# **FAITH THAT DOES NOT SAVE!**

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Do you have the right kind of faith? The vast majority simply do not have the active faith required for salvation. This booklet is a real eye-opener and could help you bring about a real difference in your life.

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## INTRODUCTION

Many organized assemblies today are deceiving the people of this great country. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Kodesh Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the assembly of Yahweh, which He hath purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." (Acts 20:28-29) Ministers are preaching "soft-round" sermons that members will enjoy hearing and not take offense. Priests are afraid you will leave the assembly--that you cannot stand the truth. "Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;" (I Tim. 4:1 -2) "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Yahshua Messiah. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that Yahweh is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:" (I John 1:3-6) National assembly organizations have esteemed themselves over Yahweh Himself, changing His Commandments and statutes to suit themselves.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Messiah." (Col. 2:8) These ministers have lied to you about the Law, what you must do to be saved, and about the character of our Savior and Master. Most "Believers" do NOT understand what our Father expects from us as loving followers and His children. "But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh." (Matthew 4:4) DO YOU KNOW THE TRUTH? Unless you personally study your Bible and enter into a personal relationship with the real Yahshua Messiah, you are blind and being deceived. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:' (Matthew 7:6-7) DO YOU LOVE YAHSHUA? ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SALVATION? BE NOT DECEIVED: THERE IS FAITH THAT DOES NOT SAVE? BUT THERE IS HOPE! This booklet is written to help you examine your faith and commitment and personal study.

#### **CHRISTIANITY TODAY**

Mark 16:16 is one of the most abused and misunderstood passages our Master gave us. He speaks perfect truth, but others have told us we do not have to do anything else. "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." Be baptized as a baby unknowing and unwilling, and go to assembly one hour a week and all is forgiven and forgotten. Is it? This assumes that when Yahshua died on the tree, that all the laws of Yahweh, the Old Testament, and devotion of our Master went right into the ground. We say that we are NOT saved by "good works", yet there may be some "fruits" that Yahweh does expect of us if we have truly accepted Him as Master of our life.

If we believe in something, we must also know about the person or subject. We learn that the character of Yahshua is at example that we will strive for, if we love Him. Learning, psychologists say, is a change of behavior. No change, nothing learned.

We are also told that this loving, simple child, born in a stable, only has one nature--to love and forgive. This is not the whole truth. He is also a JUDGE, who will deliver swift and terrible wrath upon the unrighteous. WHO ARE THEY?

We have believed we have no responsibilities to Yahweh, Some just do not care. (Proverbs 14:14 & Luke 9:62) Many arc unfaithful, uncaring souls who do not truly follow Messiah.

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil hear of unbelief, in departing from the living Yahweh." (Hebrews 3:12) "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the good news preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, NOT BEING MIXED WITH FAITH in them that heard it." (Hebrews 4:1-2) The Good News that was preached did no good, for it was not mixed with faith. James says, "Be doers of the Word, not just hearers only..." (James 1:22) Are you beginning to see that there is faith, or supposed faith, that does NOT SAVE? For even though salvation is a gift, we must respond to that special gift from Yahweh. Faith requires action!

## FAITH THAT DOES NOT SAVE

Paul says, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." (Heb. 11:6) We all say we believe and are Believers, but so does Satan believe and tremble. (James 2:19) James also says, Faith without works is DEAD! (James 2:17) What does he mean "dead'? It means that it does not really exist before Yahweh. You may think you subscribe to the concept of Messiah, but He may not be living inside you. The Bible says there must be <u>fruits</u> or a product of our life. Something must show forth to others. (I Thesalonians 1:3 & James 2:26) "What *doth* it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?" (James 2:14)

If we do not also study Yahweh's Word, and talk with Him daily, how are we to strengthen our faith or even to know Yahweh Himself? Read II Timothy 2:15 and II Peter 3:18 to see how to get such knowledge and faith.

Yahshua said, "...Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Yahweh." (John 3:3) Born again.. What does that mean? It has many ramifications, but one thing it DOES mean is that we must leave the old sinful self dead and buried and must become a new creature in Messiah. That means a **BIG CHANGE!** He can and will help us. Nothing is impossible with Yahweh. (Matthew 19:26)

<u>Faith that does not save</u> is faith without <u>love</u>, <u>commitment</u> and <u>obedience</u> to the Creator and Savior. It is faith without a departure from our own worldly attitudes and lusts. SAVING FAITH, on the other hand, has deep desire to really know and follow Yahshua and keep ALL His Commandments as stated in Exodus 20:1-17. And that is only the beginning for a young Believer.

YAHSHUA SAID, "I NEVER KNEW YOU." In the parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25), He says three important things. We must be awake and waiting for the Master with preparation and anticipation. We must know He is coming and **find** Him. (We must have the Light of the Word and be filled with the oil of the Kodesh Spirit.) We need spiritual preparation, the Word of Yahweh in our minds and hearts, and it will be a lamp unto our feet. (Psalm 119:105)

But, you do resist the Kodesh Spirit. (Acts 7:51-53) How? Many do not study His Word, and learn the mind of Yahweh. This, along with prayer, is the only way we can have a personal relationship with Him. Read Matthew 6:33, Daniel 9:13, and John 10:4. "Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their Almighty; they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to Yahweh." (Isa. 58:2) The writer of Ecclesiastes says, in chapter 12, verse 13, "...Fear Yahweh and keep His Commandments, for this is the whole [duty] of man." In fact, this suggests why we are here and that we are to do nothing else! If we do not know Him, He will not know us and He will soon say when He comes, "Depart from me, I NEVER KNEW YOU!"

#### WHAT DO THE COMMANDMENTS SAY?

The law, written in stone by "I AM", said it all, but some organizations cut these tables down to where they are almost meaningless. How dangerous this is! If we change His Laws, how do we know how to worship Him? And, we will not know ourselves as we really are.

I. I am Yahweh your Almighty, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have not other gods before me.

- II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images...and not bow down thyself to worship them.
- III. Thou shalt not take the name of Yahweh thy Almighty in vain: for the Almighty will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.
- IV. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it kodesh. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of Yahweh thy Almighty: in it thou shalt not do any work...(Ex. 20:2-8) [Not just any day we choose, but His day!]

These first four of His commandments are summed up in the great commandment: "And you shalt love Yahweh your Almighty with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might..." (Deu. 6:5) If we really did this, He could come first in all things. In fact, we could <u>not</u> think or do anything else but love and serve Him each hour of each day. This is what He asks. Do we love anything or anyone this much, that we are willing and able to die for; or that we are even willing to talk about to our friends? We are to love Him above ourselves. Read Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:29-30 & Luke 10:27-28.

Yes, these four Commandments show us HOW to love, worship, and serve the Creator Almighty. They show how far we fall short of the glory of Yahweh. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of Yahweh." (Romans 3:23) "For thee wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of Yahweh *is* eternal life through Yahshua Messiah our Master." (Romans 6:23) Our only way to see the direction to go in life is Yahweh's Kodesh Inspired Word. "For the Commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:" (Proverbs 6:23) "Praise ye Yahweh. Blessed *is* the man *that* fears Yahweh, *that* delights greatly in His commandments." (Psalms 112:1) If you love Me, you will keep my commandments. (II John 6) They and all His statutes will be a new way of living which will bless and uplift you with joy and peace. They are not bondage, they are not a burden.

# WHAT DOES MESSIAH SAY ABOUT HIS SHEEP?

My sheep hear my voice and they follow me. And a stranger will they not follow, for they know not the voice of strangers. But He knows His sheep and calls them by name, and leadeth them out. (John 10:3-5) What does it mean to follow Messiah? It means to make sacrifices in this world and to do what He asks. What real sacrifices have you made? You will find that it will be a pleasure to follow His will and His example. (John 13:15) After we are baptized, have hands laid on us for the receiving of the Kodesh Spirit, and BORN AGAIN, we are a NEW PERSON, strengthened by the Kodesh Spirit.

## WHAT IS TRUE LOVE OF OUR MASTER?

We must put Him first in all things (I Timothy 2:1-4), for He gave His life for us (John 3:16). We must sacrifice ourselves and our lusts to live a moderate life, supporting His work and maintaining a close relationship with Him. (Mark 8:34 & Luke 9:23-24) "Then said Yahshua unto His disciples, if any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his stake, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24) We must talk with Him several times a day. He says that we are to pray without ceasing. (I Thes. 5:17) He must live within us as part of ourselves. Does that sound impossible? It is not. When we pray to the Father in Yahshua's name, He will strengthen us with His Spirit and strong right arm. He does this through our prayer, Scripture study, and our own deep love and desire to please Him. (Luke 1:37 & Matthew 17:20) Follow the guidance of His Spirit. (Isaiah 42:5; Ezekiel 18:31; I Corinthians 2:12) We must truly turn our lives over to Him! That is the difficult step... (Romans

Always remember that, "For this is the love of Yahweh, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are NOT grievous." (I John 5:3)

## DO YOU HAVE FAITH THAT SAVES?

NEED AND WANT A CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE. (Romans 12:1)

ACCEPT YAHSHUA AS YOUR ALMIGHTY AND MASTER. (James 4:7)

DESIRE THE INDWELLING PRESENCE OF THE Kodesh SPIRIT OF YAHWEH. (Romans 8:14)

BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF YAHSHUA and have hands laid upon you for the gift of the Kodesh Spirit. (Acts 8:16-17& 19:5) Fear to hurt the Father by your thoughts and actions.

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Place your Bible where you can use it each day and USE IT! (II Timothy 2:15)

Keep all His laws and Statutes. (Matthew 4:4)

Separate yourself from evil and its influence. (Ephesians 5:11)

Hear and learn the lessons He teaches you. (I Peter 1:7)

Find a way to serve Him. (Acts 26:7)

Make time each day to put Yahshua first. (Matthew 6:33)

Give up your pride and arrogance and freely, reverently speak about Him before others. Be not ashamed of the testimony of the Master. (II Timothy 1:8; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26)

Find others with whom you can talk, share, learn and grow in the love of our dear Savior, Yahshua Messiah. (Matthew 18:20)

#### **CONCLUSION**

What exactly is the amount of faith that does not save? I don't know, but our Master knows. He knows who hears His voice and who opens the door and follows. (Rev. 3:20)

You must now make a decision! If you are afraid of what you just read, feeling it comes as a condemnation, then you have thought well. This is written in love, but our Master does ask a lot from us. However, He has given His complete life for us! When our love grows and He dwells within us, our peace and love grow into joy and hope for His soon return to change us to spirit and let us help Him rule this world in peace and righteousness and love.

The world can only give temporary happiness. Yahweh Almighty gives true joy and peace. Where are you today? We cannot serve two masters, ourselves and Yahweh. We must make a commitment, realizing it means life or death, because it does. Eternal life or eternal death!

REMEMBER, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH AND THE MARRIAGE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN. (Matthew 25:1-3) THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME!!

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