

# Message of Salvation

Friend, if you have yet to meet the one and only true God, there is *no better time* than now to do so:

“In the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with God, and The Word was God. This One was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was Life, and The Life was The Light of men. And The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend nor overwhelm Him.... He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to Israel, His inheritance, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave authority to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of bloods, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. AND THE WORD BECAME A MAN MADE OF FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US; and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from The Father, full of grace and truth.... And of His fullness we all have received, and grace for grace. For the Torah [Law] was given through Moses, *but* the grace and the truth were realized through Yeshua The Messiah [Jesus The Christ]” (John 1:1-17, Gk.; see Deut 18:15-22).

“For there are three who bear witness in heaven: The Father, The Word, and The Holy Spirit; and these three are *united as One*” (Heb., *Echad*). “And there are three that bear witness on earth: The Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three are in agreement” (1 John 5:7-8, Gk.; see Deut 6:4 in Heb.).

If you do not know Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus), The great God and Savior of Israel, as your personal God and Savior, then please consider these truths. We are all sinners (Rom 3:23), and the penalty for sin in God’s Torah is eternal death (Rom 6:23) and separation from God our Creator (2Th 1:5-10). We are *all* condemned to eternal death by the Torah (Law) of God for our sins, yet Yeshua came to save those who would believe in Him, who know that He is The Lamb of God (John 1:29) who made atonement for our sins with His own blood (Rom 3:24-26; Eph 2:1-10). As the only sinless man to ever live, who *alone* is both God and man, Yeshua had power to never transgress the Torah of God (1 John 3:4-9, AKJV; see Gal 3:10). As a sinless man, voluntarily subjected to the Divine Law, Yeshua as our High Priest offered Himself up once, as The Lamb of God, to be slain for *our* sins (Heb 7:22-27, 9:1 to 10:18; see Rom 6:8-10). Yeshua, in His great love for us, freely offered His own blood, His *life*, upon an altar made in the form of a wooden cross, to atone for us: “For the life of the flesh *is* in

the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *due to the life that* makes atonement for the soul" (Lev 17:11, Heb.; see Heb 7 to 10).

Though He had never sinned, Yeshua took the sins of all who would believe in Him as Lord and Savior—past, present, and future—upon Himself. He paid the ultimate penalties of death and Sheol (Hades or Hell) in full for all who believe (John 19:30; see Ps 16:10; Isa 53; Heb 2:9-28).<sup>1</sup> Yeshua said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone obeys My word, he shall never see death" (John 8:51). Those who will not believe, however, must pay these penalties for themselves—for all eternity. As the scripture says, "It is appointed to men to die once, but after this judgment" (Heb 9:27, Gk.). And what will be the outcome of the judgment? As it is written:

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that The Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than The Light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates The Light and does not come to The Light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But everyone who does what is **true** comes to The Light, so that all may see that his actions are accomplished through God.... He who believes in The Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe The Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides upon him" (John 3:18-21, 3:36).

"Beware lest anyone take you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to The Messiah" (Col 2:8; see Prov 14:12).

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor 6:9-10).

"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to The LORD.... You shall be blameless before The LORD your God. For these nations which you shall dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not suffered you to do so" (Deut 18:10-14).

Being sinless, Yeshua cleansed us from our sins by taking them upon Himself (2 Cor 5:18-21; Gal 3:10-14). Yeshua said, "I am The Way,

1. Yeshua did *not* suffer in Hell following His death upon the cross. Rather, He was in Paradise—which is separated by an "impassable" gulf from Hell—until His resurrection.

and The Truth, and The Life: no one comes to The Father, but through Me" (John 14:6; see 1 Tim 2:5). Because He took our sins upon Himself, and, spiritually speaking, became sin in our place (2 Cor 5:21), His righteousness required that He pay the price which is written in His own Torah, the Law of God, and that price was physical death. However, because He is God, it was not possible for death or the grave, which He Himself created for sinners, to hold Him. Yeshua, who had power to both lay down His Life and take it up again, rose three days and three nights later (Matt 12:40). God will save all who repent, who forsake their sins for Him, by receiving Yeshua as LORD and Savior of their lives (2 Peter 3:9; see John 15:13-14 and 1 Cor 1:18).

SALVATION IS A *FREE GIFT FROM GOD*; our "good" works can *never* justify us before Him. Where God is concerned, *all* of the "righteousnesses" of man are like filthy garments (Isa 64:6). No human being can enter the Kingdom of Heaven based upon his own merits: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Eph 2:8-10). Yeshua lives forevermore as Lord and Savior of all who believe in His name, who obey His commandments by the power of The Holy Spirit, which He has imparted to them (Acts 2:1-40; see 1 John 3:10-24). Yeshua said:

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray to The Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, even The Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day, you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and obeys them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But The Helper, The Holy Spirit, whom The Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" (John 14:15-21, 23-26).

"For I am not ashamed of the good news of Messiah, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, TO THE JEW FIRST and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'But the JUST [RIGHTEOUS] BY FAITH shall live'" (Rom 1:16-17, Gk.; see Acts 15:7-9, Rom 3:21 to 5:21, 7, 10).

"But what does it say? 'The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart'—that is, The Word of faith which [whom] we preach, that if you confess with your mouth The Lord Yeshua, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart *one* believes to righteousness, and with *the* mouth *one* confesses to Salvation. For the scripture says, 'Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For 'whoever calls upon the name of The Lord shall be saved'" (Rom 10:8-13, Gk.).

"And this is the message that we have heard from Him and we announce to you, that God is Light, and no darkness is in Him—none. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in The Light, as He is in The Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Messiah Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and The Truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him *out to be* a liar, and His Word is not in us" (1 John 1:5-10, Gk.; see James 5:13-16).

"But even if our good news is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whom the god of this age [(Satan or Lucifer)] has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, lest The Light of the good news of the glory of the Messiah, who is the image of God, should shine on them.... Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Cor 4:3-4, 5:17, Gk.).

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Rom 8:16, Gk.).

"For the message [Word] of the cross is foolishness to those who are truly perishing, but to us who are being saved *it is the* power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the understanding of the prudent.' Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world by *its* wisdom did not know God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching, to save those who believe. And since Judaeans [Jews] request a sign, and Greeks seek *worldly* wisdom, we thus preach Messiah crucified...the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.... But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained [predetermined] before the ages for our glory.... But the natural man does not receive the things of The Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor 1:18-25, 2:7, 2:14).

Friend, if you *have* received Yeshua (Jesus), read the Word of God, so that you may be instructed in The Truth and the knowledge of God;

also, seek regular fellowship with other Christians, “and so much the more as you see the Day [of The Lord, Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus),] approaching” (Heb 10:22-25). However, *if you still do not believe*, then watch for the day that half of Jerusalem (i.e., “East Jerusalem”) is taken captive by force in war from Israel; that particular event, upon its occurrence, will signal the arrival of the Great Tribulation and indicate that Jesus’ return—which shall be followed by Armageddon and His global reign from Jerusalem atop Mount Zion in Israel—is just under three years and six months away.<sup>1</sup> You should then *know* that you have a choice to make. Choosing to believe in, and receive Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus), and thus to be filled with The Holy Spirit—or not—*will one day determine your eternal destiny*. Shalom.

1. See *Israel, “Peace” and the Coming World War: The Great Tribulation is Near; The AntiChrist and a Cup of Tea*; and the *Messiah, History, and the Tribulation Period* multivolume series.