

Foundations

Week 4/10

Salvation In Yeshua Only

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Tree of Life Tabernacle Confession of Faith

We believe there is no other name under heaven by which one can be saved but Yeshua/Jesus (Acts 4:12, Matthew 1:21) and that salvation can only be obtained by grace through faith alone in him, not by our own doing or works of the Torah (Ephesians 2, Romans 3:28, Galatians 2:21). We believe that God desires for all people to be saved. He commands all people everywhere to repent but that man alone is spiritually dead in his trespasses and unable to submit to God until God grants him the ability to repent & believe by grace (2 Timothy 2:25, Ephesians 2, Romans 8:7-8, Acts 18:27, 1st Corinthians 2:14, Acts 2:47, Philippians 1:29, Matthew 11:27). We believe that the grace of God instructs us to deny living by the flesh and all lawlessness (Titus 2:12). Therefore, we do not overthrow the Torah by the faith we've obtained by grace; on the contrary we uphold the Torah lawfully (Not for justification - Romans 3:31, 1 Timothy 1:8).

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No amount of being a “good person”, Torah observance, giving to charity, no religion, no spirituality, no “God knows my heart” will save you... Only Yeshua

“ Yeshua said, “I AM the Way — and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me. Because you have known me, you will also know my Father; from now on, you do know him — in fact, you have seen him.” John 14:6-7 CJB

“This Yeshua is the stone rejected by you builders which has become the cornerstone. There is salvation in no one else! For there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by whom we must be saved!” Acts 4:11-12 CJB

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Strong's Concordance

yeshuah: salvation

Original Word: יְשׁוּעָה

Part of Speech: Noun Feminine

Transliteration: yeshuah

Phonetic Spelling: (yesh-oo'-aw)

Definition: salvation

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from yasha

Definition

salvation

NASB Translation

Englishman's Concordance

Genesis 49:18

HEB: לִישׁוּעָתָךְ קָנִיתִי יְהוָה:

NAS: *For Your salvation* I wait, O LORD.

KJV: I have waited for *thy salvation*, O LORD.

INT: *your salvation* wait LORD

Exodus 14:13

HEB: וַיֵּרְאוּ אֶת־יְשׁוּעַת יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר־

NAS: by and see *the salvation* of the LORD

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Exodus 15:2

HEB: יְהוָה לִי לִישׁוּעָה זֶה אֱלֹהִי

NAS: And He has become *my salvation*; This

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INT: the LORD has become *my salvation* This is my God

“She will give birth to a son; and you shall call His name Yeshua, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21 TLV

“My sheep listen to my voice, I recognize them, they follow me, and I give them eternal life. They will absolutely never be destroyed, and no one will snatch them from my hands.” John 10:27-28 GJB

Yeshua is who gives us eternal life and saves us. We do not and cannot save ourselves.

Believing in Yeshua as Lord Is A Supernatural Act of God

“You were dead in your trespasses and sins. At that time, you walked in the way of this world, in conformity to the ruler of the domain of the air—the ruler of the spirit who is now operating in the sons of disobedience. We too all lived among them in the cravings of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and the mind. By nature we were children of wrath, just like the others. But God was rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us. Even when we were dead in our trespasses, He made us alive together with Messiah...For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not from yourselves it is the gift of God. It is not based on deeds, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship created in Messiah for good deeds “ Eph 2:1-10

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“For through the grace given me, I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of yourself than you ought to think—but to use sound judgment, as God has assigned to each person a measure of faith.” Romans 12:3 TLV

“For to you was granted for Messiah’s sake not only to trust in Him, but also to suffer for His sake” Philippians 1:29 TLV

“When Apollos wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. Upon arrival, he greatly helped those who by grace had believed.” Acts 18:27 TLV

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- Undeserved/Unearned Favor From God

**“no one can say, “Yeshua is Lord,” except by the Ruach HaKodesh.”
1st Corinthians 12:3 CJB**

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“After all, what is Apollos? What is Sha’ul? Only servants through whom you came to trust. Indeed, it was the Lord who brought you to trust through one of us or through another. I planted the seed, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow.” 1st Corinthians 3:5-6 CJB

Yeshua answered them, “Stop grumbling to each other! No one can come to me unless the Father — the One who sent me — draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. It is written in the Prophets, ‘They will all be taught by Adonai.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.” John 6:43-44 CJB

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“Now the natural man does not receive the things from the Spirit of God — to him they are nonsense! Moreover, he is unable to grasp them, because they are evaluated through the Spirit.” 1st Corinthians 2:14 CJB

“Adonai said to Moshe, “Bring me seventy of the leaders of Isra’el, people you recognize as leaders of the people and officers of theirs. Bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the Spirit which rests on you and put it on them. Then they will carry the burden of the people along with you, so that you won’t carry it yourself alone.” Numbers 11:15-17

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“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Ruach set their minds on the things of the Ruach. For the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the Ruach is life and shalom. For the mindset of the flesh is hostile toward God, for it does not submit itself to the law of God—for it cannot. So those who are in the flesh cannot please God. However, you are not in the flesh but in the Ruach—if indeed the Ruach Elohim dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Ruach of Messiah, he does not belong to Him.” Romans 8:5-9 TLV

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“He who belongs to God hears the words of God. The reason you don’t hear is because you do not belong to God.” John 8:47 TLV

“All things have been handed over to Me by My Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.” Matthew 11:27 TLV

“But whoever did receive Him, those trusting in His name, to these He gave the right to become children of God. They were born not of a bloodline, nor of human desire, nor of man’s will, but of God.” John 1:12-13 TLV

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Speak the truth in love to everyone but don't spin your wheels

“the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. “ 2nd Timothy 2:24-26 ESV

“ The Gentiles were very happy to hear this. They honored the message about the Lord, and as many as had been appointed to eternal life came to trust.” Acts 13:48 CJB

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“Peter said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be immersed in the name of Messiah Yeshua for the removal of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Ruach ha-Kodesh. For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far away—as many as Adonai our God calls to Himself.” Acts 2:38-39 TLV (2:47)

“For Jewish people ask for signs and Greek people seek after wisdom... but to those who are called (both Jewish and Greek people), Messiah, the power of God and the wisdom of God.” 1st Corinthians 1:22-24 TLV

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“Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but share in suffering for the Good News according to the power of God. He has saved us and called us with a holy calling—not because of our deeds but because of His own purpose and grace.” 2nd Timothy 1:8-9 TLV

“So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.” Romans 11:5-6 ESV (Acts 11:15-18)

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While new believers don't need to overwhelm themselves by trying to learn the entire bible in one day since they are already saved by grace (and can learn Moses at their own pace every Sabbath), new converts should still have a clear foundational starting point after baptism as to not offend the other believers:

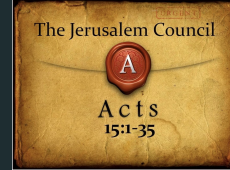
1. Abstain from anything polluted by idols (no more buddha statues, horoscopes, fortune tellers, inquiring of the dead, crystals, witchcraft, praying to mary, or other gods etc)

2. Abstain from all sexual immorality (leave the LGBTQABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ movement, pornography, & premarital sexual relations)



3. Abstain from eating the meat of what has been strangled and blood (a reference to pagan sacrifices, violence (Genesis 9:6), & Leviticus 17:13 which states eat clean animals that were properly drained of its blood. Also known as Kosher)

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The AMP has a note on Acts 15:20 that reads “For the OT prohibition against eating blood and the reasons for it, see Lev 17:10-14, There, in v 13, hunters are instructed to pour out the blood of an animal before eating it. Leviticus 17:13 AMP “So when any Israelite or any stranger living temporarily among them, catches any ceremonially clean animal or bird when hunting, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.”

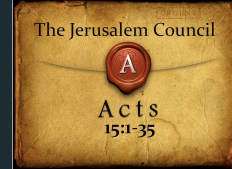
The NET bible translators also stand in agreement on Acts 15 by stating in their note of Acts 15:20 “sn What has been strangled. That is, to refrain from eating animals that had been killed without having the blood drained from them. According to the Mosaic law (Lev 17:13-14), Jews were forbidden to eat flesh with the blood still in it (note the following provision in Acts 15:20, and from blood). “Any man from the Israelites or from the foreigners who reside in their midst who hunts a wild animal or a bird that may be eaten (NET places a note on this verse to clarify what may be eaten means “tn That is, it must be a clean animal, not an unclean animal (cf. Lev 11). must pour out its blood and cover it with soil.” Leviticus 17:13 NET

“ πνικτοῦ] as containing the blood,—see Leviticus 17:13, Leviticus 17:14. “

- Greek Testament Critical Exegetical Commentary Alford

“ And from things strangled - That is, from animals or birds that were killed without shedding their blood. The reason why these were considered by the Jews unlawful to be eaten was, that thus they would be under a necessity of eating blood, which was positively forbidden by the Law. Hence, it was commanded in the Law that when any beast or fowl was taken in a snare, the blood should be poured out before it was lawful to be eaten, Leviticus 17:13. “ - Barnes' Notes

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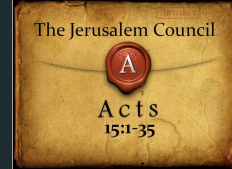
“ This forms the beginning of the Scriptures of the New Testament.—τῶν λισγημάτων—αἵματος, from contaminations—blood) These were things which might have especially offended the partisans of Moses. Ἀλίσημα is properly said of unclean meats (articles of food). ” - Bengel's Gnomon of the New Testament

“The prohibitions imposed by the council upon the Gentiles were chiefly concessions to Jewish prejudice and opinion. Abstinence from meat which had been offered in idols' temples and from things strangled and from blood was forbidden in the Mosaic law (Exodus 34:15; Leviticus 17:10-14). ” - Homilies of Chrysostom

“ Because in the blood was the animal's life, and it was the blood that was consecrated to make atonement. See Genesis 9:6; Leviticus 17:10-14 ” - Vincent's Word Studies

“For this necessity reached no farther than there was any danger lest the unity should be cut asunder. So that, to speak properly, this necessity was accidental or external; which was placed not in the thing itself, but only in avoiding of the offense, which appeareth more plainly by abolishing of the decree. For laws made concerning things which are of themselves necessary must be continual. But we know that this law was foredone [150] by Paul so soon as the tumult and contention was once ended, when he teacheth that nothing is unclean, (Romans 14:14;) and when he granteth liberty to eat all manner [of] meats, yea, even such as were sacrificed to idols, (1 Corinthians 10:25). ” - John Calvin

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“Abstinance is required from the eating of that which is strangled (τοῦ πνικτοῦ), that is, of the flesh of animals killed by strangling [without shedding their blood]. Whenever “a man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers sojourning among them” (הַגֵּר הַגֵּר בְּתוֹכְכֶם), hunted or caught any beast or fowl that might be eaten, the law (Lev. 17:13) commanded him to pour out the blood thereof, before he used it as food.” - Lange Commentary on the Holy Scriptures

“Meat so killed, which may be eaten without defilement, is known technically as Kosher. Here the moral element falls entirely into the background, and the prohibition has simply the character of a concordat to avoid offence. St. Paul and St. Peter were alike persuaded that “there is nothing unclean of itself” (Acts 10:15; Romans 14:14). Practically, the effect of the rule would have been to compel Christians to buy their meat, poultry, &c., from a Jewish butcher or a Christian who followed the Jewish mode of killing...” - Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers

“καὶ τοῦ πνικτοῦ] i.e. the flesh of such beasts as are killed by strangling (strangulation by snares, and the like), and from which the blood is not let out.[32] This is based on Leviticus 17:13-14...” - Meyer's NT Commentary

“The decree's prohibitions still come into play today, either universally in the case of sexual practices or particularly in the case of dietary regulations—wherever Gentile Christians encounter Jewish Christians who are keeping a kosher table. By extension these rules guide all Christians to use their freedom to abstain from practices that would offend the cultural sensitivities of another. What interethnic and intergenerational harmony the church could know if all rushed to give up their “rights” to please the others!” - IVP NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY SERIES – THE COUNCIL'S LETTER (15:22-29)

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ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF FLORENCE Session 11 1442: "It also declares that the apostolic prohibition, to abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled, was suited to that time when a single church was rising from Jews and gentiles, who previously lived with different ceremonies and customs. This was so that the gentiles should have some observances in common with Jews, and occasion would be offered of coming together in one worship and faith of God and a cause of dissension might be removed, since by ancient custom blood and strangled things seemed abominable to Jews, and gentiles could be thought to be returning to idolatry if they ate sacrificial food. In places, however, where the Christian religion has been promulgated to such an extent that no Jew is to be met with and all have joined the church, uniformly practising the same rites and ceremonies of the gospel and believing that to the clean all things are clean, since the cause of that apostolic prohibition has ceased, so its effect has ceased. It condemns, then, no kind of food that human society accepts and nobody at all neither man nor woman, should make a distinction between animals, no matter how they died; although for the health of the body, for the practice of virtue or for the sake of regular and ecclesiastical discipline many things that are not proscribed can and should be omitted, as the apostle says all things are lawful, but not all are helpful.

It firmly believes, professes and preaches that all those who are outside the catholic church, not only pagans but also Jews or heretics and schismatics, cannot share in eternal life and will go into the everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels, unless they are joined to the catholic church before the end of their lives; that the unity of the ecclesiastical body is of such importance that only for those who abide in it do the church's sacraments contribute to salvation and do fasts, almsgiving and other works of piety and practices of the Christian militia produce eternal rewards; and that nobody can be saved, no matter how much he has given away in alms and even if he has shed his blood in the name of Christ, unless he has persevered in the bosom and the unity of the catholic church."

God's Grace Leads Us Away From Sin

“For God’s grace, which brings deliverance, has appeared to all people. It teaches us to renounce godlessness and worldly pleasures, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives now, in this age; while continuing to expect the blessed fulfillment of our certain hope... He gave himself up on our behalf in order to free us from all violation of Torah and purify for himself a people who would be his own, eager to do good.” Titus 2:11-14 CJB

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may abound? May it never be! How can we who died to sin still live in it?” Romans 6:1-2 TLV (Ephesians 2:10)

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“To God’s chosen people... chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father and set apart by the Spirit for obeying Yeshua the Messiah and for sprinkling with his blood” 1st Peter 1:1-2 CJB

“those whom he knew in advance, he also determined in advance would be conformed to the pattern of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers” Romans 8:29 CJB

Yeshua Our High Priest Intercedes Only For His People

“After Yeshua had said these things, he looked up toward heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son may glorify you — just as you gave him authority over all mankind, so that he might give eternal life to all those whom you have given him... I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given to me, because they are yours.” John 17:1-2,9 CJB

“Therefore He is also able to save completely those who draw near to God through Him, always living to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25 TLV (Luke 22:31-32 Protecting Peter’s Faith)

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“But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” Matthew 24:13 TLV

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“For if—after escaping the world’s pollutions through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Yeshua the Messiah—they again become entangled in these things and are overcome, the end for them has become worse than the beginning.” 2nd Peter 2:20 TLV

“You who are trying to be justified by Torah have been cut off from Messiah; you have fallen away from grace.” Galatians 5:4 TLV

“Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.” Revelation 3:4 ESV

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“For when people have once been enlightened, tasted the heavenly gift, become sharers in the Ruach HaKodesh, and tasted the goodness of God’s Word and the powers of the ‘olam haba — and then have fallen away — it is impossible to renew them so that they turn from their sin, as long as for themselves they keep executing the Son of God on the stake all over again and keep holding him up to public contempt.” Hebrews 6:4-6 CJB

“As God’s fellow-workers we also urge you not to receive his grace and then do nothing with it.” 2nd Corinthians 6:1 CJB

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“For if we deliberately continue to sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but only the terrifying prospect of Judgment, of raging fire that will consume the enemies. Someone who disregards the Torah of Moshe is put to death without mercy on the word of two or three witnesses. Think how much worse will be the punishment deserved by someone who has trampled underfoot the Son of God; who has treated as something common the blood of the covenant which made him holy; and who has insulted the Spirit, giver of God’s grace!” Hebrews 10:26-29 CJB

Eternal Security/OSAS: “We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.” 1 John 5:18 ESV

Believing in Yeshua as Lord Is A Supernatural Act of God

“No one can come to me unless the Father — the One who sent me — draws him.” John 6:43-44 CJB

“the Son may glorify you — just as you gave him authority over all mankind, so that he might give eternal life to all those whom you have given him... I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given to me, because they are yours.” John 17:1-2,9 CJB

“not by deeds of righteousness which we had done ourselves, but because of His mercy - He saved us through the mikveh of rebirth and renewing of the Ruach ha-Kodesh, whom He poured out on us through Messiah Yeshua our Savior” Titus 3:5-7 TLV

In Conclusion

Why the Father doesn't just draw every soul to Yeshua for salvation at once we don't know. Why Yeshua doesn't just intercede for every soul at once we don't know. Why the Spirit doesn't just regenerate every soul to serve Yeshua all at the same time we don't know. But what we do know is this... that God has every right to glorify himself however he pleases. (Romans 9:14-24)

We also know scripture explicitly states that no one can profess saving faith in Yeshua as Lord without the Holy Spirit. The scriptures are unambiguously clear that those of the flesh/void of the Holy Spirit cannot submit to God. But if someone walks away after professing faith in Yeshua - whether they walked away by forfeiting the grace given to them or they walked away because they were never truly saved - Let's just agree to never walk away from Yeshua and give God all the glory as he calls new believers to himself by grace (Acts 15) rather than dividing over spiritual logistics we cannot see

Tree of Life Tabernacle Confession of Faith

We believe there is no other name under heaven by which one can be saved but Yeshua/Jesus (Acts 4:12, Matthew 1:21) and that salvation can only be obtained by grace through faith alone in him, not by our own doing or works of the Torah (Ephesians 2, Romans 3:28, Galatians 2:21). We believe that God desires for all people to be saved. He commands all people everywhere to repent but that man alone is spiritually dead in his trespasses and unable to submit to God until God grants him the ability to repent & believe by grace (2 Timothy 2:25, Ephesians 2, Romans 8:7-8, Acts 18:27, 1st Corinthians 2:14, Acts 2:47, Philippians 1:29, Matthew 11:27). We believe that the grace of God instructs us to deny living by the flesh and all lawlessness (Titus 2:12). Therefore, we do not overthrow the Torah by the faith we've obtained by grace; on the contrary we uphold the Torah lawfully (Not for justification - Romans 3:31, 1 Timothy 1:8).

Salvation In Yeshua Only

THE STONE THE
BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE
CHIEF CORNERSTONE.
PSALM 118:22

Saved
BY
Grace
THROUGH
Faith
EPHESIANS 2:8