

Salvation

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Preparation for this Study

As usual, before you read this study, I ask you to do four things :

Firstly, pray to only receive YHWH's truth and to not be deceived by any false information.

Secondly, I challenge you to choose to be teachable – choose to have an open mind.

Thirdly, please don't believe what I have written, but check the Scriptures to "test" that what Has been written is correct (1 Thes 5:21, Acts 17:11).

Fourthly, remember that we are studying to show ourselves approved to YHWH. (1Tim 2:15).

Please refer to **Preparation for Studying YHWH's Word**, for more details.

Note : Please remember that **the foundation of all my studies must be the Bible, the inspired, revealed and written word of YHWH, in its original languages.**

There is no such thing as an inspired translation of the Bible!



Whenever I quote from YHWH's Word in this study, I am quoting from **THE SCRIPTURES** version of the Bible.

Salvation – What is it and Do I have it ?

I'd like to begin with the three scripture verses that occur immediately after the scene where Yahushua has been asked by the young man about obtaining eternal life.

Matt 19:24-26

24 And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the reign of Elohim."

*25 And when His taught ones heard it, they were very astonished, saying, "**Who then is able to be saved?**"*

26 And looking intently יְהוֹשֻׁעַ said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with Elohim all is possible."

So the focus of my study is, "**What is salvation ?** "

In my study, [Why do people believe what they believe](#), I stated that I believe that the world religions contains a mixture of YHWH's truth and pagan ideas. As far as I am concerned, **no one person or group knows all of YHWH's truth** ! My approach is to "glean" from anyone who has some of YHWH's truth – it can be a Messianic rabbi or teacher, it can be an orthodox rabbi, it can be a Christian minister or priest, or an ordinary person who has studied YHWH's Word - it can be anyone who has somehow crystallised some of YHWH's truth and wisdom.

In this study, I will be quoting many verses from YHWH's Word, and will be adapting a teaching of a Messianic teacher named Natan Lawrence. I encourage you to "check him out". His website is :

<http://www.hoshanarabbah.org/pdfs/r-u-savd.pdf>

What is Salvation – its definition and meaning

I always like to define the terms I use. I do this so that we all have the same understanding of the words used, and to reduce any possible confusion.

So how do we define the word "Salvation" ?

I usually go to a good dictionary, and if possible, [I search the Bible for YHWH's definition](#).

I did this and found the following Strong's word numbers and information are used for translating the word "salvation".

H# 03444> h[^lWvy> (*yeshuah*) (447b)

Meaning: *salvation*

Origin: from 3467

Usage: deeds of deliverance(1), deliverance(6), help(m)(4), prosperity(m)(1), salvation(61), save(1), saving(1), security(1), victories(m)(1), victory(m)(1).

H# 03468> [v;y< or [v;yE (*yesha* or *yesha*) (447a)

Meaning: *deliverance, rescue, salvation, safety, welfare*

Origin: from 3467

Usage: safety(3), salvation(31), saving(2).

H# 3467 יָשָׁא

Ya'sha'

yaw-shah'

A primitive root; properly to *be open, wide* or *free*, that is, (by implication) to *be safe*; causatively to *free* or *succor*: - X at all, avenging, defend, deliver (-er), help, preserve, rescue, be safe, bring (having) salvation, save (-iour), get victory.

H# 08668> h[^lWvT. (*teshuah*) (448b)

Meaning: *deliverance, salvation*

Origin: from 3467

Usage: deliverance(6), salvation(16), victory(11).

G# 4991 σωτηρία

So'te'ria

so-tay-ree'-ah

Feminine of a derivative of [G4990](#) as (properly abstract) noun; *rescue* or *safety* (physically or morally): - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

G# 4982 σωζω

sozo

Thayer Definition:

1) to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction

- 1a) one (from injury or peril)
 - 1a1) to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health
 - 1b1) to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue
- 1b) to save in the technical biblical sense
 - 1b1) negatively
 - 1b1a) to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment
 - 1b1b) to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance

You can see from this information, the words “**deliverance**” and “**save**” appear often, but there doesn’t seem to be a specific definition for “salvation”.

The online dictionary at <http://www.yourdictionary.com> defines “**salvation**” as **deliverance from sin and from the penalties of sin.**

In a general sense, salvation is “a saving or being saved from danger, evil, difficulty, destruction or preservation from harm, ruin or loss.”

Relating the first definition, which is biblical in nature, to the second definition, which is generic in nature, I have come up with the following definition for salvation :

Salvation is the deliverance or preservation from the power of sin, which causes harm, ruin or loss.

So what is sin that it causes harm, ruin or loss, and what is being harmed or being lost such that we need deliverance ?

If we search for “sin” using the free Bible software, [e-Sword](#), we come up with 389 verses in the Bible. Refining our search, we find YHWH’s definition for sin in [1 John 3:4](#).

[1 John 3:4](#) reads :

Everyone doing sin also does lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

From this verse, we are told that **sin is lawlessness**. So what is lawlessness ?

Lawlessness is transgression (breaking) of YHWH’s law (Torah).

Very simply, Scripture (the Bible) defines **sin** as “the transgression of YHWH’s law”.

What then is YHWH’s law ? Again quite simply, it is the Word of YHWH as recorded in His holy or set apart (*kodosh*) Word, the Bible or Scripture. The following scripture verses explain this idea a little further.

- ~ Man is commanded to live by **every** word found in Scripture ([Deut. 8:3](#); [Matt. 4:4](#)).
 - ~ Man is to “hear” and do the Words of YHWH ([Deut. 6:4](#)).
- The Hebrew word translated as “hear” is “shema”. Shema means to “hear with understanding, and obey”.
- ~ Man is to place YHWH’s words in his heart ([Deut. 6:6](#)),
 - ~ Man is to teach the Torah to his children ([Deut. 6:7](#)), and
 - ~ Man is to make them the basis for all that he does and thinks ([Deut. 6:8-9](#)). The words or laws of YHWH Elohim are summed up as loving YHWH and loving one’s neighbour. ([Deut. 6:5](#); [Lev.19:18](#); [Mark 12:30](#); [John 14:15](#)).

(For a more in-depth study of YHWH’s law, His Torah, refer to my study, [Introduction to Torah - a Basic Study](#)).

There are 613 of YHWH's laws in the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), and more than 1050 commands in the Apostolic Scriptures (New Testament), and several hundred thousand civil laws, because YHWH's laws aren't kept by most people.

As an interesting aside, the Hebrew word that is translated as "sin" is "chata". I believe it means to "miss the mark" **and** "have no participation in the prize".

Rabbi Robert Miller explains Torah this way.

- + YHWH is the King.
- + Every king must have a Kingdom.
- + To make the kingdom work, the King must rule.
- + If the king is going to rule, he must have Rules.
- + YHWH's set of rules is the Torah.
- + **If we want to be in YHWH's Kingdom, we must follow all His rules – His Torah.**

As all societies impose penalties upon its citizens for breaking those laws, and the same is true of YHWH's divine laws. Scripture teaches us that **the wages of sin is death (Ezek. 18:4; Rom. 6:23)**, and that **all men have sinned** (broken YHWH's laws) (**Rom. 3:23**).

Because a divine death sentence is upon every person, eternal death is the *harm, ruin or loss*, from which man needs deliverance, redemption or salvation. If salvation is deliverance from death - those who are saved will have eternal life or immortality. Therefore, those who are saved from death, the result of sin, will be given immortality (**Rom. 6:23**).

How can we receive salvation from the wages or penalty of our sin—the violation of YHWH's divine laws ?

Steps to Salvation

The Bible tells us that man has a sin problem (Read Romans chapters 1 through 3), and that man must take certain spiritual steps of faith to rectify this problem.

Let's begin to investigate this by examining what Yahushua came to do ? In

Matt 1:21, it reads :

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Yahushua, for He will save His people from their sins."

John 3:16 continues :

"For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only brought-forth Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life"

So from these scriptures, I believe **salvation** means **being delivered from our sins (and their consequences)**, by believing in Yahushua as our Master and Saviour.

How can we be saved ? There are several steps to salvation. Let's examine them in some detail.

Step 1

Repenting of our sins is the first step to salvation. We must acknowledge that we have broken YHWH's Torah, and resolve to do better by returning to His Torah. This was the main message of John the Baptist.

Matt 3:1-2 reads :

*And in those days Yohanan the Immerser came proclaiming in the wilderness of Yehudah, and saying, "**Repent**, for the reign of the heavens has come near!"*

Yahushua also preached the same message.

Mar 1:14-15 says :

*14 And after Yohanan was delivered up, יהושע (Yahushua) came to Galil, proclaiming the Good News of the reign of Elohim,
15 and saying, "The time has been filled, and the reign of Elohim has come near. **Repent**, and believe in the Good News."*

In most English Bibles, the word "repentance" is translated for the Hebrew term "teshuvah." Teshuvah cannot be simply equated with repentance. Teshuvah includes repentance but it means more than just repenting. Teshuvah means to "turn from sin **and** return to the Creator" and more yet.

True teshuvah is a total abandonment of an evil act and the making of a direct effort to correct the wrong, and do the right. True teshuvah includes regret and sorrow but does not stop there. Teshuvah is characterized by joy – joy found in the renewal to connection with YHWH. True teshuvah doesn't just promise to do better next time; it rights the wrong and really does do better next time. True teshuvah is a direct command for every follower of the Bible.

Ezek 14:6 says :

"Repent! Turn from your idols and renounce all your detestable practices

Notice this verse includes repenting and turning from sin.

Step 2

Once we have repented of our sins, we must confess them so that we can start to restore our relationship with YHWH – this is all part of teshuvah.

NB I believe we need to do teshuvah daily, or better still, after every sin.

Step 3

After we have done Teshuvah, "we need our past sins forgiven, by faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Yahushua the Messiah, the son of Elohim, who took man's sins upon Himself and died in place of man, so that man could pass from death to life (**John 3:16** above).

When people turn from their sins (repent) and place their faith in Yahushua, Scripture promises that man will experience a glorious spiritual relationship with our Father in Heaven, and to have eternal or everlasting life. (Refer to **Rom 3:21-26** and **Rom 6:23**)

Rom. 3:21-5

*21 But now, apart from the Torah, a righteousness of Elohim has been revealed, being witnessed by the Torah and the Prophets,
22 and the righteousness of Elohim is through belief in יהושע Messiah to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference,
23 for all have sinned and fall short of the esteem of Elohim,
24 being declared right, without paying, by His favour through the redemption which is in Messiah יהושע,*

*25 whom Elohim set forth as an atonement, through belief in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His tolerance Elohim had passed over the sins that had taken place before,
26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He is righteous and declares righteous the one who has belief in יהושע*

Rom 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the favourable gift of Elohim is everlasting life in Messiah יהושע our Master

Step 4

We need to be immersed in the name of Yahushua (refer to the section “How are we saved?” on page 18 below).

Natan Lawrence explains steps 5 and 6 as follows.

Step 5

“We need the divine Spirit of Elohim living within us to overcome the power of the flesh to change our sinful ways”. (Refer to Romans, chapters 6-8).

Step 6

“We need to be spiritually grafted into a covenant relationship with other believers in Yahushua, which Scripture calls the nation of Israel (the Two Houses of Israel) - the body of Yahushua”. (Refer to **Rom. Chapters 9-11** and **Eph. 2:11–19**)

Eph 2:11-19

*11 Therefore remember that you, once gentiles in the flesh, who are called ‘the uncircumcision’ by what is called ‘the circumcision’ made in the flesh by hands,
12 that at that time you were without Messiah, excluded from the citizenship of Yisra’el and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no expectation and without Elohim in the world.
13 But now in Messiah יהושע you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah.
14 For He is our peace, who has made both one, and having broken down the partition of the barrier,
15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity – the Torah of the commands in dogma – so as to create in Himself one renewed man from the two, thus making peace,
16 and to completely restore to favour both of them unto Elohim in one body through the stake, having destroyed the enmity by it.
17 And having come, He brought as Good News peace to you who were far off, and peace to those near.
18 Because through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.
19 So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens with the set-apart ones and members of the household of Elohim,***

I’d like to stress something that is vitally important. YHWH made a covenant with Israel - not with Gentiles, Christians, Muslims, Americans, Australians or anyone else. He made provision for others, but they had to be grafted in or adopted into the Commonwealth of Israel to participate in YHWH’s promises.

To explain this further, I’ll use an example. If you adopt a child, that child comes into your home and will then be expected to follow your family rules. The child has to give up the previous rules of their natural parents and live by those of the adoptive parents. It is the same with us. If we are to partake of YHWH’s covenant, we must be drafted in, and then, we have to obey His rules – His Torah.

As an aside, the word translated as “covenant” in the Tanach is “brit” which means “agreement” . The same word used in the Apostolic Writings is “diatheke” and means “contract”. They are not the same !

Step 7

We need to study YHWH's divine Word or Scriptures, so we know what actions we should do. (Refer to **Rom. Chapters 12-13**) and

2 Tim 2:5

Do your utmost to present yourself approved to Elohim, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth (YHWH's Torah)

This is essentially saying that we must study the Truth of YHWH's Word to show we are approved by Him.

Two other empowering scriptures verses are also in **1 Tim 4:13, 16**

13 Until I come, give attention to reading of Scripture (probably just means Torah (the first five books of the Bible), but could mean the whole Tanach), to encouragement, to teaching and

16 Pay attention to yourself and to the teaching. Continue in them, for in doing this you shall save both yourself and those who hear you

Step 8

We need to commit to being a disciple and to put our love into action, by growing spiritually so that we can help others to find their way out of the same spiritual pit of sin and death from which we have been delivered or saved. (Refer to **Romans Chapters 14-15**)

Step 9

We must work out our salvation daily, persevering to the end (See the section on **Can You Know For Sure If You're Saved ?** below)

How we can show our love for YHWH ?

The only way that we can show YHWH we love Him, is to be obedient to Him. We “get to” do His Torah because we love Him, not because we “have to” ! This is all about being righteous. So what is righteousness ?

In **Deut 6:25**, we find Moses speaking to all of Israel saying :

*Then it will be **righteousness** for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has commanded us.'* and in

Luke 1:5-6, the writer is describing the parents of John The Baptist

*There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both **righteous** before Yahweh, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of Elohim blameless.*

As well, we find in **Rom 4:3**, a verse which talks about **believing what YHWH says** and it's consequence.

*For what does the Scripture say? "**Abraham** believed Yahweh, and it was accounted to him for **righteousness**."*

So **righteousness is carefully observing (keeping) all of YHWH's commandments.**

For more on how YHWH wants to be loved, refer to **What should we do after we have accepted Yahushua as our Master and Saviour ?** on page 16.

Is obedience a part of righteousness ?

In his book, *The Messianic Church Arising*, Robert Heidler says “that, as a result of the loss of the Hebraic Attitude towards Yahweh, the “Church” analyses Him. **The Jewish (Hebrew) way however, is to learn how to please YHWH !** This obviously means being joyfully obedient to doing all the Torah.”

I personally believe the follow about righteousness.

- 1 Righteousness is the condition that is acceptable to YHWH
- 2 To be righteous, you are to carefully observe and walk in all of YHWH's commandments and ordinances.
- + Righteousness is therefore “keeping all the Torah” because YHWH told us to do so – in other words, being obedient to YHWH.
- 4 The only way we can show YHWH we love Him, is to keep all of His commandments.

Are we saved in the name “Jesus” ?

Before answering this question, we need to understand where the name “Jesus” came from. The letter “J” does not exist in the Hebrew alphabet, nor does it exist in the Greek alphabet. We know it is part of the English alphabet – right ? Well, it is now.

The letter “J” didn't become part of the English alphabet until the sixteenth century. We can show this by checking the original version of the King James Bible, published in 1611. It doesn't contain the letter “J”. The letter “J” was added to later versions of this Bible, after it became a letter in the English alphabet. The following is a quote from the 1611 KJV :

Matt 4:12

*Now when **Jesus** had heard that **John** was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee*

So where did the name “Jesus” come from ? How did Yahushua become Jesus ?

The name YHWH has been suppressed by a Rabbinic tradition for centuries before Yahushua was born. The Jewish scribes did this by inserting a shewa (:) instead of a qamets (T), thus changing the vowel sound “ah” in “Yah” to “eh” in Yeh. This led to the incorrect names Yehovah and Yeshua. There is no “Y” sound in Greek so they used the closest to it – the letter “I”.

NB Many Messianic Israelites believe this is another ploy of the enemy to do away with, and suppress the name of the Creator and His son, Yahushua.

So we can see that in Hebrew, Yahushua became Yeshua. That is clearly where the “e” in Jesus comes from. I'll get back to the “J” soon.

The next letter “SH” has a “sh” sound in Hebrew, but the Greek language, into which the Apostolic writings were “translated”, doesn't. The closest sound they have is the soft “s” for the Greek letter “sigma”. So they use that.

The final “s” in Jesus has to do with the masculine singular ending of Greek words. All masculine Greek names end in “s”. Some Grecianised names from the Bible are formed as follows :

- Uzziah becomes Ozias;
- Hezekiah becomes Ezekias;
- Yonah becomes Yonas;
- Elijah becomes Elias.

The early Christian translators relied upon the Greek translation of the Bible called the Septuagint as their source of the Hebrew Scriptures. That's where these and many other Grecianised names come from.

In summary then,
 Y becomes I
 AH becomes e
 SH becomes s
 UA becomes u
 The "s" is added s

So "Yahushua" becomes the Romanised, Grecian name "Iesus". When the "J" became part of the English alphabet in the 1500's, Iesus became Jesus ! **Yahushua "mutates" to Jesus !**

"Jesus" is an etymological hybrid from Greek and Latin, which has no etymological meaning in either of those languages. The closest meaning in Hebrew is, I believe, "horse".

Consider this :

- + Would the Creator of all there is, announce the coming Saviour (His Son) to Jews who spoke Hebrew (or Aramaic), proclaiming a Romanised, Grecian name beginning with a letter J that does not exist, that would originate in a European tongue 1600 years later ?
- + Would Hebrew parents give their baby a hybridised Greek name devoid of any meaning ?

NB The Grecianised names above, even though changed, are still recognisable. Why was the name of Yahushua totally changed ?

Now back to our question – "Are we saved in the name of Jesus ?"

Let's look at **Rom 10:13** to help find an answer. In the NKJ version it reads :

for "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved"

You might know that this verse is quoted three times in the Scriptures. **Acts 2:21** quotes it – it is a direct quote from **Joel 2:32**

If you want to be saved, just call on the name of "the LORD" – right ! So what is His name ? Is it Jesus ? Is it God ? I don't think so. It is YHWH and these verses should read :

For "everyone who calls on the Name of יהוה shall be saved."

Another verse that supports this idea is found in **Acts 4:12**, which reads :

And there is no deliverance in anyone else, for there is no other Name under the heaven given among men by which we need to be saved."

Question : What is this "deliverance" mentioned here ?

Answer : Salvation from our sins

Question : Who is this person described as "anyone else" ?

Answer : Messiah

Question : What is this unique Name by which we need to be saved ?

Answer : Yahushua

Clearly, we are only saved in the name of Yahushua, which means :

YHWH is my salvation

I encourage each person reading this, to re-read this section again slowly.

Author's Comments

There will be controversy/discussion about this part of the study. Please be reminded that I don't really know the definitive answer to questions or statements like :

"I pray to Jesus, and He answers my prayers powerfully".

I have some insights but they are just that, “insights”. They are not doctrine ! They are not treated in any special order.

- 1 One thing we must remember is that the enemy also has the ability to do counterfeit miracles. In **Exodus** chapters 7 and 8, we see that Pharaoh’s magicians were also able to perform amazing miracles. So when we say that we have prayed in the name of “Jesus” and our prayers have been powerfully heard, we can’t be sure that it is YHWH or Yahushua that is answering these prayers. The enemy is very devious.
- 2 I really don’t know but these verses from **Acts 17:30-31** might shed some light on this area of our study.

Acts 17:30-31

*30 “Truly, then, having overlooked (winked at) these times of ignorance, Elohim now commands all men everywhere to repent,
31 because He has set a day on which He is going to judge the world in righteousness by a Man whom He has appointed, having given proof of this to all by raising Him from the dead.*

This could be saying that YHWH has winked at (overlooked or ignored) our actions, when we acted in ignorance.

- 3 When people say, “I pray to Jesus and Yahushua – they are the same person to me”, explain what the third commandment says (in Hebrew) :

Exod 20:7

You do not bring the Name of יהוה your Elohim to naught, for יהוה does not leave the one unpunished who brings His Name to naught

- 4 Ask them this question :
Is the Yahushua (Jesus) you pray to the one whom Christians say taught them :
 - ~ that they only needed to keep the 10 commandments, or is He the Hebrew Messiah who kept all the Torah perfectly;
 - ~ to celebrate Sabbath on the first day of the week or does He keep the seventh day Sabbath as He did in the Scriptures, and as is instructed in the Scriptures;
 - ~ is He blue-eyed and European in appearance or is He dark-eyed and Middle Eastern in appearance;
 - ~ is He Christian or is He part of the Commonwealth of Israel, and
 - ~ does He lie by not doing what He says in

Matt 5:17-18

17 Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets.¹ I did not come to destroy but to complete. Footnote: ¹The Law and the Prophets is a term used for the pre-Messianic Scriptures.

18 “For truly, I say to you, till the heaven and the earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done

- 5 There seems to be some power in the use of the name “Jesus”. Is that because YHWH is allowing this because we are at a “child’s” level of understanding ? I believe that we have much more power when we use the Messiah’s true name.
- 6 In terms of Salvation, there appears to be different levels in the Kingdom.

Matt 5:19 says :

Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commands, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the reign of the heavens; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the reign of the heavens.

I'm not really sure what this really means. We need to ask the Ruach to explain it to us.

- 7 I realize this is very upsetting and confronting at first, so I believe we need to ask the Ruach what He wants us to do
- 8 In my own case, I'm not taking any chances. I'm using the true and correct names of my Creator and my Messiah – the third commandment worries me !
- 9 I don't really know the definitive answer to these questions. Only YHWH really knows. All I know is what His Word says. According to His Word, "only" those who call on the name of YHWH can be saved. If that is not true, then why bother preaching or teaching anyone. The problem has been that our forefathers "stuffed up". They didn't teach their children YHWH's Torah. Because they didn't do this, many have perished because they broke Torah.

Deut 11:19 says :

'And you shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up

Two other similar verses are **Lev 10:11** and **Deut 4:10**.

- 10 **Acts 4:12** is mentioned again here. This makes it clear when it says :

"And there is no deliverance in anyone else, for there is no other Name under the heaven given among men by which we need to be saved.

What is this name the author of Acts is talking about ? It can't be "Jesus" since that is not a Hebrew name and since the letter "J" didn't exist at this time.

- 11 In **Acts 18:25**, we encounter a man who only knew the Baptism of John the Baptist. He operated in the revelation of what he had at that time. It seems reasonable to assume the same is true above

This one had been instructed in the way of the Master. And being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching the matters about the Master exactly, though he knew only the immersion of Yohanan.

- 12 Another thought – both Moses and Paul led different lives before being called by YHWH and Yahushua. Then, when called, their lives totally changed, both becoming strong in their new "callings"

- 13 Rabbi Rob Miller teaches this :

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"My response to that is found in response to what Yahweh did in Abraham's life:

"Abram believed Yahweh, and he credited it to him as righteousness."

(Gen. 15:6) Not that he knew or understood right doctrine but it was credited to him as though he was righteous.

When we were walking in all the revelation we had, Yahweh credited it to us as though we were compliant in all righteousness.

When we were ministering in the name of "Jesus", Yahweh credited it to us as though we were coming in the name of "YahShua." When we were using the name "God" Yahweh was crediting to us as though we were calling upon the name of "Yahweh." Had we had the revelation we would have used the "names." but we didn't know.

"What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before Yahweh. What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed Yahweh, and it was credited to him as righteousness." (**Romans 4:1-3**)

"Consider Abraham: "He believed Yahweh, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that Yahweh would justify the nations by faith, and announced the full message in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be mixed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith." (**Galatians 3:6-9**)

"You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed Yahweh, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called Yahweh's lover. You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone." (**James 2:20-24**)

This is true of all revelation we are receiving. I will know more tomorrow than I know now and then I will walk in it, like Abraham. In the mean time Yahweh credits my spiritual account as though I am walking in perfect revelation now." Rabbi Rob Miller.

14 Moshe Koniuchowsky teaches the following :

- ~ YHWH sent His son Yahushua to save all who believe in His death and resurrection (the lost sheep of the house of Israel), and that if s.a.tan found a way to pollute this message through mis-interpretation of YHWH's Word, then s.a.tan is greater than YHWH
 - ~ YHWH is much greater than s.a.tan, so it seems that YHWH "winks" at our ignorance when we use the name "Jesus", and so people who honestly and sincerely believe "Jesus" is their Master and Saviour, and who accept the message of the Gospel are saved in that name
 - ~ The true names are a matter of discipleship not of salvation
- + The bottom line is this. My wife and many others gave me this information about six years ago, but in the end, it was between me and YHWH. I decided that I wanted to please YHWH, so I follow all His Torah (as best I can).

Aspects of Salvation: Sub-sections of Salvation

YHWH's Torah (law), which defines what sin is, means "instruction or teaching", but includes commands, ordinances, judgments, **and laws**.

The concept of salvation (the deliverance from the penalty of breaking YHWH's laws), also comprises various component parts. These are :

Justification	Redemption	Reconciliation
Sanctification	Glorification	Evangelism

Natan Lawrence does a great job covering these aspects in his teaching "**Salvation – What is it and do I have it ?**". I encourage you to read about them at his website :

<http://www.hoshanarabbah.org/pdfs/r-u-savd.pdf>

I have summarized Mr Lawrence's work on the aspects of salvation below in the **Summary** on page 16.

Assurance of Salvation—Can You Know For Sure If You're Saved ?

The short answer – No! But we can be assured that if we do the things YHWH's wants us to do **to the end**, we will be saved.

There are many scriptures that encourage us in terms of being saved. There is a list of them below. But there are also **at least three scripture verses that can cause us to be constantly on our guard.**

They include :

Phil 2:12-13

*12 So that, my beloved, as you always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much rather in my absence – **work out your own deliverance with fear and trembling,**
13 for it is Elohim who is working in you¹ both to desire and to work for His good pleasure*

Mar 13:13

*And you shall be hated by all because of My Name. But **he who shall have endured to the end, he shall be saved***

1 Pet 4:18

*And if **the righteous one is scarcely saved**, where shall the wicked and the sinner appear?*

Scriptural verses to encourage us

1 John 5:13

*“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of Elohim; that ye may **know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of Elohim.”*

The word **know** (Greek: *eido*, Strong's G1492) means *to see, to know, to perceive with the mind, to understand, to know both by knowledge and inclination; to know intuitively as contrasted with the Greek word ginosko (Strong's G1097) which means to know experientially.*

1 John 3:1-2

*“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of Elohim: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, **now** are we the sons of Elohim, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we **know** that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”*

The word **now** (Greek: *nun*, Strong's H3568) means *present, immediate*. The word to **know** (Strong's G1492 is *eido*, which we define above.

1 John 4:17-18

“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

1 John 4:1-21

“Those who love are born of YHWH, for YHWH is love and his son lives through us. YHVH dwells in us if we love one another. We know that he dwells in us because his Spirit dwells in us and the fruits of love are there as evidence: we love YHWH, we love one another and we keep his commandments.”

John 3:15-16

“That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For Elohim so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 5:24

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

John 6:40

“And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day” (see also verse 47).

John 8:51

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.”

1 John 3:14

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. The one not loving his brother stays in death

The word *death* (Greek *thanatos*, Strong's G228) means *death, natural or temporal death, physical death; also eternal, spiritual or the second death*. By contrast, the word *life* (Greek *zoe*, Strong's G2222) means *life in the spirit and soul as distinguished from bios or physical life*.

Romans 10:9-10

“...thou shalt be saved.”

The word *saved* (Greek *sozo*, Strong's G4982) means *delivered, healed, preserved, made whole*.

Romans 10:13

Whoever shall call upon the name of YHWH shall be saved.

Acts 2:21, Same as above.

Romans 1:16

The Gospel of Messiah ... is the power of YHWH unto salvation to everyone that believes

Ephesians 23:1-10

We're quickened and raised up together to seat in heavenly places with Messiah...

2 Timothy 1:9-10

9 who has saved us and called us with a set-apart calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and favour which was given to us in Messiah יהושע before times of old,

10 but now revealed by the appearing of our Saviour יהושע Messiah, who indeed abolished death and brought life and incorruptibility to light through the Good News,

Mark 16:17

The Great Commission: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

There are many more Scriptures of encouragement.

How are we saved ?

There are no examples of altar calls in Scripture.

Scripture tells us we must be immersed in the name of Yahushua in order to be saved.

The following scriptural verses support this.

Acts 2:38

And Kēpha said to them, "Repent, and let each one of you be immersed in the Name of יהושע Messiah for the forgiveness of sins. And you shall receive the gift of the Set-apart Spirit

Acts 4:9-12

*"If today we are called to account for a good deed towards a sick man, by whom he has been healed,
10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Yisra'ēl, that in the Name of יהושע Messiah of Natsareth, whom you impaled, whom Elohim raised from the dead, by Him this one stands before you, healthy.
11 "This is 'the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'
12 "And there is no deliverance in anyone else, **for there is no other Name under the heaven given among men by which we need to be saved.***

Acts 16:30-33

*30 And having led them outside he said, "Masters, what do I have to do to be saved?"
31 And they said, "Believe on the Master יהושע Messiah, and you shall be saved, you and your household."
32 And they spoke the Word of יהוה to him and to all who were in his house.
33 And taking them in that hour of the night, he washed their wounds, and **immediately he was immersed, he and all that were his.***

Matt 28:19-20

*19 "Therefore, go and make taught ones of all the nations, **immersing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Set-apart Spirit (1)**,
20 teaching them to guard all that I have commanded you. And see, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Amēn.*

(1) The original reading almost without question did not have the later Trinitarian addition.

For a firm understanding and further details see:

A Close Look At Matthew 28:19 at

<http://restorationscriptures.org/page45.htm>

Gal 3:27

For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah have put on Messiah

When people believe and repent, they were immersed straight away and the Ruach acts quickly.

Acts 2:41

Then those, indeed, who gladly received his word, were immersed. And on that day about three thousand beings were added to them

Acts 10:38-47 (the story of Cornelius) and **Acts 16:27-33** (the story of the prison guard) also support the need for "immersion in the name of the Messiah" to be saved.

What should we do after we have accepted Yahushua as our Master and Saviour ?

I'll begin to answer this question by asking another question.

Do you truly believe, that once you have accepted Yahushua our Messiah, as your Master and Saviour, and He lives in you, that you have utterly no obligations to Him?

This is a very serious question ! Part of the answer to this question was given above in Natan Lawrence's teaching on the aspects of salvation (Refer to page 12 above), and summarized below in the **Summary**.

It is very important that I assure you that you do have obligations to Yahushua, and explain that simply feeling love towards Him will not be sufficient as an appropriate response to His unmatched gift of redemption.

Tom Bradford, of torahclass.com, explains that sadly, "it has become almost standard doctrine in some groups, that YHWH seeks from us only a feeling of love in our hearts, and to do much of anything other than to enjoy ourselves in the company of other believers, and to perhaps attend a worship service, is almost negative."

We need to look at **Deut 10:12** to see all the instructions YHWH has given to a people He has already redeemed.

Deut 10:12-13

*"And now, Yisra'el, what is יהוה your Elohim asking of you, but to fear יהוה your Elohim, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, and to serve יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being,
13 to guard the commands of יהוה and His laws which I command you today for your good?"*

Note that the pattern YHWH has given in the past, follows through to our era.

Israel (us) is first redeemed, then YHWH gives them (us) His instructions and commands. Note also that, His instructions and commands are not for those who are not already redeemed or saved. The function of YHWH's instructions and commands is for living out the life that is intended for redeemed people. His commands are not for the purpose of redeeming – that is a free gift ! Rather, the purpose of YHWH's instructions and commands is for living out the life that is intended for us as redeemed persons.

Please note the following very carefully !

YHWH has explicitly and unequivocally told us in very plain terms HOW He wants to be loved. He says that for Him, love begins with obedience to His instructions and commands. YHWH says that to revere Him, and walk in the ways He has ordained, and to serve Him faithfully, and to obey Him, all show Him that we love Him in the way He wants to be loved.

Can we NOT revere Him, NOT walk in His ways, NOT serve Him, and NOT be obedient to Him and still love Him to some degree ? Perhaps. But what kind of relationship does that say we have with Him ?

Summary

- 1 Salvation is the deliverance or preservation from the power of sin, which causes harm, ruin or loss
- 2 Salvation means **being delivered from our sins by believing in Yahushua as our Master and Saviour**
- 3 **Sin is lawlessness**, and **lawlessness is breaking (not keeping) all YHWH's Torah**

- 4 We are saved from our sins and from eternal damnation by believing in Yahushua's sacrifice, but we still need to do all the Torah in order to be righteous
- 5 Righteousness is the keeping of all YHWH's Torah – being obedient
- 6 When we sin, we need to do teshuvah. Teshuvah involves realizing that we have sinned, repenting of the sin, being sorry for the sin, confessing the sin, righting the wrong and being joyful at being re-united with YHWH again.
- 7 **There are several steps to “being saved”.**
- + We need to do Teshuvah
 - + We need to accept Yahushua as our Master and Saviour by believing in His sacrifice for us – by doing this, we are forgiven
 - + We need to be immersed in the name of Yahushua
 - + We need YHWH's Ruach living within us to overcome the power of the flesh to change our sinful ways
 - + We need to be spiritually (and perhaps physically) connected (grafted in) to the Commonwealth of Israel (one of the Two Houses)
 - + We need to study YHWH's Word so that we know what we should do
 - + We need to commit to being a disciple and to put our love into action
- 8 **YHWH is the personal name of the Creator** (not God). **Yahushua is the name of our Master and Saviour** (not Jesus)
- 9 As a general statement, we are not saved in the name of Jesus. **To be saved, we must call on the name YHWH or Yahushua**
- 10 **There are several aspects of Salvation.** They are :
- Justification**
- + the process whereby sinful people are made acceptable to a righteous and sinless Elohim
 - + is by YHWH's grace alone, not by works
 - + is based on the righteous, Torah-obedient life of Yahushua
 - + is a free gift (NB a gift must be accepted)
 - + results in the gift of eternal life with YHWH
 - + saves us from YHWH's wrath
 - + reconciles us to YHWH in peace
- Redemption**
- + involves the exchange of one thing for something else and the use of power
 - + YHWH through His power, redeems (saves or delivers) sinful people when they place their trust in Yahushua, who died for our sins
 - + we are encouraged and reminded to remember the great price of our redemption – Yahushua had to suffer and die for us
 - + Messiah Yahushua is the ultimate Redeemer
- Reconciliation**
- + the process by which YHWH and sinful people are re-united
 - + both YHWH and the sinner are affected. A person's sin is atoned for, and YHWH's wrath is appeased
- Sanctification**
- + occurs when YHWH's grace supernaturally separates a believer from the overwhelming tendency towards sinful actions, and becomes dedicated to living according to YHWH's Torah
 - + results in set apartness (holiness), the purification from guilt and power of sin
 - + involves YHWH and man working together
 - + is a life-long process
- Glorification**
- + when we persevere to the end, we will receive glorified bodies and eternal life

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| 11 | We cannot be sure that we have salvation until the end. If we persevere to the end, doing our best to be obedient to YHWH, we will be saved. There are many scriptures to encourage and support us in our journey through this life |
| 12 | There are no alter calls in the Scriptures. We should evangelise where we can, preaching teshuvah and the rest of the Good News |

What should I do now that I know what I know ?

I encourage you strongly to at least do the following :

- + Do Teshuvah (Repent, confess our sins, be regretful (sorry) and fervently decide to do better next time, righting the wrong, and be joyful that we have re-connected with YHWH)
- + Realise that once we have done teshuvah, YHWH forgives us and gives us power to overcome the flesh – to change from our sinful ways
- + Decide that you want to be grafted into the Commonwealth of Israel – you are now an Israelite
- + Study YHWH's Word daily being guided by His Ruach
- + Commit to being a disciple and put your love into ACTION (with YHWH and others) including sharing the Good News with others
- + Realise that we must persevere to the end

I believe this teaching is absolutely vital. We must know what we must do to be saved, and then we must do the things necessary to love YHWH in the way He desires. It is not an exhaustive study – there are many other scriptures that could be used. I pray that YHWH will continue to bless each of us and will guide us in our journey with Him.

As usual, I encourage each person to test what I have written, and if I am in error, please, please, show me my error from YHWH's word.

Blessings and Shalom to each of you

Pete Guiren

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Personal Study

- 1 I encourage each person to pray to YHWH for His truth and only His truth on this vital subject.
- 2 I encourage you to re-read the whole study and to carefully check the verses quoted, so that the conclusion reached can be validated. Remember, the Scriptures, **in their original languages**, are the inspired, revealed and written word of YHWH.
- 3 Checkout Messianic Links on our Home page to see what others say about “Salvation”, but always remember to line what they say up with YHWH’s Word.

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