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A Sinner's Prayer for Salvation

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Dearest **YAHSHUA**, I am a sinner, I believe you are the Son of **YAHWEH** and you died for my sins on the stake. Forgive all my sins.

YAHSHUA, I repent, I ask you to have mercy on me, a Sinner, and come into my life. Give me your spirit and Your power. Help me to follow and obey your Commandments, and to live for you.

YAHSHUA, I GIVE YOU MY LIFE. Thank you for Hearing my prayer. Thank you for coming into my life.

I ask it in the name of YAHSHUA the MESSIAH.

Yahshua's Memorial (Passover)
April 10, 2009
Celebrate April 9, 2009 <u>after</u> sunset
And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the
Passover of Yahweh – Numbers 28:16

Contending for The Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. Jude 3

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This magazine is published for the sake of truth in honor of our Heavenly Father and His only begotten Son. It upholds the originally inspired Scriptures, teaching to declare all the counsel of The Almighty One. It proclaims the Father's scholarly recognized name, YAHWEH, and the Son's. YAHSHUA. rather than substitutions. It upholds the Ten Commandments, recognizing the name, Yahweh, in the third, and the seventh day Sabbath (not the first day of the week) in the fourth. It stands for baptism (immersion) in the name, Yahshua, the Messiah, according to Acts 2:38 and Matthew 28:19; the ordinance of feet washing and the commemoration of the Messiah's death, at the Passover season; the set times of Unleavened Bread, Weeks (Pentecost), Tabernacles, with all the yearly set apart convocation days of Leviticus 23. It advocates tithing and the observance of Yahweh's laws for our well being including clean foods. It teaches repentance of sin (disobeying Yahweh), and justification by faith in Yahshua, the Messiah, in whom we have redemption through His blood; making right the whole man, physically and spiritually; stressing the importance of the set apart righteous life, and the Power of Yahweh's Spirit of separation teaching the obedient to do His will. It is supported by "called out ones of Yahweh," which is the meaning of "Assembly of Yahweh." It is for those hearing and heeding the call of Revelation 18:4, and is proclaiming to the world that Yahweh reigns, Psalm 96.

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Editorial

WE STILL HAVE TIME

We still have time to become sons and daughters of Yahweh. The Bride Class has the ability to change directions, change our earthly plans and come face to face with our Creator. Our relationship to Yahweh our Heavenly Father as His children looking to Him is the same as our children looking to us for food, shelter, help, direction, spiritual guidance, etc. This should always be our attitude towards our Heavenly Father Yahweh.

There is a certain segment of people who have known the way, but through life's journeys have let these precious truths slip away and have let the world fill the gap between them and Yahweh.

Yahweh knew what would occur in our lifetime, just as Yahweh had directed Jacob in Genesis the 49th chapter to reveal to the people what would befall them in the last days. This 49th chapter has insight for us into the age we are living in. "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." These words reveal that a Savior would arise from Judah and would gather the people. Does the World need to be gathered or returned to Yahweh? Yes!

Yahweh has provided us a way to return. Yahshua the Messiah is the way! Remember Yahshua's words to Thomas in John 14:6, "Yahshua saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." This same thought is written in Deuteronomy 18:15, "Yahweh thy Elohim will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;"

The prophet Isaiah in chapter 30 verse 15 reads, "For thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not." See how merciful Yahweh is in verse 18, "And therefore will Yahweh wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for Yahweh is an Elohim of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him." Also in Psalm 37:9, "For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon Yahweh, they shall inherit the earth." And in Psalm 27:14, "Wait on Yahweh: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on Yahweh."

There are many crossroads in life, where we have to make a decision on which way to go. We are just beginning the year 2009. The United States of America and many other countries are experiencing a downturn in the economy. Or is it a lack of blessings from our Heavenly Father?

This country began as a Yahweh fearing nation. Many of the founding fathers had their Faith in a Supreme Being, although they called Him by a Teutonic title which was substituted for the Holy One of Israel. In <u>Yahweh</u> we trust; and This nation under <u>Yah</u> are the proper renderings instead of the use of titles. There are many countries in Europe that were inhabited by Israelites in earlier times.

The article in this issue regarding The Congregation of Yahweh (written by the founder of The Faith magazine), makes a strong point on who is the <u>real</u> congregation that Yahweh has called out and that those who endure until the end will be saved.

We are preparing for the Passover Season. The Word declares for us to examine ourselves – to clean up our act, our attitude, our devotion and our service to Yahweh so that we might appear before our Heavenly Father Yahweh at the Memorial Supper.

PASSOVER

10 Witnesses in Yahweh's Word

Exodus 12:14 – And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to Yahweh throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

Numbers 28:16 – And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of Yahweh.

Joshua 5:10 – And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

2 Kings 23:21 – And the king [Josiah] commanded all the people, saying, Keep the Passover unto Yahweh your Elohim, as it is written in the book of this covenant.

2 Chronicles 30:1 – And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover unto Yahweh Elohim of Israel. Verses 2-3 – For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month. For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

Ezra 6:19 – And the children of the captivity kept the Passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

Ezekiel 45:21 – In the first month in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

Matthew 26:17-18 – Now before the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Yahshua, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples. (WoY 1st Edition)

Luke 22:13-20 – And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the Passover. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of Elohim. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of Elohim shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 – Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even the Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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What is the Assembly of Yahweh? Who composes the congregation? Is it a sect? A denomination? A religious organization? These questions we wish to answer from the Scriptures for the blessing of each of our truth seeking readers.

The Greek and Hebrew words both have the meaning of a called out class, a company of separated ones. The true meaning of the word is not "church" but assembly, or congregation. We have this word one hundred and fourteen times in the New Testament. We have the congregation of the Laodiceans, Thessalonians, Galatians, Gentiles, etc. These are local assemblies of believers in various cities or localities. Colossians 4:16, 1 Thessalonians 1:1, 2 Thessalonians 1:1, 1 Corinthians 16:1, Romans 16:4.

We wish to refer, however, not to a local assembly of believers, but to the one general congregation of Yahweh's people – The Assembly of Yahweh. In 1 Cor. 14:33, this general assembly is called the "churches (assemblies) of the saints." In Romans 16:16, it is called "the churches (assemblies) of the Messiah." It is made up of the various assemblies over the world which were purchased with the blood of Yahshua, the Messiah, and the people who make up this select company are holy people, that is, "saints". This thought is clarified in the Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 12:23. The text says, "But ye are come ... to the general assembly and congregation of the first born, which are written in heaven."...

This can refer to no denomination, regardless of the sect, or the purity of its doctrine. Neither can it refer to any man-made organization, but to the assembly of saints of all ages, which compose the great body known as the "Congregation of Yahweh."

The Assembly of Yahweh is not a religious organization, but a company of people, men and women. This is made clear in the record of Acts 14:27, where the church (assembly) is spoken of as the people of Yahweh. "When they (Paul and Barnabas) were come, and had gathered the congregation together, they rehearsed all that Yahweh had done with them." These saints often in those days met in the homes of the people, and not in houses of worship, such as we have today; and as the temple was then, and these saints, who assembled from time to time were a "congregation". "Greet the church (congregation) that is in their (Priscilla's and Aquila's) house." Romans 16:5, Colossians 4:15.

Yahweh's Congregation is not a sect. It is not a follower of Wesley, Luther, Campbell, Russell, Eddy, White, or any other mortal person, but of the immortal Yahshua, who purchased them for His very own. If all denominations make up the true congregation of the Most High, then Paul's statement would not be true. "I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Master, Yahshua the Messiah, that you all speak the **same thing**, and that there be **no divisions** among you (such as we now see in Christendom), but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind in the same judgment. For it has been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of the Messiah. Is the Messiah divided? Was Paul crucified [offered] for you? Or, were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.

We know that the Anointed One, or the Anointed Class, is not divided. Neither were we saved by Wesley, Luther, Knox, Paul or Cephas. We are property of the Messiah,

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who purchased us by His own life paid out on Calvary. So why call ourselves the congregation of some man, or the follower of some person? Paul says clearly, "Let no man glory in men (or a woman). For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are the Messiah's and the Messiah is Yahweh's." 1 Corinthians 3:21-23.

Today we hear much of the Lutheran Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, etc., but few assemblies desire to have themselves called by the Scriptural name, by which the saints of the early centuries designated their little congregations.

It is true that various holiness bodies have sprung up, and seeking to get closer to the Scriptures, have designated their religious denominations as The Church of God, The Churches of God, and The Churches of Christ. These names, however, were never known to the early followers of the blessed Savior, but came into existence centuries after they passed from the picture, and are substitutes, and not translations of the original terms.

Take, for instance, the word Church, a sacred word to religious people of our day. Whence did the word originate? Was its origin holy [kodesh], should we continue to use it, just because it is commonly used? This word Church comes from the Latin, which in turn, comes from the Greek word Kuriake. This word Kuriake means, literally, "belonging to Kurios." And who was Kurios? He was the Sun deity in the Sanscrit language, and was adopted into the Greek. The early saints never used this term. They did not belong to Kurios, but to Yahweh. Their term used for the body of believers was the same as our assembly, or congregation with a sense of being separated from the world.

And what about the word God? Readers of **The Faith Magazine** who have studied lessons in our earlier editions know from whence this word came. It was not known to the prophets, except in an evil sense, as a name of a pagan deity, who was worshipped in opposition to Yahweh. See Isaiah 65:11, margin, and Hebrew text. This same deityname came down through the apostate Israelites until it became a fixed term for any deity by the pagan Teutonic tribes. Webster's Unabridged Twentieth Century Dictionary says of this word God: "The word is common to Teutonic tongues, but was not identified outside of them ... It was applied to heathen deities and later, when the Teutonic people were converted to Christianity, and the word was elevated to the Christian sense."

In other words, the heathen deities the barbaric Teutons worshipped were known to them as "god". Later they learned of the true Creator of heaven and earth, and so they were taught that He was another of their deities and so they called Him God also. Later the false deities were forgotten to an extent, and no longer worshipped. They sought to worship the true Creator, but instead of using His divine name, by which He always refers to Himself; they continued to call Him God.

Today we have Churches of God and The Church of God, whose original meaning is, belonging to the (Sun-deity) Kurios God. Call these Scriptural terms if you wish, but to me they are rank substitutions for the inspired terms, properly translated as Congregation of Yahweh or Assembly of Yahweh. Let's get back to the original meaning, if we wish to be Scriptural.

In the New Testament the word Kurios is used when the Savior is meant. Often there is no way to tell the original meaning, except by the context. However, one may readily see, by comparison of the New Testament and the Hebrew Old Testament texts, that not only is Kurios used when the Hebrew Scriptures say "Yahweh," but, also we find that the Greek Theos is used in the New Testament, when substituted for the Hebrew sacred [set apart] Name of Yahweh. For instance, compare Matthew 4:5 with the original in Deuteronomy 8:3, and thereby learn that Yahweh has been changed into Theos or God. Hence, the Churches of God and the Church of God of the New Testament are really The Congregation of Yahweh or the Assembly of Yahweh. The words congregation and assembly are synonymous, and may be used interchangeably, and they really convey the meaning of the New Testament scribes, but they are not tainted with sun-god worship, as is the word Church.

The husband and wife union pictures the true Assembly of Yahweh and her head, even Yahshua the Messiah. "The husband is the head of the wife, even as the Messiah is the head of the Assembly" (Ephesians 5:23-24). A human body complete with the head, the seat of intellect, driving force, as well as the senses, is another picture of the Assembly of Yahweh with its head Yahshua the Messiah. "He (Yahshua) is the head of the body, the Assembly." Colossians 1:18.

As long as we look to another head, be that woman or man, ever so pious, we cannot be of that body whose head is Yahshua. Let's look at these things candidly, even though they do hurt us. The truth will set us free, if we allow it free course in our lives.

All saints, all the holy men and women, all the called out people from the world, are the True Congregation of Yahweh. "These things I write unto thee ... that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of Yahweh, which is the Assembly of the living Elohim, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:14-15). All saints, everywhere in all ages, regardless of all denominational fences or sectarian ties, if they be saints, make up the general company known as the Assembly of Yahweh, which alone is the foundation and support of all truth. There is but one true Assembly, not several, nor is it divided. "There is one congregation [body], and one Spirit (Ephesians 4:4).

Eight times in the New Testament the heavenly Father's earthly assemblies of worshippers are designated as The Congregation of Yahweh. Acts 20:8; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 10:32, 11:22, 15:9; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 3:5. Three times Yahweh's children are designated as Congregations of Yahweh. 1 Corinthians 11:16, 1 Thessalonians 2:14, 2 Thessalonians 1:4. The term Assembly of the living Yahweh is used once. 1 Timothy 3:15.

From these texts one may readily learn that the accepted name for the children of the Heavenly Father was The Congregation of Yahweh, not the Church of Luther, or the Church of Wesley, nor the Church of the Baptist.

Once in Romans 16:16, the assemblies are designated as The Congregations of the Messiah. Some think this is a sectarian name, and so we have Churches of Christ, but the context proves that the term is used in referring to the Congregations of Yahweh. Paul says, "Ye are (property of) the Messiah, and the Messiah is of Yahweh" 1 Corinthians 3:23.

Though there be multitudes (saints of all ages) in the Assembly of Yahweh yet it is the same Congregation. "We being many are one body (assembly) in the Messiah and every one members of one another" Romans 12:5. "Now ye are the body of the Messiah, and members in particular" 1 Corinthians 12:27. …

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We do not join this company by a hand shake, a card, or otherwise, but we are drawn into it by the Spirit of Yahweh Himself. ... "Yahweh added (and still adds) to the Assembly daily such as should be saved" Acts 2:47.

In sects, church rolls are of great importance, and the longer the roll the more successful the church is supposed to be; but Yahweh's Congregation also has a roll book, and that book is not touched by human hands, but the names of the members are added and removed from that precious document by angelic hands. This General Assembly and Congregation of the first born (are the ones) which were written (margin: enrolled) in heaven. Hebrews 12:23.

Bless Yahweh, there is no preacher who can remove my name from the Lamb's Book of Life, only I, by my deeds, can cause that name to be erased. Halleluyah!

How do we become members of this Assembly of Yahweh, you may ask? There is a path clearly marked in the Scriptures, which one follows until he is added unto Yahweh's Congregation.

- 1. We must realize our lost condition, our unrighteousness, our inability to do anything about it of our own selves. "There is none righteous (of himself), no, not one" Romans 3:10, 5:12.
- 2. We must have faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please Yahweh; for he that cometh to Yahweh **must** believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" Hebrews 11:6.
- 3. We must regard Yahweh as the essence, and source, of all holiness [kodeshness], and all goodness. "The reverence of Yahweh is the beginning of Wisdom. No man can come to me (said the Savior), except the Father which hath sent me draw him" John 6:44.
- 4. We must repent of all sin. Not only does the Scripture teach that we must be sorry for our sins, but we must be sorry enough that we will seek Yahweh's forgiving grace, through His blessed Son the only remedy for sin. Acts 3:19.
- 5. We must accept Yahshua the Messiah as our personal Savior, as the remedy for all sins, the cleansing agent for all uncleanness, the power of a righteous life. His promise is, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" John 14:6.
- 6. Our sorrow and repentance must lead us to a new life, one free from sin. We must change our ways. We must be converted. "If ye will be my disciple (says the Master), you must deny yourself, then take up your cross [stake] and follow me" Matthew 16:24.
- 7. Having taken the steps outlined in the Scriptures, and daily walking in the light of Yahweh's Word, we are then considered right by the Most High. No man has the authority to say we are right. "It is Yahweh that justifieth" Romans 8:33.
- 8. We are then, after being accepted by Yahweh, new creatures really new beings, men and women who have passed from sin to holiness [kodeshness], from death to life. "If any man be in the Messiah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" 2 Corinthians 5:17.

- 9. New creatures are then anointed for service. In the temple, in type, the priest poured the anointing oil on the head of the consecrated person, and the oil ran down from the hair of the head over the shoulders, even to the feet (Psalm 133:2). "He (Moses) poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him to sanctify him" (set him aside for sacred service, Leviticus 8:12). The Messiah, our example, was anointed of the Holy Spirit at His baptism at the river Jordan, for service. The apostles were anointed for service, at Jerusalem on Pentecost day. The Gentile believers were anointed, for service, at the home of Cornelius. All were anointed even as was Aaron as a sanctifying act sealing them for service.*
- 10. Having been forgiven of our sins, cleansed of our filthiness, made new creatures in Yahshua, we are then sanctified by accepting, living, and teaching His Word. Only the Scriptures are instruments of Yahweh's sanctifying act. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" John 17:17.

In the Assembly are various servants of the Master, used in different capacities, as **He** wills. Bishops, elders, deacons, pastors, teachers, helpers are listed as servant classes in the Assembly of Yahweh; but such in no way excuses the rest of the members from doing the very best in a sanctified service for His Name's Sake. Yahshua is the true Head, the only Leader and in Him rests supreme authority in the Assembly. Yahweh "hath put all things under His (Yahshua's) feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the Congregation, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all" Ephesians 1:22-23.

The Assembly of Yahweh needs feeding today, just as in all ages. The servants entrusted with the feeding of the sheep of the True Flock are admonished to feed them well. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves (you teachers), and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the Congregation of Yahweh, which He hath purchased with the blood of His own" Acts 20:28.

The food for the sheep is found in the Scriptures and emphasized by the decrees of the holy [set apart] men at Jerusalem, which are recorded in the New Testament. "They delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the Congregations established in the faith, and increased in numbers daily" Acts 16:4-5. In so far as we cling to the Scriptures, so much as we are strengthened with power from above, and by our lives impel others to be drawn by the Father into the same general Assembly.

Being members of the Assembly of Yahweh, we are thus a real priesthood, even as Peter explains saying, "Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood **to offer up sacrifices** acceptable to Yahweh by Yahshua the Messiah" 1 Peter 2:5. These sacrifices **acceptable to Yahweh** are not the life and blood, and bodies of bulls, goats, lambs, and doves; but they are the living bodies of the members of the Assembly of Yahweh. Each member as a priest, offers up his own body, **by Yahshua the Messiah**, just as literally as the Aaronic priest offered up the animal up the altar. Paul says, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Yahweh, which is your reasonable service" Romans 12:1.

You ask, Shall my sacrifice [offering] be literal? Our answer is, Yes! Just as literal as was that of our Savior, who offered himself a sacrifice for others. His submission unto His Father's will, which led eventually unto death, is an example of the type of sacrifice that we are called upon to offer unto our Maker. Peter states the thought in these words, "For hereunto were ye called; because the Messiah also **suffered for us, leaving us an example** that we should follow in His footsteps" 1 Peter 2:21.

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*Editor's Note: As Yahshua our Chief Shepherd was baptized (immersed) setting a pattern for us to follow, so must we be baptized as Yahshua commanded. (John 3:5, Acts 2:38)

The true Congregations of Yahweh are made up of saints, real flesh and blood men and women, but holy [set apart]. Some churches do not have any living saints, but wait until some die and then make saints of them. But in the Congregation of Yahweh the members are saints. If they are not saints, then they are not members of that saintly Assembly. Paul says, "Yahweh is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all assemblies of the saints" 1 Corinthians 14:33.

Yes, the Assembly of Yahweh is made up of holy [set apart] people. Paul greeted them as sanctified ones. I believe there are such saints living today. Am I one? Are you one? I still believe there are saints today and such make up the body of believers which Yahweh has chosen to call the Assembly of Yahweh.

Paul greeted the Corinthian Congregation as sanctified people saying, "Greetings unto the Congregation of Yahweh which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in the Messiah Yahshua, called to be saints" 1 Corinthians 1:2. This type of greeting is applicable to each **true Assembly of Yahweh**; and each Congregation claiming to be Yahweh's should be composed of such believers that they could truly be called sanctified saints. To be less is to deceive our own selves, and lose eternal life. We cannot afford to be less than the best. The promise is, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" Revelation 2:10.

As these lines fall under the eyes of the readers, may Yahweh, the Eternal Father, by His goodness, His mercy, His wisdom, His power, His love, draw us into the one body, The Congregation of Yahweh, the pillar and ground of the truth, of which Yahshua our Savior is the head, our all in all.

Yahweh bless you in Yahshua.

By C.O. Dodd (deceased)

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WE STILL HAVE TIME

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1 Corinthians 11:28-29 – "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Master's body."

Brothers and Sisters let us return to the old paths. Remember the admonition to one of the tribes of Israel in Jeremiah 6:16 – "Thus saith Yahweh, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Let us hold Yahweh's Banner high and march onward to the Kingdom.

A servant, Pastor Samuel A. Graham

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A TESTIMONY

Lesson from 1 John - I invite you to read 1 John 4:1-3 with me and hear the testimony of what I learned from this.

Every spirit that says the Messiah did not come in the flesh is "anti-messiah". Yahshua, can live in me, and He is greater than "he that is in the world."

(Now read verses 4-6) – The "spirit of error" is a spirit that does not want to hear what Yah tells me to say. Anyone who does not tell you to love one another is not born of Yah and is not led by Yah's Spirit. Anyone who tells you to love one another is born of Yah and is led by Yah's Spirit.

(Read verses 7-9) – He came that we might live through Him, and that we might love each other.

(Read verses 14-15) – The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever shall confess that Yahshua is the Son of Yahweh, Yahweh lives in him and he in turn lives in Yahweh. Remember it says "Yahweh is love." Do our words tell of Yah's love? Do our actions tell of our love and Yah's love for those people near us? Do our thoughts tell of Yah's love?

(Read verses 14-15 again) – It seems to say, give all the thoughts, words and actions you have that do not show Yah's love, to Yahshua your Savior. Even if you feel you are more a part of the world than part of Yah, don't worry; Yahshua, the Messiah is the Savior of the world.

He is <u>your</u> Savior. Give Him everything that keeps you from feeling or knowing that Yahweh loves you – He will take it from you and you will not see it again, or hear it again. Just ask. Just do it. If something isn't gone, keep giving it to Him. Then ask for more of His love. He will fill you with Himself because HE IS LOVE.

THIS IS MY TESTIMONY because IT HAPPENED TO ME!

Jeanne Fangboner

2008 Feast of Tabernacles Report Dominica, West Indies

We were gathered together in a little village in the northern part of the island of D/A called Layou in a big hotel by a river. Yahweh touched the heart of the hotel owner and we were given the privilege of occupying there for the days of the Feast. We entered the hotel on the 15th of the seventh month and we left on the 22nd. There was great joy among the brethren, we rejoiced greatly and there was one immersion. There were brethren from all over the Caribbean – Pastor Lakeman, Pastor Seamon and Elders P. Joseph, L. William, R. Delsol and J. Liverpool.

Yours in the Master's Service, Elder Joseph Liverpool

A Health Tip

Safety in numbers. When shopping for produce, use the numbers on the stickers to verify that fruits and veggies are in the correct bin. If the number starts with a 9, it means it's organic. If it starts with a 3 or 4, it's conventional produce; an 8 indicates it's been genetically modified.

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Guest Speaker at Assembly of Yahweh Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Brad Scott on Sabbath April 25, 2009

Brad Scott of Wildbranch Ministries will be the guest speaker at the Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, on Sabbath (Saturday) April 25, 2009. There will be a morning meeting at 10:30 a.m. and an afternoon meeting at 3:00 p.m. with a kosher lunch to share in between (please bring a dish to pass).

Brad has been teaching the Scriptures since 1971. He began in the Lutheran system and was taught traditional "Christian" theology. In 1978, he began his studies in the Greek language and soon discovered that the well-defined Greek structure was NOT so well-defined. He soon began to learn the Hebrew language, and sat at the feet of Rabbinical scholars, much the same way Shaul may have done so! Having been trained that the New Testament was written in Greek, Brad discovered, along with other scholars of the New Testament and the Dead Sea Scrolls that the New Testament may well have been written in Hebrew. He has been teaching the Hebrew language and culture since 1983. Brad is an ordained minister through a non-denominational pastorship. Brad is a professional musician as well, and enjoys leading Praise and Worship teams and playing the keyboards and singing.

For more information contact: Samuel Graham at 517 663-3724 or Bob & Theresa Wells at 517 543-9417 or you may e-mail them at BobWells@PraiseYahweh.com or Theresa@PraiseYah.com

Endeavouring to keep the Unity of the Spirit In the bond of Peace. Ephesians 4:3

Announcing!

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July 31, 2009 through August 2, 2009

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CUP OF TRUTH

As there is both a great lack of awareness and a great deal of misinformation regarding the Name of our Heavenly Father, the Assembly of Yahweh has undertaken some special projects to improve matters.

The first of these is appropriately called A Cup Of Truth. The Cup is translucent cobalt blue with white lettering. On one side, the Cup bears witness to the true Covenant Name of the Creator in ancient Hebrew characters, and the place in Scripture where it is commanded eternally for those joining in Covenant-relation to Him. On the other side, the Cup reveals the error of traditional title-substitutes and encourages those seeking a Covenant-relationship with Yahweh to contact the Assembly.

The Cup Of Truth in one's home would provide a daily reminder of the unique, close relationship one has with the Heavenly Father—a relationship often spoken of, but impossible, in traditional title-substitute using congregations. As a gift, the Cup would evidence the giver's deep desire to share a key Truth, and provides a clear statement thereon for the benefit and encouragement for spiritual growth in the recipient.

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CUP OF TRUTH

Exodus 3.15

3Y37 YAHWEH: The true Covenant Name of the Creator. In most versions of His Word, and in direct violation thereof (Dt 4.2: 12.32; Re 3.8; 22.18, 19), replaced by substitutes GOD or LORD. For a truer relationship with your Maker, contact:

Assembly of Yahweh 1017 N. Gunnell Rd. Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827 1-517-663-3724

THE COVENANTAL NAME PIN

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The Pin bears witness to the true Covenant Name of the Creator in ancient Hebrew characters, and the place in Scripture where that unique Name is commanded eternally for those joining in Covenant-relation to Him. It makes a wonderful conversation-starter and, so, provides an excellent means for witnessing. Too, as a gift, the Pin would evidence the giver's deep desire to share a key Truth, and provides a clear encouragement for spiritual growth in the recipient.

3Y37 - Ex 3.15

The Cup Of Truth and Tetragrammaton Pin are available for a donation of \$5.00 each payable to the <u>Assembly of Yahweh Building Fund</u>. Requests for Cups or Pins should be addressed to AOY Special Projects, 1102 Turner Street, DeWitt, Michigan 48820.

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2009 CALENDAR CALCULATIONS

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Military time – in Jerusalem, Israel (LST)
LST (Local Standard Time) equals GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) plus two hours
Source of Reference – Photographer's Almanac of the Sun and Moon
"New Moon is generally not visible until at least 15 minutes after sunset." Robert Victor
Conjunction January 26 – 07:55 GMT plus 2 hours equals 09:55 LST (a.m.)
Sunset January 26 - 17:08 (09:55 to 17:08 = \text{moon is 7 hrs 13 min old})
Sunset January 27 - 17:09 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 31 hrs 14 min old)
Moonset January 27 - 18:17 (17:09 to 18:17 = \text{moon is up 1 hr 8 min})
                  *January 28, 2009 (1/28/09) is New Moon Day
Conjunction February 25 – 01:35 GMT plus 2 hours equals 03:35 LST (a.m.)
Sunset February 25 - 17:34 (03:35 to 17:34 = moon is 13 hrs 59 min old)
Moonset February 25 - 18:04 (17:34 to 18:04 = \text{moon is up } 30 \text{ min})
         Moon may be visible in U.S. but not in Jerusalem
Sunset February 26 - 17:35 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 38 hrs old)
Moonset February 26 - 19:03 (17:35 to 19:03 = \text{moon is up 1 hr 28 min})
                  *February 27, 2009 (2/27/09) is New Moon Day
Conjunction March 26 – 16:06 GMT plus 2 hours equals 18:06 LST (p.m.)
Sunset March 26 – 17:55 (17:55 to 18:06 – Conjunction is 11 minutes after sunset)
Sunset March 27 – 17:55 (18:06 Mar. 26 to 17:55 Mar. 27 = moon is 23 hrs 49 min old)
Moonset March 27 - 18:55 (17:55 to 18:55 = moon is up 1 hour)
                  *March 28, 2009 (3/28/09) is New Moon Day
Conjunction April 25 – 03:23 GMT plus 2 hours equals 05:23 LST (a.m.)
Sunset April 25 - 18:15 (05:23 to 18:15 = \text{moon is } 12 \text{ hrs } 52 \text{ min old})
Moonset April 25 - 18.52 (18:15 to 18.52 = moon is up 37 min)
        Moon may be visible in U.S. but not in Jersalem
Sunset April 26 – 18:16 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 36 hr 53 min old)
Moonset April 26 - 20:03 (18:16 to 20:03 = \text{moon is up 1 hr 47 min})
                  *April 27, 2009 (4/27/09) is New Moon Day
Conjunction May 24 – 12:11 GMT plus 2 hours equals 14:11 LST (p.m.)
Sunset May 24 - 18:35 (14:11 to 18:35 = moon is 4 hrs 24 min old)
Sunset May 25 - 18:36 (plus 24 \text{ hrs } 1 \text{ min} = \text{moon is } 28 \text{ hrs } 25 \text{ min old})
Moonset May 25 - 20:00 (18:36 to 20:00 = moon is up 1 hr 24 min)
                  *May 26, 2009 (5/26/09) is New Moon Day
Conjunction June 22 – 19:35 GMT plus 2 hours equals 21:35 LST (p.m.)
Sunset June 22 – 18:48 (18:48 to 21:35 – Conjunction is 2 hrs 47 min after sunset)
Sunset June 23 – 18:48 (21:35 June 22 to 18:48 June 23 = moon is 21 hrs 13 min old)
Moonset June 23 - 19:41 (18:48 to 19:41 = moon is up 53 minutes)
                  *June 24, 2009 (6/24/09) is New Moon Day
Conjunction July 22 – 02:35 GMT plus 2 hours equals 04:35 LST (a.m.)
Sunset July 22 - 18:42 (04:35 to 18:42 = \text{moon is } 14 \text{ hrs } 7 \text{ min old})
Moonset July 22 - 19:04 (18:42 to 19:04 = moon is up 22 min) (Jerusalem-no)
Sunset July 23 - 18:42 (plus 24 \text{ hrs} = \text{moon is } 38 \text{ hrs } 7 \text{ min old})
Moonset July 23 - 19:43 (18:42 to 19:43 = moon is up 1 hr 1 min)
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*July 24, 2009 (7/24/09) is New Moon Day

Conjunction August 20 – 10:02 GMT plus 2 hours equals 12:02 LST (p.m.) Sunset August 20 – 18:17 (12:02 to 18:17 = moon is 6 hrs 15 min old) Sunset August 21 – 18:16 (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 30 hrs 14 min old) Moonset August 21 – 18:47 (18:16 to 18:47 = moon is up 31 minutes)

*August 22, 2009 (8/22/09) is New Moon Day

(Borderline)

Conjunction September 18 – 18:44 GMT plus 2 hours equals 20:44 LST (p.m.) Sunset September 18 – 17:41 (17:41 to 20:44 – Conjunction is 3 hrs 3 min <u>after</u> sunset) Sunset Sept. 19 – 17:40 (20:44 Sept. 18 to 17:40 Sept. 19 = moon is 20 hrs 56 min old) Moonset September 19 – 17:48 (17:40 to 17:48 = moon is up <u>8 minutes</u>) Sunset September 20 – 17:38 (plus 23 hrs 58 min = moon is 44 hrs 54 min old) Moonset September 20 – 18:22 (17:38 to 18:22 = moon is up 44 minutes) *September 21, 2009 (9/21/09) is New Moon Day

Conjunction October 18 – 05:33 GMT plus 2 hours equals 07:33 LST (a.m.) Sunset October 18 – 17:04 (07:33 to 17:04 = moon is 9 hrs 31 min old) Sunset October 19 – 17:03 (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 33 hrs 30 min old) Moonset October 19 – 17:32 (17:03 to 17:32 = moon is up 29 minutes) *October 20, 2009 (10/20/09) is New Moon Day

(Borderline)

Conjunction November 16 – 19:14 GMT plus 2 hours equals 21:14 LST (p.m.) Sunset November 16 – 16:39 (16:39 to 21:14 – Conjunction is 4 hrs 35 min <u>after sunset</u>) Sunset Nov. 17 – 16:39 (21:14 Nov. 16 to 16:39 Nov. 17 = moon is 19 hrs 25 min old) Moonset November 17 – 16:54 (16:39 to 16:54 = moon is up <u>15 minutes</u>) Sunset November 18 – 16:38 (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 43 hrs 24 min old) Moonset November 18 – 17:44 (16:38 to 17:44 = moon is up 1 hr 6 min) *November 19, 2009 (11/19/09) is New Moon Day

Conjunction December 16-12:02 GMT plus 2 hours equals 14:02 LST (p.m.) Sunset December 16-16:37 (14:02 to 16:37= moon is 2 hrs 35 min old) Sunset December 17-16:38 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 26 hrs 36 min old) Moonset December 17-17:25 (16:38 to 17:25= moon is up 47 minutes)

*December 18, 2009 (12/18/09) is New Moon Day

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Yahweh's 2009 Calendar				
New Moon Days Jan. 28 Feb. 27 Mar. 28 Apr. 27 May 26 June 24 July 24 Aug. 22 (Borderline) Sept. 21 Oct. 20 (Borderline) Nov. 19 Dec. 18	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 10 Celebrate APRIL 9 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days		
	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 11 through APRIL 17	April 11 April 17		
	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 31 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 31 Sept. 21 Sept. 30 Oct. 5 Oct. 12		
	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 21			
	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 30	7 days in all – the number		
	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 5 through OCTOBER 11	of completeness		
	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 12			
Begin YAHWEH's days with the sunset preceding the indicated Roman days lasting till the next sunset.				

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