organ, laptop steel guitar, and the bass guitar. He could hear any tune and pick it up right away and play it. He spent a lot of his time playing at many jamborees to help raise money for humanitarian purposes.

He loved to fly airplanes and was a flight instructor. He taught many people how to fly. Russell was always willing to help others without expecting anything in return. He tried to live his life as our heavenly father would want us to live as written in the scriptures.

Russell is survived by his wife Sherrie Sullivan; his children Randall (Donna) Sullivan and Scott (Stella) Sullivan; five grandchildren Shayla, Randall Jr. and Isabella Sullivan, and Michael and Hannah Miller; his mother Grace Sullivan; and his siblings Garry (Linda) Sullivan, Darlene (Ray) Sherman, and Sherri Johnson.

Russell is now asleep in Yahshua and waiting for the resurrection to come.

Submitted by Scott and Stella Sullivan

Michael Andrews, dear son and brother, died on October 22, 2010 near McCall, Idaho in an auto accident at the young age of 30. He frequently attended the Assembly of Yahweh and very much enjoyed fellowshiping there.

Mike was born on March 6, 1980 in Marshall, Michigan to Richard and Julia Andrews. Mike was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved animals and had a black lab named Spot. After high school Mike earned his Journeyman Electrician's credentials and worked with the IBEW local. He was a hard worker who enjoyed working with his hands even off the job, taking on carpentry projects. Mike was a good son who enjoyed teasing his mother!

With local construction becoming less frequent, Mike outfitted a trailer with tools and living quarters and headed out west to find work and fellowship. He kept the Feast of Tabernacles this year with the Celebration Church in McCall, Idaho where he made many friends. Mike was baptized in 2002 and considered his walk with Yahshua of foremost importance in his life. He read and studied the Bible. As one sister in the faith put it, Mike was a true son of Israel and a true son of the commandments.

Mike is survived by his parents, sisters, nephews, niece, and grandmother. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. We eagerly await Yah's coming Kingdom to see him again.

Submitted by Richard Andrews

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Sin separates us from a holy Elohim, but the righteousness of Yahshua has repaired the breach.

Sinfulness is slavery and bondage. Now Yahshua has delivered me from the yoke of bondage, loosed my shackles and set me free.

Well, that's all of them. I hope that you will be blessed, as I have, in reading them. If you want, you can put them in The Faith publication. May Father Yahweh continue to bless you in the end of the world. Thank you for publishing the truth!

Love, in our Messiah, Monte Krake

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2011 Calendar

New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 18 Celebrate APRIL 17 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 19 through APRIL 25	
Jan. 6		April 19
Feb. 5		April 25
Mar. 7	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS JUNE 8 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	June 8
Apr. 5		Sept. 30
May 5		Oct. 9
June 3 (Borderline)	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 30	Oct. 14
July 3		Oct. 21
Aug. 2	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT OCTOBER 9	7 days in all – the number of completeness
Aug. 31		
Sept. 30		
Oct. 29		
Nov. 27	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 14 through OCTOBER 20	
Dec. 26 (Borderline)	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 21	

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