

**INSTRUCTION AND COUNSELING
PRIOR TO BAPTISM
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INTRODUCTION CHAPTER 1

This is an introduction for candidates and Elders for preparation of baptism into Yahshua the Messiah. It is not complete as to all the scripture says, but it is more thorough than most Assemblies publish. Prayer and deep introspection is required for a person to know if they are ready for such a serious event.

We that are true members of the body of Yahshua live by every word of YHWH. (Luke 4:4) That is why it is important that one take this material and not only read it, but think and pray upon it for a considerable time until they are sure of their decision. In chapter 15, there is a list of items and considerations that will help the individual know if they are ready.

FIVE MAIN POINTS OF THE STUDY

1. Explanation of Baptism.
2. The Need for Yahshua.
3. The Kingdom and our Service Objectives
4. Personal Evaluation and Objectives
5. Options in the two callings. Are you a sheep or a citizens?

Baptism is the most important step in your entire life. It is to be taken seriously and in deep reverence. Baptism now is for the First Fruits only. It is for the Bride. The Bride are those who will in in the first resurrection at Yahshua's coming. We are entering a marriage covenant that is spiritual, eternal and has life and death dealings in it.

The rest of the world will have their chance to enter the Kingdom at the White Throne Judgment after the millennium. (Revelation 20:11)

The first fruits calling is not necessary for eternal life. That is offered at the White Throne. The Bride calling is for those who want to serve Yahshua in the Millennium. If one does not want to sacrifice and follow Yahshua as a servant and to do what he is told, this calling is not for that person. Salvation is offered in this calling, but it is really about service and sacrifice!

Once a person is baptized, they cannot walk away from the life and death commitment they have made. This is why one of the verses is referenced to seriously consider what you are doing. If a person is called to this, they are only given one chance for eternal life. If he gets immersion and leaves the faith, he will be cast into the lake of fire. He will not get a second chance at the White Throne. Again, this is not for everyone! (The White Throne Judgment study is found in chapter 20.)

When we are baptized, we come before the throne of YHWH. Be sober and serious in this thing!

We will take time to instruct and answer any questions you may have. May Father Yahweh and Yahshua be with you as you study.

INSTRUCTION PRIOR TO BAPTISM
NATURE OF SIN & NEED OF REPENTANCE
CHAPTER 2

Sin is the transgression of the law. (1 John 3:4) Sin took us away and out of the image and likeness of Yahweh and Yahshua. They are perfect and now we are not. Sin separated us from them. We have a death sentence on us for this defilement, but Yahweh sent his son in the form of flesh to pay for us. Sin is also a breaking of the life covenant we were given at Mt Sinai.

Until we repent, get washed of our sins, put on Yahshua, and take His atoning blood, we are out of the salvation picture as the Bride.

Repentance is the deep knowledge and sorrow of our 'sin'. Real repentance brings on shame, guilt and grief that we have offended the Father, and by necessity offered His son to be brutalized and murdered. It is not adequate or acceptable to just be carnally sorry. A man has to be truly broken in grief to have a witness and revelation of what he has done and how he has fallen short. Then he may be ready to be washed clean and follow Yahshua forever. True repentance takes a divine revelation of calling and shame. Father Yahweh will do this in a person if they have a true calling. One has to have a true calling from the Father to come to Yahshua. Here are some verses.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the excellence of Elohim;

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 7:17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

1 John 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

THE PENALTY OF SIN CHAPTER 3

The penalty of sin is death. But, it is far more. It means we will not be in the Kingdom with Yahshua. It means we will not inherit all things with Him. It means eternal separation from the only one who has really loved us and done what He has done. We were born into this world to have a chance to be with our real father who called us and gave his Son for our failures. The lake of fire is final and instantaneous death, with no suffering or torture. But, the real punishment is separation from our spiritual family! There is only one way for sin to be atoned, and that is to receive Yahshua's blood through baptism. (In the calling now)

Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of Elohim *is* everlasting life through Yahshua the Messiah our Master.

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to Elohim.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

YAHSHUA IS THE ANSWER, HELP & SALVATION CHAPTER 4

In the First Fruits calling, Yahshua is the only way to come into the spiritual family and be Priests and Kings in the Millennial reign. There is no salvation in any other name. There is no other way to be reconciled and forgiven. We need Him for reconciliation, and we need His indwelling spirit; we get this at baptism to guide and strengthen our walk for success and overcoming. It is written: "He is the author and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12:2) We have no righteousness of our own. Also we are not saved by works of the law. (Romans chap 2-3) There are many reasons why He is the only way!!!

Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith Yahweh: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Romans 10:4 For the Messiah *is* the aim of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Romans 10:5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Romans 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? that is, to bring the Messiah down *from above*:

Romans 10:7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? that is, to bring up the Messiah again from the dead.

Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Master Yahshua, and shalt believe in thine heart that Elohim hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Romans 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Sovereign over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Romans 5:8 But Elohim commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, the Messiah died for us.

John 3:16 For Yahweh so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of Elohim and our Father:

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as the Messiah also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to Elohim for a sweet smelling savour.

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

Revelations 1:5 And from Yahshua the Messiah, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

OUR REASONABLE SERVICE TO BE KODESH CHAPTER 5

The scripture makes it plain that after we are washed clean of sin, it is our obligation and reasonable service, Paul says, to be Kodesh and set apart. We can not take Yahshua's blood and make a vow to follow Him, and then put Him to open shame by continuing to live in sin and worldliness. If we do that, the Spirit we received will leave us, and we will be cast adrift with only terrible judgment to look forward to in fear and dread. He will wash us and help us so we can live a life without sin.

We will make mistakes, but we have His blood always for forgiveness. Our hearts and minds have to be committed to this without any distractions and to accomplish this walk to the end. (His return)

Leviticus 20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* Yahweh your Elohim.

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Colossians 1:21-22 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of Yahweh.

1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Sovereign:

2 Peter 3:11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy manner of life and reverence,

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT CHAPTER 6

John the Immerser said: One will come who will immerse you in water and the spirit (Fire). The water cleanses us from our sins, but the Spirit we receive by the laying on of hands by an ordained Yahweh-Yahshua Elder.

There are not many such elders in the United States who are qualified to do so. Don't accept substitutes! Yes, we have to be born again. We have to let the old man die that was rebellious, self-willed and worldly (loving the things and pleasures of the world). Literally, we have to change through the power of the Spirit to a person who is like Yahshua. He is the goal. Yahshua said that if we put new wine (the spirit and word) into an old wine skin(person) it will break and both the wine and the person will be ruined. (Mark 2:22) Our family and old friends will not like us any more after we commit and start changing. Being born again is not just taking on the truth or walking in the truth, it is a complete mind, value, principles, and thought change. It is a complete change of lifestyle.

We may have to change jobs and friends. Our family may disown us. We literally will become a different person. And if we do not, we will not make it. This is a life long process; it does not all happen at immersion. Again, we have strive to become like Yahshua. At His coming, we will be changed in a moment and become exactly like He is. (1 Corinthians 15:50) Send for the free booklet: HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Set-apart Spirit.

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them which heard the word.

Acts 22:12 And one Hananiah, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt *there*, Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. And he said, The Elohim of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Yahshua by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from Yahweh: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except Elohim be with him. Yahshua answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of Elohim. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Yahshua answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Elohim. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of Yahweh, and *that* the Spirit of Elohim dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Set-apart Spirit *which is* in you, which ye have of Yahweh, and ye are not your own?

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Set-apart Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied.

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Romans 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

THE COST OF BEING A TRUE FOLLOWER CHAPTER 7

The cost of being a believer and following Yahshua is great and costly. It can be very painful and confusing. Our whole world will change and the loss of friends, family and jobs due to the Sabbath will be a great burden. Yahshua said: a man is not worthy of me unless he is able to bear his stake and follow me. He said you will be hated for my name sake. We will be mocked and ridiculed for the truth and how we believe. They will make fun of our tassels we wear also. It can be confusing. We thought it was going to be such a large blessing. We might have thought that He was going to protect us so no trouble would come into our lives. But, it is written in Philippians 3:29, we are not only to believe in Him, but are called to suffer for His sake!! Literally, we have to be willing to give up all for Him, no matter what that may be including wives, husbands and children! This truth requires us to look at all we may be asked to do! He says: the man who takes his hand off the plow and looks back, is not worthy of the Kingdom! Send for the free booklet: THE COST OF BEING A BELIEVER.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as the Messiah was raised up from the dead by the majesty of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight:

Galatians 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Romans 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in the Messiah Yahshua, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Luke 14:25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not bear his stake, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish *it*? Lest at any time, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as the Messiah also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to Elohim for a sweet smelling savour.

Ephesians 5:15 See then that ye walk diligently, not as fools, but as wise,

1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

2 John 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

Romans 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

SPIRITUAL BATTLE CHAPTER 8

We live in a world where Satan is called the prince of the air. He can do nothing against us unless Yahshua allows him. He does not have carte blanche power to kill and destroy. But, to train us and test us, Satan is allowed to harass and attack us in minor ways that could still have serious consequences. So, after we are immersed, we will come under attack. This is for certain, no matter how good our walk and heart is. The problem and dilemma is that the assemblies do not tell you this or prepare you for this. No one will tell you there are actually rules and scripture to help in the spiritual battle. General prayer will help very little. Yahshua also died to give us victory over sin, death and the devil. Yes, it is a spiritual battle, not carnal or physical. Spiritual warfare using the sword of the word is the only way to get effective victories. He gives us power over the enemy, if we use the right weapons and use our authority in His Name...Yahshua. Send for the free book: WARFARE HANDBOOK.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 6:12-18 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of Elohim, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the good news of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of Yahweh: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of Elohim *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Luke 14:26 If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Mark 16:15-17 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the good news to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Ephesians 6:18-24 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the good news, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. But that ye also may know my affairs, *and* how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in Yahweh, shall make known to you all things: Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and *that* he might comfort your hearts.

Peace *be* to the brethren, and love with faith, from Yahweh the Father and the Master Yahshua the Messiah. Grace *be* with all them that love our Master Yahshua the Messiah in sincerity. Amen.

THIRST FOR THE WORD CHAPTER 9

It is Written: His truth shall be my shield and buckler. The scriptures are the only truth we really have. The bible is a secret divine book of instruction to only those who are called by the Father. It also says: the word is life, and length of days. The scriptures tell us the way and show us Yahshua's character, value system and teachings. All we have to do is to study it and get it into our minds and hearts so we can live it. The Word is Yahshua. So we need to develop a love for Him and the word. We need to make reading scripture a priority each day. It feeds us, heals us, leads us and build us into strong children of Yahweh, as we follow Yahshua. If we do not want to read, study and memorize scripture, there is a major problem with our minds and heart. He feeds us with His word; it is spiritual food necessary for life and the encouraging of the spirit He has given us.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first His kingdom and righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Psalms 119:2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

Psalms 42:2 My soul thirsteth for Elohim, for the living El: when shall I come and appear before Elohim?

Psalms 63:1 A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O Elohim, thou *art* my El; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Spirit, whom Elohim hath given to them that obey him.

Romans 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in the Messiah Yahshua, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 7:37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

1 Corinthians 4:11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place;

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

LOVE OF THE SON CHAPTER 10

We literally have to esteem (love) Yahshua. There is not other way. Love over comes all. It is not enough to just love what He did for us. It is not enough to love the idea of being with Him in the millennium. It is not good enough to say we love Him. We literally, with the help of Yahshua in us, have to fall in love so completely that every thing else shrinks to insignificance! The stronger love we have in Him, the more chance we will make it. Also, the closer relationship we have with Him, the more spirit we will have. (the indwelling of the Father and Son: John chapter 14) If a person has had trouble learning love, then this will be a major teaching and change when he comes to Yahshua. This is not an option! We are sorry to say, that most supposed believers do not know Him or love Him. That is why in Matthew chapter 25, half of the virgins did not make it. He said to them: "I never knew you"!! WHEN WE ARE IMMERSED, WE GO FROM THE FATHER'S HANDS CALLING US, INTO YAHSHUA'S HANDS TO KEEP US. AFTER BAPTISM, HE IS OUR KING, SAVIOR AND HEADSHIP (1 Corinthians 11). The head of the man is Yahshua, not Father Yahweh.

1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

John 3:16 For Yahweh so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 13:1 Now before the feast of the Passover, when Yahshua knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

John 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

Galatians 2:20 I am executed with the Messiah: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but the Messiah liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of Elohim, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 2:4 But Elohim, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not Elohim; for Elohim is love.

John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Yahweh.

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as the Messiah also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to Elohim for a sweet smelling savour.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 Now our Master Yahshua the Messiah himself, and Elohim, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if Elohim so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

Ephesians 3:19 And to know the love of the Messiah, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of Elohim.

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that Elohim hath to us. Elohim is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in Elohim, and Elohim in him.

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of Yahweh: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

WHAT IS BAPTISM (THE WATER IS BLOOD) CHAPTER 11

The water, in a spiritual way, represents Yahshua's blood. We are washed clean of our sins by it. Repentance is first, then we are cleansed and washed clean. It also represents the grave where we die in Him. We literally share in His death where spiritually we can start the *birth of the new man*. Then, that new man has to be the new vessel where the Spirit of Yahweh and Yahshua can dwell and write His laws in the heart (Jeremiah 31:31). Yahshua will help us in every way to learn and grow in grace and spirit, but we have to work hard and do our part. We can fail; we can fall away if we do not try. So, nothing is assured as some say in error. Those present at the baptism should continue to pray for that new brother/sister also. (It is very important again, that an ordained Yahweh minister/Elder perform the baptism; also, the Elder should lay on hands for the receiving of the indwelling Spirit. And that he also lay on hands to receive the indwelling. (If he does not counsel the person prior to baptism, a question and answer session should be accomplished at minimum.)

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Yahshua the Messiah were baptized into his death?

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into the Messiah have put on the Messiah.

Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of Elohim,
who hath raised him from the dead.

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward Yahweh, by the resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah:

Galatians 2:20 I am executed with the Messiah: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but the Messiah liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of Elohim, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Romans 6:8 Now if we be dead with the Messiah, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that the Messiah being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in the Messiah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

PLACING YAHSHUA FIRST CHAPTER 12

The first commandment is: "...you shall have no other Els before me". Yahshua gave us the ten words at Sinai, the commandments written in stone, now in our hearts.

We are to have no idols or anything that can come before Him. This is so critical to our walk. He has to come first in all things in our worldly life here. That includes: spouses, sex, money, jobs, personal pleasure or hobbies. It is simple, but hard to do. It is a constant daily battle to start with scripture reading and prayer. Starting the day right keeps us on track, and it is a reminder that all our life starts with them. There is no other way to do this. He has to become our best friend that we talk to all the time! He is our Rock and cornerstone of our entire life...

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth Yahweh thy Elohim require of thee, but to fear Yahweh thy Elohim, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

2 Thessalonians 3:5 And the Master direct your hearts into the love of Elohim, and into the patient waiting for the Messiah.

Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of Yahweh, looking for the mercy of our Master Yahshua the Messiah unto everlasting life.

OBEDIENCE IF YOU LOVE ME...KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS CHAPTER 13

We keep the commandments, statutes and judgments, i.e. Torah for five reasons. **First**, it is righteousness or the way to avoid sin. **Second**, it is our covenant with Them. **Third**, it shows our love for Him. **Forth**, it reveals light, wisdom and understanding. **Fifth**, the closer we walk in righteousness and truth, the less the devil can attack us.

Torah is Yahshua's character, it is not just law. If we are trying to be like Him, we must think and walk like Him. Yahshua is Torah and the word!.

Psalms 119:1 ALEPH Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of Yahweh (Yahshua).

1 John 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Romans 2:13 For not the hearers of the law *are* just before Elohim, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;

Romans 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? May that never be so: yea, we establish the law.

Romans 7:12 Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

2 John 1:6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Psalms 111:10 The fear of Yahweh *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

Proverbs 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

Revelations 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of Elohim, and the faith of Yahshua.

Psalms 19:7 The law of Yahweh *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of Yahweh *is* sure, making wise the simple.

Exodus 20:2 (The Ten Commandments)

1. I *am* Yahweh thy Elohim, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other elohim before me.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing that is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I Yahweh thy Elohim *am* a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of Yahweh thy Elohim in vain; for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it set-apart. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of Yahweh thy Elohim: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Yahweh blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

5. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which Yahweh thy Elohim giveth thee.

6. Thou shalt not murder.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

Mark 3:35 For whosoever shall do the will of Elohim, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

TRUST IN YAHWEH AND YAHSHUA CHAPTER 14

As we have said, Yahshua is the one who will help us make it after we have committed to Him. Besides faith, there has to be a strong spiritual trust in Him and a dependency on Him for everything. Trust is a learned spiritual attribute that He will help develop in us by trials and situations that witness He is there. The foundation of this is prayer and a watching of how He works in our life.

Psalms 118:8 *It is* better to trust in Yahweh than to put confidence in man.

Psalms 118:5 I called upon Yah in distress: Yah answered me, *and set me* in a large place.

Psalms 37:3 Trust in Yahweh, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Psalms 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our Elohim: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in Yahweh.

Psalms 62:8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: Elohim *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

Proverbs 18:10 The name of Yahweh *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Psalms 115:9 O Israel, trust thou in Yahweh: he *is* their help and their shield.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in Yahweh with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, El *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for Yah Yahweh *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation.

Isaiah 26:4 Trust ye in Yahweh for ever: for in Yah Yahweh *is* everlasting strength:

Isaiah 50:10 Who *is* among you that feareth Yahweh, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of Yahweh, and stay upon his Elohim.

2 Corinthians 1:9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in Elohim which raiseth the dead:

1 Timothy 4:10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living Yahweh, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE READY TO BE IMMERSED? CHAPTER 15

Many people do not know they are ready. They may know it is the right things to do. They know what it is all about, but do not really know themselves well. They may not know their weaknesses or their ability to dedicate themselves either.

They may not have the strength to make necessary changes in their lives. So let us look at a list of considerations and principles that will help us know.

1. The person will have a strong sense of sorrow and grief over what he has done. This sense of guilt should stay with him in part the rest of his life.

2. When repentance is made, a decision or vow should be made to work and fight against sin the rest of their walk.

3. They should have a strong revelation that there is no other way than to commit to following the truth in Yahshua.

4. The person should also know how they are going to put Yahshua first in their life. This should be accomplished before the immersion.

5. The individual should know if they have the strength to keep to a vow. What is their history in their previous life?

6. Even though they may not be students, they need to make a decision to study and seek truth in the scriptures every day.

7. The person needs to now make an effort, if not already done, to fall in love with Yahshua. It is critical to seek a personal relationship with Him that grows each day!

8. The individual needs to kindle a growing love for the word also. Memorization of scripture is also important. To be lazy or undisciplined is a severe handicap to this process of salvation.

9. The person must have a true calling from the Father. This is known by the burning desire to follow Yahshua in the rest of his life. This can not be a fad or just a hobby. One can not do this just because he is following someone else. This calling has to be strong and personal.

REQUIREMENTS OF BAPTISM CHAPTER 16

This section has already been discussed in the previous sections. Please reviewed them.

Matthew 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

John 3:5 Yahshua answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Elohim.

John 4:10 Yahshua answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of Elohim, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

John 6:63 It is the spirit that maketh alive; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

WHO HAS THE SET-APART SPIRIT? CHAPTER 17

Those who obey Yahshua and seek Him with all their hearts maintain the spirit they got from the laying on of hands by AN Elder. The closer you get to Yahshua, the more spirit a person will have. The less we please and follow Him, and study, the less spirit we will have. Praise and worship brings on the spirit stronger. The more spirit you have, the more power, faith and dedication you will have. It is geometric and proportional. (John 20:22)

1 John 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Spirit, whom Elohim hath given to them that obey him.

WHO HAS AUTHORITY TO IMMERSE? CHAPTER 18

As we said, the only person who can immerse others in the true faith is an ordained Elder in Yahweh and Yahshua.

Another believer, a friend or a lay person does not have the authority. Look up baptism in study in the book of Acts.

Also, the believer who is immersed has the power and spirit to witness and testify to others. The spirit will be with him to witness and support. The words will be given to him in that very hour what he should say.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

WARNING CHAPTER 19

Again, a person does not have to be immersed to receive eternal life. But, if they do get baptized, they can never leave the faith. The only thing they have to look forward to, if they do leave, is the Lake of Fire.

But, if they do get baptized into First Fruits, they can never leave the faith or calling (Hebrews 6:4-8). Most people will receive eternal life at the White Throne Judgment. See study in chapter 20.

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Ecclesiast 5:4 When thou vowest a vow unto Elohim, defer not to pay it; for he *hath* no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better *is it* that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.

Hebrews 6:4-6 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, And have tasted the good word of Yahweh, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they impale to themselves the Son of Elohim afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT CHAPTER 20

If we are immersed and given our oath, and leave, there is not a second chance!

LEAVING THE FAITH COULD MEAN THE LAKE OF FIRE A WARNING! YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BAPTIZE.

Hebrews 6:4-8 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, And have tasted the good word of Yahweh, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they impale to themselves the Son of Elohim afresh, and put *him* to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from Elohim: But that which beareth thorns and briers *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.

Hebrews 10:26-31 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of Elohim, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense. And again, Yahweh shall judge his people. *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living Elohim.

2 Peter 2:20-22 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Master and Savior Yahshua the Messiah, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.
(John 15:6)

You do not have to do this now, this is not for everyone, it is not a salvation issue. At the white Throne Resurrection (Revelations 20:11-13), all those who were not First Fruits, are judged on their good works of love, kindness and goodness toward others in their live.

They are not judged on Torah, but works of mercy and giving. They will be given Yahshua then, and eternal life. Baptism is not for all, and those who do it and fall away, shall be condemned. Be sure and be wise. The wicked will be destroyed.

THINK AND PRAY ABOUT THIS BEFORE YOU COMMIT!

CONCLUSION:

There are many reasons why a person should acquire counsel and dedicate prayer time to this major decision. It is the most important and serious decision a person could ever make. His eternity depends on the outcome. So in the final analysis, we suggest that if a person is not sure, wait and pray. Keep studying and seeking truth and guidance.

For inmates, the decision to be baptized can be much more difficult due to the fact that their release and getting back their life may overwhelm them. It would be easy to lose perspective or focus. We hope this study has provided some wise counsel to those who are thinking of baptism. Yahshua and our Great Father Yahweh bless and guide you. Amein

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