



DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Doctrinal Belief of the Assembly of Yah

Abstract

The purpose of your life is to live for the glory of your God and Father (Isaiah 43:7). We do this by revering Him and keeping all of His commandments, because by these, we will be judged (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). If you love Him, you will keep all of His Commandments (John 14:15-21). Claiming to know Him without keeping them makes you a liar (1John 2:3-4). True knowledge begins when one knows the will of the One True God and that knowledge grants us correct understanding (Psalm 111:10). This generates our faithful conduct and activity that will lead to eternal life in the Kingdom of God.

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Note: Quoted scripture references throughout are the Revised Standard Version unless otherwise noted. Other Bible translations are as follows: (BBE) Bible in Basic English, (CVE) Contemporary English Version, (ESV) English Standard Version, (GLT) Green's Interlinear Translation, (KJV) King James Version, (HCSB) Holman Christian Standard Bible, (NASB) New American Standard Bible, (NIV) New International Version, (NWT) New World Translation, Message New Testament (MNT).

Introduction

The Assembly of Y^ehovah is a body of believers who take God at His word. We are a covenant keeping Christian body who keep all of the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments except for the physical sacrifices.

Christ prays to the Father and he asks Him to set aside or sanctify his followers through His (God's) truth. He then states that God's word is truth.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth.

The Psalmist calls Him the God of truth.

Ps. 31:5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou has redeemed me, O Y^ehovah (LORD) God of truth.

Zechariah states that He will be our God in truth and in righteousness.

Zech. 8:8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness

The Bible contains the information that leads to eternal life. This true knowledge begins

when one starts to know and understand the singularity of the One True God. This understanding of His singularity begins the journey to eternal life, as seen from John 17:3; but also note that we are to understand Jesus Christ whom He sent.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, even Jesus Christ.

It is through Jesus Christ that we gain the knowledge of the One True God.

1John 5:20 But we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us intellectual capacity that we may gain the knowledge of the true one. And we are in union with the true one, by means of his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and life everlasting (NWT)

If that knowledge is rejected, God gives us over to a natural mind or evil ways of thinking.

Rom. 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, (NASB)

We take God at His word and search the scriptures to discover the truth. When God reveals that truth, we strive to walk within it,

Deut. 29:29 The secret things belong to Y^ehovah (the LORD) our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law. (ESV)

Matt. 11:25 Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: "Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You've concealed your

ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. (MNT)

and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus the Christ.

Gal. 2: 6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, (HCSB)

Gal. 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (HCSB)

The following pages contain our Declaration of Faith found in that book, the Bible. We have presented the Bible scriptures for our witness, those very scriptures that Christ said are truth, and the scriptures that we use to teach the word of truth.

2Tim. 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth. (HCSB)

Section 1 — The One True God

He Is, He Exists

Eternity is inhabited by the self-existing immortal Being whose name is Y^ehovah, "the existing One". Who, as eternity, just is.

Isa. 57:15 For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

It is from Him that all else flows. He and He alone is the source of all that exists. He is Y^ehovah, He is one.

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel! Y^ehovah (The LORD) is our God, Y^ehovah (the LORD) is one! NASB

God states that His name is Y^ehovah and that this is His name forever.

Ex. 3:15 God ('elohiym) also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'Y^ehovah (The LORD), the God ('elohiym) of your fathers, the God ('elohiym) of Abraham, the God ('elohiym) of Isaac, and the God ('elohiym) of Jacob, has sent me to you'; this is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

The Brown, Driver, Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon states that the name "Y^ehovah" is the proper name of the One True God and His name means "the existing One".

Brown, Drivers and Briggs

Strong's Number 03068 YHVH Y^ehovah yeh-ho-vaw'

Y^ehovah = "the existing One" the proper name of the One True God

He Alone is Self-Existent

Only the One True God is self-existent. Only He is immortal or deathless. He has life inherent in Himself and has given to the Son to have life within himself.

1Tim. 1:17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen

1Tim. 6:16 the one alone having immortality (deathlessness), who dwells in unapproachable light, whom not one of men has seen or can see. To him be honor and might everlasting. Amen (NWT)

John 5:26 For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

He is One and He Alone is the Only True God

Scripture shows the singularity of the One True God. He and He alone is One. There is no other.

Ps. 83:18 Let them know that thou alone, whose name is Y^ehovah (the LORD), art the Most High over all the earth

Isa. 37:16 O Y^ehovah (LORD) of hosts, God ('elohiyim) of Israel, who art enthroned above the cherubim, thou art the God ('elohiyim), thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

2Kings 19:15 And Hezekiah prayed before Y^ehovah, and said, O Y^ehovah the God of Israel, who sits above the cherubs, You are God Himself, You alone, to all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made the heavens and the earth. (GLT)

Jer. 10:10 But Y^ehovah (the LORD) is the true God, he is the living God, and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Mark 12:29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: Y^ehovah (The Lord) our God, Y^ehovah (the Lord) is one;

Mark 12:32 And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly

said that he is one, and there is no other but he;

His Name is Y^ehovah (the Self Existing One)

He doesn't have life, He is life, and He, as His name states, is the Self-Existing One.

Isa. 57:15 For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite. NASB

Isa. 47:4 Our Redeemer – Y^ehovah (the LORD) of host is his name – is the Holy One of Israel.

Isa. 48:2 For they call themselves after the holy city, and stay themselves on the God of Israel; Y^ehovah (the LORD) of hosts is his name.

He is the Father

Isa. 64:8 But now, O Y^ehovah (LORD), thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

1Cor. 8:6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist...

He is the Creator

Y^ehovah of Hosts has brought all that there is into existence. He created the spiritual and the physical as seen in Nehemiah 9. He alone is the Creator.

Neh. 9:6 And Ezra said: "Thou art Y^ehovah (the LORD), thou alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it,

the seas and all that is in them; and thou preservest all of them; and the host of heaven worships thee.

Isaiah 44:24 Thus says Y^ehovah (the LORD), your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, Y^ehovah (the LORD), am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself, and spreading out the earth all alone,

Revelation 10:5-7 And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, 6) and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there shall be delay no longer, 7) but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

He is All-knowing

God alone knows the end from the beginning and He declares it. He predestines.

Isa. 46:10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,

Rev. 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says Y^ehovah (the LORD) God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Rev. 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life.

God is Omniscient (all knowing as One having total knowledge), Omnipresent (in all places or One present everywhere at the same time) and Omnipotent (One infinite in power).

He is Love

He is a loving Father, but more than that, He is love and all that He does is from His love.

1John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. 8) He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

He is Holy

He is Holy and He is perfect. And those who worship Him are to become Holy and perfect as He is.

Lev. 19:2 Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, You shall be holy; for I Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God am holy.

1Peter 1:16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Matt. 5:48 You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Isaiah 5:16 But Y^ehovah (the LORD) of hosts will be exalted in judgment, And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

Jos. 24:18-19 Y^ehovah (The LORD) drove out before us all the peoples, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will worship Y^ehovah (the LORD),

because He is our God." (19) But Joshua told the people, "You will not be able to worship Y^ehovah (the LORD), because He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not remove your transgressions and sins.

Ps. 99:9 Exalt Y^ehovah (the LORD) our God; bow in worship at His holy mountain, for Y^ehovah (the LORD) our God is holy. NASB

Only He is to be Worshipped

As Christ stated, Y^ehovah alone is to be worshipped.

Matt. 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

Rev. 22:8-9 I John am he who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; 9) but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.

Y^ehovah, He is Eloah and Our Rock

"Eloah" is a title for Y^ehovah. Y^ehovah is the One True God, Eloah, and the Rock (another one of His many titles).

Ps. 18:31 For who is God ('elohiym), but the LORD (Yehovah)? And who is a rock, except our God ('elohiym)?

Isa. 44:8 Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God ('elohiym) besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

1Sam. 2:2 There is none holy like Y^ehovah (the LORD), there is none besides thee; there is no rock like our God.

2Sam. 22:2 He said, "Y^ehovah (The LORD) is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, (47) Y^ehovah (the LORD) lives; and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation,

In Psalm 89:20-26, God has found and anointed David with holy oil, promising him protection from his enemies. In verse 26 He states that David will call Him (El) his Father and the Rock of his salvation. He is the Father and the Rock.

Ps. 89:20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

Ps. 89:26 He shall cry to me, 'Thou art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

Y^ehovah of Hosts is the Savior and Redeemer

We are redeemed by the blood of His Son Jesus Christ. Christ is the vehicle through which we are redeemed and saved, but the Father is the One Who gave the sacrifice.

Jer. 50:33-34 Thus says Y^ehovah (the LORD) of hosts: The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah with them; all who took them captive have held them fast, they refuse to let them go. 34) Their Redeemer is strong; Y^ehovah (the LORD) of hosts is his name. He will surely plead their cause, that he may give them rest to the earth, but unrest to the inhabitants of Babylon.

Isa. 63:16 For thou art our Father, though Abraham does not know us and Israel

does not acknowledge us; thou, O Y^ehovah (LORD), art our Father, our Redeemer from of old is thy name.

Luke 1:47 and my spirit rejoices in God [Ho Theos] my Savior.

Isa. 47:4 Our Redeemer – Y^ehovah (the LORD) of host is his name – is the Holy One of Israel.

He Cannot Lie

God cannot lie. Therefore His promises are sure. As He has said, so He will do. Mankind can place their trust in the promises of God.

Titus 1:2 in hope of eternal life which God, who never lies, promised ages ago;

Heb. 6:18 so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us, (HCSB)

Section 2 — Christ

Christ Was the Beginning of the Creation of God

Christ was created by the Father.

Rev. 3:14 And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: “The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.”

Col. 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;

Christ Existed Prior to His Human Incarnation

He emptied himself of his divine nature and humbled himself taking on human nature to become like us.

John 17:5 And now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

Christ Did Not Think He was Equal with God

He never considered himself equal with God, nor did he think equality with God something to be sought.

Phil. 2:6-9 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7) but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8) And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. 9) Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

He is the Only Begotten

Christ is the only begotten, physically born, Son of the Father and was made flesh to dwell among us.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

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

1John 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. (KJV)

2John 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, men who will not

acknowledge the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh; such a one is a deceiver and the antichrist.

He was Our Willing Sacrifice

As a result of his willing sacrifice that was acceptable to God, he was given ruler ship over the Kingdom of God. His sacrifice covers the sins of both the physical and spiritual creation.

1Tim. 1:15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;

Heb. 10:12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

Heb. 9:26-28 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But, as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27) And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28) so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

He suffered death on the stake, as was prophesied, so we might receive salvation.

Zech. 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced: and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

John 19:37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

Acts 4:10 be it known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye did crucify, whom God did raise out of the dead, in him hath this one stood by before you whole. (KJV)

1Peter 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Heb. 13:12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

Sin entered the creation and, as a result, a sacrifice then became necessary. The wages of sin is death and therefore that penalty had to be paid.

Rom. 5:12 Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned:

Rom. 3:23-25 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24) they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, 25) whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins;

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He is our Ransom

Christ paid that penalty for all through his death. He became our ransom, and, as our ransom, redeemed the Adamic, human beings as well as the fallen Spirit beings.

Matt. 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

1Tim. 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time.

Titus 2:14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

He Was in the Grave for Three Days and Three Nights

This was the only sign to be given of the Messiah. If Christ was not in the grave for three days and three nights, then he isn't the Messiah.

Jonah 1:16-17 Then the men feared Y^ehovah (the LORD) exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to Y^ehovah (the LORD) and made vows. 17) Now Y^ehovah (the LORD) appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days, and three nights.

Matt. 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Luke 24:6-7 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7) that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

He Was Resurrected

Christ was resurrected just as he said.

Mark 16:6 And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him.

1Cor. 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

And Rose to the Father

He alone has been resurrected and has ascended to the Father.

John 3:13 No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man.

1Cor. 15:20-23 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21) For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22) For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23) But each in his own order;

Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

The Father Gave Christ the Gift of Having Life Within Himself

Christ did not possess life inherent, neither as a spirit being nor as a human being. He died. He received life inherent as a gift after the successful completion of his task and is the first being to receive it.

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself,

Christ did not need to receive this as a gift if he already possessed it.

This Same Gift is Available to All

This grant of life inherent to Christ is the same gift or equal inheritance that we all might have as well.

1Peter 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4) and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

Heb. 9:15 And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. NASB

His Death and Resurrection are Salvation Beliefs

Christ died and would still be dead if his Father had not resurrected him. This is a salvation belief.

Rom. 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;

It shall be the same with all human beings.

1Cor. 15:50-53 I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51) Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we

shall all be changed, 52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53) For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality.

God the Father is life. He wishes for us all to have this life. Death is the last enemy to be abolished. It is a temporary part of God's creation in which all will die, just as Christ did.

He Was Elevated to a Higher Office

Phil. 2:8-9 And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. 9) Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

Heb. 2:7-9 Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, 8) putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. 9) But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

He Sits at the Right Hand of God

He is ruling the Kingdom given to him by God.

Heb. 10:12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

Heb. 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high; NASB

He is the Head of the Church

After his resurrection, God made Christ the head of the church.

Col. 1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Eph. 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

He Remains Our High Priest

Christ was willing to become human and suffered all things in the human state. In this way we have a High Priest who can understand our every situation.

Heb. 2:17-18 Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. 18) For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Heb. 4:14-15 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15) For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize

with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning.

He is Our Mediator

According to Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary, a mediator is one who serves as "an intermediary between parties" for the purpose of "reconciliation."

Heb. 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

1Tim. 2:5 For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

He is Our Elder Brother

Matt. 12:50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Rom. 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

Christ Will Hand Over the Kingdom

When all things have been accomplished, he will give the Kingdom to the Father.

1Cor. 15:24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

1Cor. 15:28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to everyone.

Section 3 — The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit Is the Power of God

God works with His creation through the Holy Spirit. There are two dimensions – the physical and the spiritual. The Holy Spirit is the tool which allows work between the two different dimensions.

In our sinful state we cannot be in the presence of God. The Holy Spirit is sent to work with those whom God calls, while still in their sinful state. God alone knows whom He is calling. Over time it will convince them to stop sinning and convert. After our baptism, if we remain in intentional sin, it will leave us until we repent.

This reconciliation must occur so He can come to earth, because then sin will not be present.

Heb. 10:26 For if we sin deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.

2Peter 1:3-4 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4) by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

Rom. 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Eph. 3:20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter promised by Christ to his disciples. The Holy Spirit was sent in Christ's stead by the Father to lead his disciples into all truth.

John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, 17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

John 16:7-13 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9) Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10) Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11) Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. 12) I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (KJV)

The Holy Spirit is Given at Baptism

At repentance and baptism the Holy Spirit is given as a free gift.

Acts 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:45 And the believers from among the circumcised who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.

It Seals the Promise of Inheritance

The Holy Spirit given at baptism is the promise of salvation.

Eph. 1:13-14 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14) who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. NASB

It is Through the Spirit That We Become Sons of the Living God

By the Holy Spirit we ALL are children of God. Christ is our elder brother and our head.

Women are sons and men are brides.

John 1:12-13 However, as many as did receive him, to them he gave authority to become God's children, because they were exercising faith in his name, 13) and they were born, not from blood or from a fleshly will or from man's will, but from God. (NWT)

Rom. 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." (NIV)

By the Holy Spirit We are Given the Power to Witness to the world

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.

Matt. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come.

There are Different Gifts of the Spirit

Gifts are given as needed through the Spirit for the benefit of all. But, not all gifts or talents are the same. The various abilities are to serve the One True God and the brethren in Christ. They are to be exercised by those who receive them.

1Cor. 12:7-11 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8) To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9) to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10) to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues. 11) All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Rom. 12:6-8 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7) if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; 8) he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

The Holy Spirit Produces Godly Fruit

The exercise of the Holy Spirit produces fruit in those who have received it.

Gal. 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23) gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. 24) And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Matt. 7:15-20 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16) You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? 17) So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. 18) A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit." 19) Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20) Thus you will know them by their fruits.

The Holy Spirit can be quenched

The Holy Spirit can be frustrated or quenched if the fruits are not developed and the Spirit is not exercised in an individual.

1Thes. 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit,

Section 4 — The Law

Y^ehovah confirmed the Covenant with Israel in the Third Month after leaving Egypt. Moses received the Law from Y^ehovah. Israel, through the Covenant, agreed to obey the Law. The conditions have not changed and we are to obey as did ancient Israel.

Ex. 19:5-8 Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, 6) and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel. 7) So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which Y^ehovah (the LORD) had commanded him. 8) And all the people answered together and said, "All that Y^ehovah (the LORD) has spoken we will do."

Ex. 34:32 And afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that Y^ehovah (the LORD) had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

The tablets containing the Ten Commandments were placed in the Ark of the Covenant.

Deut. 10:5 Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are, as Y^ehovah (the LORD) commanded me.

Heb. 9:3-4 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; 4) Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid

roundabout with gold, in which was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; (NASB)

The Law in the New Testament

The Law is still in force and, as Christians, we are to obey the Law, as did Christ.

Matt. 5:17-18 Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. 18) For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Rom. 2:13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.

John 15:10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love.

1John 2:3-4 And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4) He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

1John 3:22 And we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

2John 1:6 And this is love, that we follow his commandments; this is the commandment, as you have heard from the beginning, that you should follow love.

New Covenant of the Law

In the Hebrew Scriptures God promised a renewed Covenant of the Law with the house of Israel. He would write His Law on their hearts.

Jer. 31:31-33 Behold, the days come, saith Y^ehovah (the LORD), that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32) Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith Y^ehovah (the LORD): 33) But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith Y^ehovah (the LORD), I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

This was to be a better Covenant mediated by Christ.

Heb. 8:6-7 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry which is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. 7) For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion for a second...

Heb. 9:15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

The New Covenant is Spiritual

God's Spirit was given on Pentecost and initiated the New Covenant with the house of Israel.

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2) And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3) And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. 4) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Law then began to be kept in the Spiritual intent as the circumcision of the heart was given, as promised by God.

Rom. 2:29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Rom. 7:6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that wherein we were held; so that we serve in newness of the spirit, and not in oldness of the letter.

The Sacrificial Laws were added

The sacrificial laws were done away with the death of Christ on the stake.

Heb. 9:22-27 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. 23) Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24) For Christ

has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25) Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Holy Place yearly with blood not his own; 26) for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27) And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

They had been added in order to keep Israel alive as they broke the Covenant.

Jeremiah 7:21-23 Thus says Yehovah (the LORD) of hosts, the God of Israel, "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat flesh. 22) "For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. 23) "But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.'

Hosea 6:6-7 For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. 7) But like Adam they have transgressed the covenant; There they have dealt treacherously against Me.

Section 5 — The Sacred Calendar

Y^ehovah's Lunar/Solar Sacred Calendar

The annual Holy Days are calculated using the natural lunar/solar astronomical cycle.

The annual Calendar is set by the alignment of both the monthly lunar cycle and the annual solar cycle. The lunar cycle sets the seasons based on the solar equinoctial cycle.

The Day Begins at Dark

Each day is observed from End Evening Nautical Twilight (E.E.N.T) to E.E.N.T., or dark to dark. God called the dark night and the light was called day. (See The Start of the Day for further details)

Gen. 1:4-5 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. 5) God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Ps. 104:19-20 He made the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting. 20) Thou dost appoint darkness and it becomes night, In which all the beasts of the forest prowl about. (NASB)

According to the U.S. Naval Observatory, E.E.N.T. occurs:

...when the center of the sun is geometrically 12 degrees below the horizon. At the beginning or end of nautical twilight, under good atmospheric conditions and in the absence of other illumination, general outlines of ground objects may be distinguishable, but detailed outdoor operations are not possible, and the horizon is indistinct.

There are Seven Days in the Week

Ex. 20:8-11 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9) Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; 10) but the seventh day is the sabbath to Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; 11) for in six days Y^ehovah (the LORD) made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore Y^ehovah (the LORD) blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

Heb. 4:4 For He has thus said somewhere concerning the seventh day, "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"; (NASB)

The Year has Twelve or Thirteen Months

The annual Calendar is divided into 12 or 13 months, designated as the First Month, the Second Month...et cetera. Detailed information on the calendar is available at www.AssemblyofEloah.org

The Sabbath Day

The Fourth Commandment requires keeping the seventh day Sabbath.

Deut. 5:12 Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God commanded you.

Heb. 4:4-11 For in one place he has said of the seventh day as follows: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works," 5) and again in this place: "They shall not enter into my rest." 6) Since, therefore, it remains for some to enter

into it, and those to whom the good news was first declared did not enter in because of disobedience, 7) he again marks off a certain day by saying after so long a time in David's [psalm] "Today", just as it has been said above: "Today if YOU people listen to his own voice, do not harden YOUR hearts." 8) For if Joshua had led them into a place of rest, [God] would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9) So there remains a Sabbath resting for the people of God. 10) For the man that has entered into [God's] rest has also himself rested from his own works, just as God did from his own. 11) Let us therefore do our utmost to enter into that rest, for fear anyone should fall in the same pattern of disobedience. (NWT)

The New Moons

The monthly New Moon is observed on the day of the conjunction and is based on Jerusalem time.

Isa. 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Y^ehovah (the LORD), to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Y^ehovah (the LORD) from Jerusalem.

It was, will be and now is to be kept as a Holy Day.

Num. 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed feasts, and on the first days of your months, (NASB)

Psalm 81:3-4 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our

solemn feast day. 4 For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. (KJV)

Isa. 66:23 From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, says Y^ehovah (the LORD).

Ezek. 46:3 The people of the land shall worship at the entrance of that gate before Y^ehovah (the LORD) on the sabbaths and on the new moons.

The New Testament gentile Christians were being negatively judged for keeping the New Moons as well as the annual Holy Days, seventh day Sabbaths, clean foods and red wine.

Col. 2:16 Therefore let no man pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

The Holy Days and Feasts

God has given mankind other Holy Days and Feasts that are to be kept as well.

In the First Month of the Sacred Calendar is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to be kept for seven days. The first day on the 15th and the last day on the 21st are holy days. The start of the 14th day is The Lord's Supper; followed by the Passover/first day of Unleavened Bread (or Night To Be Much Remembered) on the 15th. The Wave Sheaf is the first day of the week (Sunday) following the weekly Sabbath within the seven days of Unleavened Bread; and the last day of Unleavened Bread on the 21st. (see God's Holy Day Calendar)

Lev. 23:6-8 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto Y^ehovah (the LORD): seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. 7) On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work. 8) But you shall present an offering by fire to Y^ehovah (the LORD) seven days; on the seventh day is a holy convocation: you shall do no laborious work.

This is the first of the three pilgrim feasts.

Deut. 16:16 Three times a year all your males shall appear before Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God at the place which he will choose: at the feast of unleavened bread, at the feast of weeks, and at the feast of booths. They shall not appear before Y^ehovah (the LORD) empty-handed:

Ex. 23:14 Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to me.17) Three times in the year shall all your males appear before Y^ehovah (the LORD) GOD.

1Kings 9:25 Three times a year Solomon used to offer up burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built to Y^ehovah (the LORD), burning incense before Y^ehovah (the LORD). So he finished the house.

Next is the Feast of Weeks. It is a weekly Sabbath and the Holy Day of Pentecost. The date of observation is calculated from the day of the Wave Sheaf Offering.

Lev. 23:9-16 And Y^ehovah (the LORD) said to Moses, 10) "Say to the people of Israel, When you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest

to the priest; 11) and he shall wave the sheaf before Y^ehovah (the LORD), that you may find acceptance; on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. 12) And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to Y^ehovah (the LORD). 13) And the cereal offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, to be offered by fire to Y^ehovah (the LORD), a pleasing odour; and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin. 14) And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 15) And you shall count from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven full weeks shall they be, 16) counting fifty days to the morrow after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a cereal offering of new grain to Y^ehovah (the LORD).

Acts 20:16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus in order that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. (NASB)

On the first day of the Seventh Month is the New Moon and the Day of Trumpets.

Lev. 23:23-25 And Y^ehovah (the LORD) said to Moses, 24) "Say to the people of Israel, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy

convocation. 25) You shall do no laborious work; and you shall present an offering by fire to Y^ehovah (the LORD).

1Thess. 4:16 For The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

On the tenth day of the Seventh Month is the fast of Atonement.

Lev. 23:26-32 And Y^ehovah (the LORD) said to Moses 27) "On the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement; it shall be for you a time of holy convocation, and you shall afflict yourselves and present an offering by fire to Y^ehovah (the LORD). 28) And you shall do no work on this same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God. 29) For whoever is not afflicted on this same day shall be cut off from his people. 30) And whoever does any work on this same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. 31) You shall do no work; it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 32) It shall be to you a Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict yourselves; on the ninth day of the month beginning at evening, from evening to evening shall you keep your Sabbath."

Acts 27:9 And when considerable time had passed and the voyage was now dangerous, since even the fast was already over, Paul began to admonish them, NASB

In the Seventh Month is the Feast of Tabernacles or booths, which is to be kept for seven days.

Lev. 23:33-36 And Y^ehovah (the LORD) said to Moses, 34) "Say to the people of Israel, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the feast of booths to Y^ehovah (the LORD). 35) On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work. 36) Seven days you shall present offerings by fire to Y^ehovah (the LORD);....

This is followed by the Last Great Day on the 22nd of the month.

Lev. 23:36 ... on the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to Y^ehovah (the LORD); it is a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work.

All of the weekly, monthly and annual Holy Days are commanded Holy observances. The feasts are pilgrimages and must be kept outside your gates except in the third year of the seven year tithing cycle.

Deut. 14:28-29 After three years thou shalt bring out all the tithes of thy fruits, in that year thou shalt lay it up in thy cities. 29) And the Levite shall come, because he has no part or lot with thee, and the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow which is in thy cities; and they shall eat and be filled, that Y^ehovah (the LORD) thy God may bless thee in all the works which thou shalt do. (Brenton's translation of the LXX)

The Jubilee and the annual seven year land Sabbaths are established from Ezekiel in the

fifth year of Jehoiachin's captivity. This is an uncontested year.

Ezekiel 1:1-2 In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. 2 On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin),

The 30th year of the Jubilee cycle was 594 B.C.E. (Before Current Era) and the Jubilee was 574. This aligns with Christ quoting Isaiah declaring the year of release and liberty and the acceptable Jubilee year of the Lord in 27 C.E. (Current Era).

Luke 4:17-19 and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, 18) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19) to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Section 6 — Tithing

Our God Does Not Change

Y^ehovah, the "Lord," does not change nor is subject to entropy or loss of energy.

Mal. 3:6 For I Y^ehovah (the LORD) do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

James 1:17 Every good and true thing is given to us from heaven, coming from the Father of lights, with whom there is no

change or any shade made by turning (entropy). BBE

God Owns Everything

Everything in creation belongs to God.

Ex. 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

Psalm 50:12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and everything in it is Mine. HCSB

What Is A Tithe?

Thayer's Lexicon shows the Greek word (apodekatoo) means "to tithe, to give or pay a tenth of anything."

We are instructed to give ten percent of our net increase to God.

Lev. 27:32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto Y^ehovah (the LORD).

Deut. 14:22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

Robbing God

If we do not pay our tithes we are robbing God.

Mal. 3:7-8 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says Y^ehovah (the LORD) of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' 8) Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, "How are we

robbing thee?" In your tithes and offerings.

Testing God

Tithing is foundational to the Covenant, but is seldom properly done. It is the one place where God invites us to put Him to the test.

Mal. 3:10 Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says Y^ehovah (the LORD) of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

Ps. 37:3-4 Trust in Y^ehovah (the LORD), and do good; so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security. 4) Take delight in Y^ehovah (the LORD), and he will give you the desires of your heart.

The First Tithe Belongs to God

The first 10% of our increase belongs to God.

Lev. 27:30 "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is Y^ehovah' (the LORD'); it is holy to Y^ehovah (the LORD).

Early in the Bible we see that this tithe was paid to the priesthood of Melchizedek, and it was paid on everything.

Gen. 14:18-20 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. 19) And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; 20) and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

The First Tithe Today

The First Tithe belongs to God, which He gave to the Levitical Priesthood. It reverted to the priesthood of Melchizedek who are now the spiritually renewed Church, as explained in Hebrews chapters 7 and 8. Today the First Tithe is used for preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and restoring the law of God to all of the world.

1Cor. 9:3-14 This is my defense to those who would examine me. 4) Do we not have the right to our food and drink? 5) Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? 6) Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? 7) Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? 8) Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? 9) For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? 10) Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. 11) If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? 12) If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. 13) Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service

get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? 14) In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

Rom. 15:16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The Second Tithe

The Second Tithe is set aside by the individual and is used for attending the three pilgrim feasts and to eat with rejoicing. You are free to help who you wish in attending Feasts but it's yours to administer as you see fit, even though God owns it.

Deut. 12:5-7 But you shall seek the place which Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there; thither you shall go, 6) and thither you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the offering that you present, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock; 7) and there you shall eat before Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God has blessed you.

Deut. 16:14 you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your manservant and your maidservant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns,

The Tithe of the Third Year

In the third year of the seven-year cycle, the second tithe is submitted to the church.

This tithe is then used to assist the poor, widows and orphans in attending the three pilgrim feasts during the next seven-year cycle.

Deut. 26:9-12 And he brought us into this place, and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10) And now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruits of the land, which thou gavest me, O Y^ehovah (Lord), a land flowing with milk and honey: and thou shalt leave it before the Lord thy God, and thou shalt worship before Y^ehovah (the Lord) thy God; 11) and thou shalt rejoice in all the good things, which the Lord thy God has given thee, thou and thy family, and the Levite, and the stranger that is within thee. 12) And when thou shalt have completed all the tithings of thy fruits in the third year, thou shalt give the second tenth to the Levite, and stranger, and fatherless, and widow; and they shall eat it in thy cities, and be merry. (Brenton's translation of the LXX)

Deut. 14:28-29 At the end of three years, even the same year, you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase, and shall lay it up within your gates. 29) And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the alien, and the fatherless, and the widow who are within your gates shall come and shall eat and be satisfied; so that Jehovah your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Section 7 — Sacraments of the Church

There are two sacraments in the Church – Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

Baptism

Repentance is Required for Baptism

Mark 1:4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (ESV)

Acts 13:24 When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. (BBE)

Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. (BBE)

Acts 2:37-38 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” 38) And Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism Requires Full Immersion

To be baptized or mikvah’d is to be immersed in water, not sprinkled.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

908 baptisma bap'-tis-mah

from 907; TDNT - 1:545,92; n n

KJV - baptism 22; 22

1) immersion, submersion

The immersion is into a watery grave. We are brought up out of that grave, cleansed of our sins, to a new life, free of sin.

Rom. 6:4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Col. 2:12 and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Receipt of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is received with the laying on of hands.

Acts 8:15-17 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; 16) for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17)

Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Heb. 6:1-2 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrines of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2) with instruction about ablutions, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment, Baptism is in the Name of Jesus Christ

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:16 for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 19:5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Baptism places one into the Body of Christ

Baptism is not into any corporate organization or under any banner of any church name.

It is into the Body of Christ. Baptism is between the individual and God and has nothing to do with any specific organization.

1Cor. 12:12-13 For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Eph. 4:4-6 There is one body, and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope that belongs to your call, 5) one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6) one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The Lord's Supper

Once a year the baptized members of the Body of Christ gather together at the beginning of the 14th day of the First Month of the Sacred Calendar to partake of the Lord's Supper.

1Cor. 11:20-29 When you meet together, it is not the Lord's Supper that you eat. 21) For in eating, each one goes ahead

with his own meal, and one is hungry and another is drunk. 22) What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. 23) For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24) and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25) In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26) For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 27) Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. 28) Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29) For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.

Luke 22:17-20 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves; 18) for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19) And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. 20) And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup

which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

1Cor. 10:16-17 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? 17) Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

This is the night he was betrayed, the night before Passover night

1Cor. 11:23 For I have received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus the night when he was betrayed ...

John 13:1-2 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. 2) The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. (NIV)

John 13:1 Now, because he knew before the festival of the Passover that his hour had come for him to move out of this world to the Father, Jesus having loved his own that were in the world, loved them to the end.

Luke 22:1-8 Now the feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. 2) And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death; for they feared the people. 3) Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of twelve; 4) he

went away and conferred with the chief priest and captains how he might betray him to them. 5) And they were glad, and engaged to give him money. 6) So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude. 7) Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8) So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

The Symbols of The Lord's Supper are:

The Foot Washing

The Body of Christ performs the foot washing following Messiah's instructions.

The Messiah pointed out the fact that if our feet aren't washed on a yearly basis at the Lord's Supper, we are not part of his Body. We are given the example and told to wash one another's feet. The feet only are washed as we have already been cleansed in the waters of baptism. We must prepare ourselves from the first day of the first month.

The annual foot washing is a renewal of our baptism and our commitment to walk circumspectly before God. As baptism cleanses us from sin, the renewal of foot washing removes the sin that accumulates during the year.

John 13:3-8 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God, and was going to God; 4) rose from supper, laid aside his garments; and girded himself with a towel. 5) Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel

with which he was girded.6) He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do, are you wash my feet?" 7) Jesus answered him, "What I am doing You do not know now, but afterward you will understand." 8) Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not I wash you, you have no part in me." 9) Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10) Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11) For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean."

Messiah set the example of a servant. By partaking of the foot washing service, the baptized members show their willingness to walk in the Master's footsteps of service.

John 13:12-17 When he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13) You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right; for so I am. 14) If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15) For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16) Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17) If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

The Bread

The unleavened bread represents the broken body of Messiah. One must eat of this bread to have eternal life.

1Cor. 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

John 6:31-35 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' 32) Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33) For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world." 34) They said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always." 35) Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.

Matt. 26:26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body.

Mark 14:22 And while they are eating, Jesus having taken bread, having bestowed a blessing upon [it], broke and gave [it] to them, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." (ALT)

Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. (AV)

The Wine

The wine represents Messiah's shed blood, which was shed for the remission of sins. We

must drink of this wine or we will not have eternal life. Red wine is a living substance and must be used. Grape juice is dead and cannot be used at this service.

Matt 26:27-28 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying "Drink of it, all of you; 28) for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 14:23-25 Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24) He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant that is being poured out for many people. 25) Truly I tell you, I will never again drink the product of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." (ESV)

1Cor. 10:16 The cup of blessing that we bless is a sign of our sharing in the blood of Christ, isn't it? The bread that we break is a sign of our sharing in the body of Christ, isn't it? (ISV)

1Cor. 11:25-26 He did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. As often as you drink from it, keep doing this in memory of me." 26) For as often as you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (ISV)

Section 8 — The Resurrections

The Hope of Mankind

The commonly accepted concepts of heaven, hell, and the third resurrection are false teachings.

All beings from the Adamic creation over 6000 years will be resurrected in one of two resurrections. They are listed in the Book(s) of Life.

Daniel 12:1-2 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Revelation 20:12-13 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, by what they had done. 13 And the sea gave up the dead in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead in them, and all were judged by what they had done.

Beings that are part of the corrupted DNA do not have a resurrection.

Isaiah 26:13-14 O Y^ehovah (LORD) our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. 14 They are dead, they shall not live; they are Rephaim (called 'deceased'. See Bullinger), they shall not rise (be resurrected): therefore hast thou visited and destroyed (exterminated) them, and made all their memory to perish. (KJV)

The Rephaim are the result of the mixing of the Adamic DNA by the fallen host. This was the cause of the flood so that they were destroyed and remain in the water. They will not have a resurrection because their life was caused from the sin of Satan, being outside of, and against the will of our creator. Only Noah and his sons and their wives retained the uncorrupted Adamic DNA

Genesis 6:8-9 But Noah found grace in the eyes of Y^ehovah (the LORD). 9 These are the generations (geneologies) of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

The hope of all mankind is in the First and Second Resurrection from the dead.

Acts 24:14-15 But this I admit to you, that according to the way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the law or written in the prophets, 15) having a hope in God which these themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.

Rom. 6:4-7 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in

newness of life. 5) For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6) We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7) For he who has died is freed from sin.

The First Resurrection

Christ was the first resurrected being who received life inherent. His Bride (the Church) will be in the First Resurrection at his return as the first fruits of the spiritual offering.

Rev. 20:4-6 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom judgment was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshipped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life, and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5) The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. 6) Blessed and holy is he who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and they shall reign with him a thousand years.

1Cor. 15:21 For as by man came death, so by man there is a coming back from the dead. 22) For as in Adam death comes to all, so in Christ will all come back to life. 23) But every man in his right order: Christ the first-fruits; then those who are Christ's at his coming. 24) Then comes the

end, when he will give up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he will have put an end to all rule and to all authority and power. (BBE)

1Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4) and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5) who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

There is an order to the resurrections. First is Christ as the first of the first fruits, then at his second coming are the first fruits. These are the saints who have waited for him as his bride in his arranged marriage. 144,000 are from physical Israel and a great number from pre flood people and the gentiles.

1 Corinthians 15:22-23 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Those who will be in the first resurrection, the Saints, are being judged now against the fallen world order of the last 6000 years. We should judge the circumstances we find ourselves in and ourselves as well.

1 Corinthians 6:2-3 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

1 Corinthians 11:31-32 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

The Second Resurrection

After the end of the thousand-year millennial period there will be a resurrection of the remainder of humanity. Everyone who is not in the First Resurrection is brought to physical life at the end of the millennium in the Second Resurrection.

Rev. 20:5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended...

This will include all aborted fetuses and all who have not been called. No one has been lost and all will have a chance at a better life than has been experienced under Satan's rule.

No one has been lost! All will have an opportunity to receive life inherent.

The Second Resurrection will have a judgment by Jesus Christ/Yehoshua Messiah and the order may relate to this judgment.

Rev. 20:11-12 Then I saw a great white throne and him who sat upon it; from his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12) And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, by what they had done.

The New Heaven and New Earth

All things will be renewed as a part of the Plan of God.

Rev. 21:1-5 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; 3) and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; 4) he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." 5) And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.

The New Jerusalem

God will dwell with His people to whom He has given eternal life. Although God has chosen to reveal much of His plan, there is much we do not know. All will dwell with Him in the Holy City which will come down from heaven.

Rev. 21:10 And in the Spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,

Rev. 21:5-7 And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true. 6) And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha

and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life. 7) He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

Rev. 22:1-5 And he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2) through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3) There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall worship him; 4) they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. 5) And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign forever and ever.

To be continued