

## **COST OF BEING A BELIEVER**

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Many are shocked today to find out that there is a dear price to pay to become and remain a true Believer. Now is the time for you to open your Bible and find out what you need to be doing. We live in perilous times. You need to know of the surety of your salvation. Check every Scripture, read it, study it, meditate on it, and pray for Almighty Yahweh to guide you into the truth of this vital subject. Ask Him what you need to be doing about it.

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"Do you really mean it 'costs' to be a Believer?" someone might ask. Yes, it surely does **cost**. What is that "cost"? Perhaps when you find out even some of that total cost you many wonder just how many who profess the Messiah are really Believers according to what the Word of Elohim says. But that is between them and Elohim. It behooves each person to carefully and prayerfully look into the Word of the Living Elohim and check up on himself, not the others. Prepare yourself now for an interesting revelation, true facts about the "cost" of becoming a Believer. Check every Scripture so your faith won't rest in men, but in the **WORD OF YAHWEH**.

### **MOSES KNEW**

Paul said that the things which were written previously are written for **OUR** learning (Romans 15:4). In Deuteronomy, Moses gave the basic key to the cost of becoming and remaining a child of Elohim... "Hear, O Israel, Yahweh our Elohim is one Sovereign; and you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with **all** your heart, and with **all** your soul, and with **all** your might." Deuteronomy 6:4-5

This was instruction to Elohim's one true Assembly in the wilderness, the only **TRUE** Assembly of Elohim. Today that same true assembly is a spiritual organism made up of people called out of this world and its systems. But notice what we find in Acts 7:37-38 speaking of Moses..."This is he, that was in the **ASSEMBLY IN THE WILDERNESS** with the angel which spoke to him in the mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received the living oracles to give unto **US**..." Yes, the word of Moses received is for **US** today. The same Yahshua that told Moses what to write about His Way said..." And Yahshua answered him, the first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; Yahweh your Elohim is one Sovereign: And you shall love Yahweh: His commandments: and His commandments are **not** grievous." Since they are **all** "for our good," then of course **NONE** would be grievous, would they? But that is a **BIG** "cost" for many people. Seems to many people that some of the commandments are grievous after all and especially the 4th one, which is the longest of all of the Ten Commandments. [The Sabbath, Saturday, Exodus 20:9-11.] Since the instructions are to also keep His statutes, we are to rejoice in the keeping of His **Kodesh** days which are statutes "forever." Besides, the statutes of Yahweh should **REJOICE** the heart. Read Psalms 19:7-11.

## LIVE BY EVERY WORD OF YAH

Another part of the total "cost" of becoming a Believer is the necessity of living by every Word of Elohim. Yahshua instructed Moses to write in Deuteronomy 8:11 that the people were to keep all of Elohim's commandments, that He proved them and..."He humbled you, and suffered you to hunger and fed you with manna, which you knew not, neither did your fathers know: that He might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh does man live."

This same Yahshua instructs anyone today, who would pay the cost, the same rule. Read Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4..."And 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 Elohim." Yahshua not only meant the Kodesh Scriptures from Genesis to Malachi (the only Scriptures then extant), but also now Matthew through Revelation. Far too many will not pay that "cost" and often one can be heard to say..."O, that is Old Testament", or "That old law was 'done away,'" or "We are not under the law, but under grace," which they do not understand.

## TROUBLE FOR BELIEVERS

Yahshua continued to inform of the high "cost" of becoming and remaining a Believer. He said..."FOLLOW ME!" Yahshua was constantly in trouble with the religious bigots of His day who seemed O soooooo spiritual. He went on to show that Believers were in for trouble in this world. John 16:33b..."In the world you shall have tribulation: **but** be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." So even amidst trouble that would surely come as a result of obeying all of the commandments and statutes of Elohim, we were to be of good cheer! Paul confirmed this right after being stoned...Acts 14:22..."Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we **must** through **much tribulation** enter in the Kingdom of Elohim." Paul also told Timothy in II Timothy 3:12..."Yea, all that will live righteously in Messiah Yahshua shall suffer persecution."

Isn't it amazing how some preachers would make Paul out to be ignorant of his authority as a believer so that he could have escaped all this persecution? But you have read the WORD OF YAHWEH, words of preachers to the contrary notwithstanding. Let Elohim be true, but every man a liar. Praise Elohim, the apostles thought it an honor to suffer for the sake of Yahshua Messiah.

## DENY SELF

Another cost many are seemingly unable to pay is the cost of denying oneself. To deny oneself is to be unconcerned about the approval of men, unconcerned about your personal opinion. It means to put aside your own ego, pride and strife. It means to look at Elohim's Word AS the word of the all powerful Living Creator and not say, in regard to His Word, "This is the way I look at it."

To deny self is put away at least 95% of TV watching, and increase greatly the study of the Bible and meditation on how to live by what you learn from its pages. It means you will take time each day to pray to the great Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and to seek Him with all your heart.

Your mind must come into subjection to Elohim, His Word and His LAWS! A natural, carnal mind is NOT subject to Elohim's good, Kodesh, and just laws. Romans 8:7. A spiritual mind realizes the Law of Elohim CONVERTS the soul. Psalms 19:7-11. The spiritual mind accepts the fact that the Law of Elohim is **spiritual**. The Kodesh Spirit, the Spirit of love of Elohim in the mind and heart of a man, will **ALWAYS MANIFEST THAT LOVE BY THE KEEPING OF ALL OF YAHWEH'S COMMANDMENTS** including the fourth one. A spiritual mind will not stay in REBELLION toward the laws and statutes and commandments of Elohim, nor reason around any. To deny self is to put Elohim FIRST.

## FURTHER COST

Read Ezekiel 18. Elohim spoke to errant Israel of the COST required. He said "REPENT" so iniquity (lawlessness) would not finally be their ruin. This is what the same One, Yahshua Messiah, said in Luke 13:3-5..."Except YOU REPENT, you shall all likewise perish!" Peter also gave the same instruction as part of the "cost" package. Acts 2:38..."Then Peter said unto them, REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Kodesh Spirit." [Baptism by immersion.]

Clearly, a person must **repent**. But repent of what? Repent of SIN! But what is SIN? I John 3:4 says..."Sin **IS** the transgression of the Law!" Repentance requires one to STOP SINNING, STOP BREAKING YAHWEH'S LAW! It means you have to come a DOER of the LAW!! Yes, a DOER!! It is the DOER that shall be justified **freely** by the blood of Yahshua Messiah from past sins. Romans 2:13 and Romans 3:24-25..."For not the hearers of the law are just before Elohim, but the DOERS OF THE LAW **SHALL BE** justified. Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Messiah Yahshua:

Whom Yahweh has set forth to be a propitiation through **faith** in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of Yahweh." NO, your law keeping will not justify your past law breaking. Nothing will. You the sinner can be justified, made right. But you will not be justified, made right with Elohim, unless and until you are a DOER of the law. This doing shows you do not want to sin (break Elohim's Law) **anymore**. This part of the cost of being a Believer most just cannot stomach! That is too bad.

Understand! Nothing, repeat, nothing will justify your past sins! Your past sins must be covered up by the blood of Messiah and a death has to occur. A death **MUST** occur! Originally it was to be your death. But Yahshua was willing to pay that price for you along with great torture and pain for you healing, both physically and spiritually. Since Yahshua paid the price for your breaking of Yahweh's Laws, then He has a right to see a repentant heart. He must see you turn around and put forth effort to stop sinning. That is proof of your repentance. Then the outward witness is for you to be baptized, fully immersed in water, as buried together into Messiah's death for your sins. You rise out of baptism to walk in newness of life, not sinning, keeping the requirements of the law by the power of the Kodesh Spirit freely given. Romans 8:4

### ULTIMATE COST

Luke 14 has often been called the chapter on counting the cost, for in it Messiah spoke especially of the ultimate cost. Notice verses 26-27, 33..."If any man come to me and hates not (loves not less by comparison) his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yes, and HIS OWN LIFE also, he **CANNOT** be My disciple. And whosoever does not bear his burden, and come after me, **CANNOT** be My disciple. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsakes not ALL that he has, he **CANNOT** be My disciple."

Yahshua could not have spoken any plainer. The "cost" is your **life!** You must surrender yourself totally to your Ruler, your Master, your King and your Saviour. Your eternal life, you eternal salvation depends on your full repentance, a change from your way of living to a new life-giving way. For all have sinned, broken Elohim's Law, and thus all need to stop breaking Elohim's good Law. For to break even one of the Ten Commandments means to be guilty of all. (James 2:10-11)

## GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

Elohim, by His very nature, is GOOD. If you are at this moment being led to repentance, it is as a result of His goodness. Romans 2:4 speaks of the riches of Elohim's goodness, His forbearance and long-suffering so you can know..."that the GOODNESS of Elohim leads you to repentance." II Peter 3:9 states Elohim is..."longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Now is the time for you to seek this wonderful MERCY!

Yahshua, who wants to be your Savior, is calling you. He is EVER MERCIFUL, ready to forgive ALL your sins...Psalms 103:3. "Yahweh is MERCIFUL and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in MERCY. He has not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so GREAT is His MERCY toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pities his children, so Yahweh pities them that fear Him. But the MERCY of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children; to such as KEEP His covenant, and to **those** that **remember His commandments to DO** them." Psalms 103:8, 10-13, 17-18.

## YAHSHUA LOVES YOU

Yahshua Messiah, because of His love for **you**, went to the stake, for you. He paid the penalty for your sins all by Himself ALONE. But Yahweh raised Him from the dead to secure eternal life for you. Now you have the golden opportunity to love Him, accept Him as your living Savior, and keep His commandments as He is King of your life. Yahshua said you can be His friend..."IF you do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14. In John 14:15 He said..."IF you love me, keep My commandments." Yahshua said there is a way to ABIDE in His love. "IF you keep My commandments, **you** shall **abide** in My love..." John 15:10.

Now is the time for you to make a choice. You can escape this evil generation. Peter says..."Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Kodesh Spirit. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying. Save yourselves from this untoward generation." Read Acts 2:38, 40.

We hope you will count the cost of being a Believer and follow the admonition of Yahshua when He said in Luke 21:36..."Watch you therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to

pass. AND to stand before the Son of Man."

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In the days of ancient Israel, the law and the commandments were written on tablets of stone by the very finger of Yahshua Messiah. Exodus 24:12. NOW, the same is to be written on our hearts. Jeremiah 31:33. The Ten Commandments written in Exodus 20:1-17.

**BOOKLETS AVAILABLE:**

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Coming Out of Babylon

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