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## An Open Letter from the Staff...

WHY ARE the different branches of “Christianity” talking about UNION?

WHY IS it POSSIBLE for them to make overtures toward compromise?

And anyway, is it not RIGHT that they should all GET TOGETHER? WHY should Christianity be divided?

The Vatican has made many overtures toward both Protestants and the Eastern Orthodox church. They have even taken a conciliatory attitude toward Jews and Muslims.

Twelve days after the horrors of September 11, 2001, Pope John Paul II renewed the Vatican’s commitment to work toward a new partnership with Muslims in his message to the predominantly Muslim nation of Kazakhstan. The pope vowed: “There is one God. The Apostle proclaims before all else the absolute oneness of God. This is the truth which Christians inherited from the children of Israel and which they share with Muslims: it is faith in the one God, Lord of heaven and earth (Luke 10:21), almighty and merciful. In the name of this one God, I turn to the people of deep and ancient religious traditions, the people of Kazakhstan.”

In spite of the catastrophic events of September 11, Pope Benedict XVI is also committed to working toward a partnership with the Muslims. The basis of this partnership is the misguided notion that Catholics and Muslims worship the God of Abraham.

Not only are many Protestant leaders beginning to make friendly gestures toward the Roman Catholic Church, but fundamentalist Billy Graham was quoted as saying: “The new program of common prayer and public meetings voted by the Vatican Ecumenical Council...is an historical event of tremendous importance to Christians everywhere. Nothing like this has happened in the last 500 years....This could be the dawn of a new day in religious understanding.”

Some will wonder, HOW could Billy Graham make a statement like that? How indeed!

At the same time a prominent Jewish rabbi called for greater cooperation and understanding between conservative Protestants and the Jewish community. What does all this mean?



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### The Question of Unity

The BIG question is WHY IS such compromise possible? Can you imagine Yeshua the Messiah beginning to compromise and get together with the Pharisees?

The answer leads directly to the question: WHAT IS THE SOURCE of these religious beliefs? What is the religious AUTHORITY?

I suppose most people would answer that YEHOVAH GOD is their authority -- the source of their beliefs. But IS HE? Does YEHOVAH GOD tell the Roman Catholics to believe one thing, the Protestants to believe something different, and the Jews something different from the other two? Did all the hundreds of differing and disagreeing sects and denominations calling themselves "Christian" receive their varying faiths from the SAME SOURCE?

Quite obviously not!

The Roman Catholic Church claims it has authority to bring the Messiah down out of heaven, and put him in a little wafer. That is to say, they teach that the BREAD used at communion during mass is, literally, the actual BODY of the Messiah -- not merely a symbol but Yeshua's body, literally changed into that bread.

Now it was reported that while a priest was passing out the little round wafers in a very old church in Europe, one wafer fell off the plate, and rolled through a crack in the floor. Under the church floor it was eaten by a rat. One might ask, "Can THE MESSIAH be eaten by a rat? What KIND of a Messiah do you have?" Perhaps the answer is in **II Corinthians 11:3-4**: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so-your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth ANOTHER JESUS, whom we have not preached...."

I heard of a man who met a staunch believer in the Moslem religion. A discussion followed regarding the relative merits of the Bible and the Koran -- of Yeshua and of

Mohammed. Suddenly the Moslem asked, "Do you believe in your God enough to FIGHT FOR HIM?"



**Catholicism was founded by the sorcerer Simon Magus (Acts 8:9-25) and is based on pagan Greek concepts. "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4).**

"No, my God doesn't need me to fight for Him," replied this man.

"WHAT? You don't FIGHT for your God," exclaimed the Moslem in shocked disbelief. "Why, what kind of a God do you have, that you don't fight for Him? Every Moslem believes in his god so much that he will go out and FIGHT FOR HIM!"

"Yes, I know," replied the man. "You have to fight to PROTECT your god, because he can't protect himself or do anything for you. But my God is a LIVING GOD -- the all-powerful,

Supreme, Eternally LIVING God. My God fights my battles for me. My God is Supreme, and therefore I OBEY HIM. He RULES me, and guides me in the way I ought to go for my own welfare and happiness. But He also DOES THINGS FOR ME. He tells me to love my enemies -- and HE will fight my battles for me. He heals me when I am sick. He is a LIVING God -- not a dead god. He makes even my enemies to be at peace with me. He guides me in the way I ought to go, He rules me, and then HE DOES THINGS FOR ME -- things I could not do for myself.

"You see," this man continued, "there is only one LIVING God. But nearly all the people in the world worship and serve dead gods. The Buddhist carries his little wooden god around in his pocket. Other people make up their own gods. Their gods are the work of their own hands -- the invention of their own minds. But I am the creation of MY God! I didn't make Him -- He made me."

Now we ought to begin to see the answer to the question, HOW can these differing religious groups compromise and get together? Their beliefs, their customs, are the inventions of HUMANS. In actual fact, they did not receive their beliefs from the true and LIVING GOD -- or from His Word, the Bible. Their religions are of HUMAN ORIGIN. Therefore humans feel at liberty to alter or change their own beliefs and ways.

"But," one asks, "didn't they all receive their beliefs out of the BIBLE?" The answer is an emphatic NO!

Didn't you ever wonder WHY people talk about their various INTERPRETATIONS of the Bible? Take, for instance, **Romans 6:23**: "For the wages of sin is DEATH; the GIFT of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord." Most "Christian" religions INTERPRET THAT -- which is to say, they CHANGE ITS MEANING, to make it say precisely the opposite. They claim that the MAN is an "immortal soul." Man, therefore, they believe, already HAS eternal life -- he CANNOT DIE!

So, they INTERPRET this verse to MEAN the very opposite of what it SAYS, thus: "The wages of sin is ETERNAL LIFE (in hell); and eternal life is NOT the gift of God."

There are others who INTERPRET "death" to mean "separation from God," and "gift of eternal life" to mean "eternal life which is NOT a gift, but which you already possess, spent in the geographical PRESENCE OF Christ."



**Islam is a pagan, Satanic religion soaked in blood, and was founded by a man possessed by demons. "Then the beast was captured, and with him the FALSE PROPHET who worked signs in his presence....These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone" (Revelation 19: 20).**

This is the dishonest process which religious bodies make the Bible say whatever they want it to say. Peter speaks of this twisting, distorting, and wresting of the Scriptures, "which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto

their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, **BEWARE** lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness" (**II Peter 3:16-17**).

We ought to understand, therefore, how those who, like the Roman Catholic Church, reject the Bible as the supreme **AUTHORITY** -- setting themselves, as a **CHURCH**, ahead of it as supreme authority (saying they have power to **CHANGE** the Bible -- as they claim to have done by changing **YEHOVAH's** Sabbath to Sunday); or those who **CHANGE** the Bible to suit their own ideas and wishes by **INTERPRETING** it their own way -- we ought now to understand how they can compromise and **GET TOGETHER**.

But do they even **HAVE** the one true **LIVING** God?

Just what determines **WHO**, or **WHAT** is your **GOD**? Actually, most people do not realize the true answer. **WHO**ever, or **WHAT**ever you worship, fasten your affection on, and **SERVE**, **IS** your **GOD**.

One's country may -- and often does -- become one's god. Through a wrong kind of patriotism, many **WORSHIP** their country. Here is a Bible definition: "And they **WORSHIPPED** the dragon (Satan) which gave power unto the beast (Roman Empire): and they **WORSHIPPED** the beast, saying, "WHO IS LIKE UNTO THE BEAST? WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM?" (**Revelation 13:4**.)

Satan is the god of this world (**II Corinthians 4:4**). People do not think of him as the Devil -- but as their **GOD**. People unwittingly serve Satan, obey Satan, accept his lies and believe them and call them truth.

And people worshipped **THEIR COUNTRY**, the Roman Empire, by saying, "WHO IS AS GREAT AS OUR COUNTRY? WHO IS ABLE TO FIGHT AGAINST OUR COUNTRY?" Your **BIBLE** says **THAT IS WORSHIP!**

**WHO**ever, or **WHAT**ever you serve and obey becomes your god. Your Bible says, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves

servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto **DEATH**, or of **OBEEDIENCE** (to **YEHOVAH's** Law) -- unto righteousness? (**Romans 6:16**.)



**The roots of Judaism are found in Babylon, and it is a man-made religion of tradition and superstition which represents the institutionalized nullification of Biblical law and doctrine. "Then Jesus said to them, 'Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees..."** (**Matthew 16:6**).

The very name -- or title -- "**LORD**" **MEANS MASTER**, or **RULER**, or the **ONE YOU OBEY**. Do you not understand what Yeshua meant when he said, "And why call ye me 'LORD, LORD,' and **DO NOT** the things which I say?" (**Luke 6:46**.) To **CALL** Yeshua "LORD," or "MASTER," is to call him **THE ONE YOU OBEY**. To call him that while you disobey him is to **LIE!**

So let's come to a **RIGHT UNDER-**

STANDING of just WHO the true GOD REALLY IS! Let's see WHY this world's churches are able to compromise, and GET TOGETHER, and talk about UNITING.

The one and only TRUE God is the EVERLIVING God who RULES by His spiritual Law of LOVE, summed up by the Ten Commandments -- and who actually DOES THINGS FOR those who OBEY Him and RELY on Him!

No church has the TRUE God unless that church OBEYS YEHOVAH God's Law -- keeping ALL of His Commandments, living actually by EVERY WORD of the ENTIRE Bible (**Luke 4:4**), and unless it relies on Him, and Him alone for fighting its battles (against people or Satan), for healing, for guidance and direction, wisdom and understanding -- for those things which are the prerogatives of YEHOVAH to do, and not man.

There can be but ONE such Church.

That Church must be the INSTRUMENT through which the one living God proclaims to the whole world -- all continents -- the SAME GOSPEL OF the KINGDOM OF YEHOVAH GOD which Yeshua preached. That Church proclaims the Message of the LIVING God -- that He is universe-RULER as well as Creator -- it proclaims the coming restoration of HIS GOVERNMENT over the earth -- it serves the LIVING God who rules with HIS LAW of love to YEHOVAH God and love to neighbor, expressed in the Ten Commandments -- the LIVING God who leads and guides and rules our lives -- who intervenes in our behalf -- who DOES THINGS FOR US which we are unable to DO for ourselves -- who works in and through us -- who by His Spirit impregnates us, enters literally within us and lives HIS life in US.

There is one such Church and ONLY ONE. Since it is ruled and guided by the LIVING God, whose written Word MEANS what it says, it cannot and will not compromise or unite with the churches of this world. It functions by the POWER of the LIVING GOD!

This is the same LIVING God who

guided Noah in building the ark -- who saved Noah and his family from the Flood. This is the LIVING GOD whom Abraham obeyed, and in whom Abraham trusted -- who gave the PROMISES! This is the SAME GOD who guided and prospered Joseph -- protected, delivered, rewarded him -- because Joseph OBEYED Him. This is the same God who guided David, as a lad, when he went up against the ten-foot tall Goliath who dared to mock the LIVING GOD.

This is the same LIVING God who sent plagues on the Egyptians -- PASSED OVER Israelites, spared them from death -- delivered them from slavery -- parted the waters of the Red Sea.

This is the identical, same LIVING God who fought the armies of Assyria for Judah's King Hezekiah, when the Assyrian Shalmanezar denied the POWER of the Everliving God.

This is the same LIVING God who fought the battle for Judah when the Jews were attacked by the armies of three allied enemies -- as a result of the OBEDIENCE AND FAITH of King Jehoshaphat -- the God who said: "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of the great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

This is the same LIVING God who intervened to save Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the burning fiery furnace, when they obeyed and trusted Him, saying to the King: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and HE WILL deliver us out of your hand, O King!"

Isn't it time we asked: Is THIS the God of AMERICA -- of BRITISH nations -- of EUROPE? Do WE rely on HIM to fight our battles -- or do we rely on our own military strength and on human allies who will turn against us?

Is THIS the God of Protestantism -- or of Roman Catholicism, and do THEY SERVE Him by keeping all His Commandments? Or do they disobey, twisting, perverting, and wresting HIS WORD by saying Yeshua did away with YEHOVAH's Commandments? Do they trust

HIM as their Great Physician, or rely on human doctors, who PRACTICE on them with drugs and medicines, when they are sick?

Yeshua said: "THINK NOT that I am come to destroy the law" -- so they think He DID destroy it! YEHOVAH God said, "REMEMBER!" in one of His Commandments -- so that is the Commandment they FORGET.

The ETERNAL is the LIVING God who is very soon going to RISE IN JUDGMENT against our nations -- against these religions -- which deny Him, disobey Him, trust in any and everything EXCEPT Him, and in fact serve dead gods, in the form of interests, pursuits, sports, entertainments, love of money, pride, vanity, and selfishness.

To serve and obey YEHOVAH God is to go THE WAY that leads into peace, happiness, prosperity, and JOY. I know! I started on that way over forty years ago, and it has led me into those rewards.

The DAY OF RECKONING is fast swooping down on this rebellious world. YEHOVAH God says He will do nothing, except He reveal it to His servants and prophets (**Amos 3:7**). HE HAS REVEALED IT -- WE HAVE PROCLAIMED IT!

### Lesson 25 What is "Hell"?

1. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE? The people of the WORLD believe "hell" to be a place

- A. where a merciful God quickly causes the wicked to cease to exist.
- B. where God shows His love and mercy.
- C. which has not yet come into existence.
- D. where a vengeful God punishes the sinful forever with inconceivable torments.

2. Is there any such thing as a "hell" mentioned in the Bible?

A. No, the idea is a complete falsehood based only on man's imaginings.

B. Of course not! A loving God would never allow a "hell" to exist.

C. There might be, but there is no way to know.

D. Yes, for the Messiah speaks of "hell."

3. From where has the world received its FALSE concept of "hell"?

A. From YEHOVAH God.

B. From the pagans, who passed the idea to the "ministers," who then taught it to the world.

C. The world didn't receive it from anyone, for each person has thought out his own concept of "hell."

D. People don't have any ideas at all regarding a "hell."

4. Would a just and loving God condemn to "hell fire" the vast majority of all the people who ever lived and never even heard about CHRISTIAN salvation -- of SAVING KNOWLEDGE?

A. Of course He would!

B. Absolutely not!

C. Perhaps.

D. It is reasonable to believe He would.

5. The Messiah talked about a "hell fire" in which one of the following scriptures?

A. John 1:1.

B. Hebrews 5:2.

C. Mark 9:45.

D. Mark 10:7.

6. The original Greek word "gehenna" is usually translated in the Bible as the word

A. heaven.

B. purgatory.

C. hell.

D. paradise.

## 7. Gehenna fire

- A. refers to the fire that burned in the “Valley of Hinnom,” which is a TYPE of the final “hell fire” that will consume all the incorrigible wicked.
- B. refers to the grave where people are buried.
- C. has no reference to either fire or the grave.
- D. refers to a reward for doing good deeds.

## 8. The parable of Lazarus and the rich man proves

- A. there is to be eternal punishing of the wicked.
- B. there is to be no punishment of the wicked.
- C. a “hell fire” will not exist.
- D. there is to be a resurrection of the righteous to eternal life.

## 9. The kindest thing YEHOVAH God could do is

- A. to give rebellious, disobedient people ETERNAL LIFE so they can eternally continue tormenting themselves and others by their ways of sin.
- B. let this world continue forever in the way it is now going.
- C. To blot out all mankind when the Messiah appears.
- D. To destroy forever the life of anyone who REFUSES to live His happy way of life.

## 10. Your Bible says the “wages of sin” is

- A. living eternally in outer darkness apart from YEHOVAH God.
- B. eternal torment in “hell fire.”
- C. being destroyed forever by a worldwide flood.
- D. eternal death by fire.

## 11. There will be no more death when

- A. the Messiah appears on this earth again.
- B. Satan is destroyed in the Lake of Fire.
- C. YEHOVAH’s Shekinah Glory fills the Holy of Holies again.
- D. the Day of Judgment takes place.

## 12. The Lake of Fire will

- A. engulf the entire earth.
- B. occur immediately after the Messiah appears again.
- C. cause the earth to be uninhabited for eternity.
- D. only engulf part of the earth.

**Lesson 26****Is Heaven the Reward of the Saved?**

## 13. Was heaven promised to Abraham as a reward for righteousness?

- A. Yes, the Bible says so.
- B. We can’t be sure.
- C. Only time will tell.
- D. Absolutely not!

## 14. Has any man, aside from the Messiah, ever ascended into heaven where YEHOVAH God is?

- A. Yes, all the “good” people who have ever lived.
- B. Who can tell, for the Bible does not say.
- C. No one but the Messiah has ascended to heaven.
- D. Yes, all those who had rigidly made up their minds, before they died, that they were going there.

## 15. Is this earth basically such an undesirable place that one could NEVER desire it as an eternal inheritance?

- A. Yes.
- B. No, for it is a desirable inheritance just as it is.

C. No, for it would be a very desirable inheritance if sin and the results of sin were removed from it.

D. The earth could NEVER be a desirable inheritance under any conditions.

16. Was Abraham actually promised the EARTH FOREVER?

A. The Bible is not specific about this.

B. Yes, the Bible clearly shows that YEHOVAH's original promise to Abraham EXPANDED until it includes eternal inheritance of the whole earth.

C. No, he was promised heaven.

D. We are promised the earth forever, but Abraham wasn't.

17. What territory did YEHOVAH God ORIGINALLY promise to Abraham?

A. An area in Russia.

B. An area in South America.

C. The area of Palestine.

D. An area in heaven.

18. What do we find included in the promise today?

A. All of Russia.

B. All of South America.

C. The whole earth.

D. All of heaven.

19. Does this promise also include eternal inheritance in the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God?

A. Of course not.

B. Yes, the Bible says it does.

C. It couldn't possibly include that.

D. That would be too good to be true.

20. Since the promise includes ETERNAL inheritance in the Kingdom of YEHOVAH

God, does this also include EVERLASTING life?

A. It wouldn't seem reasonable to think so.

B. Obviously it does.

C. Definitely not!

D. That would depend upon one's OWN interpretation of the Bible.

21. Does something have to happen to our mortal bodies before we can inherit the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God?

A. We are not told anything about this in the Bible.

B. Yes, our mortal bodies must be changed into SPIRIT, for "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God."

C. No change is necessary since our "immortal souls" go to heaven when we die.

D. Our mortal bodies need not to be changed into spirit to inherit YEHOVAH's Kingdom.

22. Do we also, like Abraham, have to be obedient to inherit the promise?

A. No, for we are now under grace.

B. Absolutely not! -- for the law has been done away.

C. Of course not, for "everyone knows that no one can keep the law," so no one can be obedient.

D. Yes, the Bible shows we do.

## Lesson 27

### The Meaning of Baptism

23. Water baptism

A. is merely a form of initiation into some church.

B. is not necessary before we can receive the power of the holy spirit.

C. is essential for our receiving the power of the holy spirit.

**D.** is a basic Bible doctrine which is clearly understood and practiced by all churches today.

**24.** Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A.** The Messiah proclaimed that only belief in him is necessary to make a true Christian.
- B.** We must show proof of our belief and true repentance and desire to obey YEHOVAH God by performing the outward sign of water baptism.
- C.** We need do nothing outwardly to prove our true repentance and desire to obey YEHOVAH God.
- D.** On the day of Pentecost, the apostle Peter shouted, "Repent, and be sprinkled!"

**25.** The Greek word "baptizo," from which we derive "baptize," means

- A.** "To sprinkle."
- B.** "To pour."
- C.** anything we want it to mean.
- D.** "To immerse, plunge into, or put into."

**26.** Sprinkling and pouring

- A.** are forms of baptism which are just as acceptable to YEHOVAH God as complete immersion in water.
- B.** are counterfeit modes of baptism which were introduced by men and not YEHOVAH God.
- C.** are both mentioned in the Bible, therefore they are valid forms of baptism.
- D.** are the modes of baptism practiced by the true Church of YEHOVAH God today.

**27.** Which one of these four statements is TRUE?

- A.** Baptism is just a ritual we submit to which has no real meaning for us.
- B.** A true spirit-led Christian is one who follows the dictates of his carnal mind one-half

of the time.

**C.** One must figuratively bury his old carnal sinful life in the waters of baptism to become a spirit-led Christian.

**D.** In baptism, the actual water washes away the carnal nature.

**28.** In order to become a member of the body of the Messiah -- that is, the true Ecclesia of YEHOVAH God --

- A.** you must only be baptized.
- B.** you must shed a few tears, "accept" the Messiah, and shake the preacher's hand.
- C.** you must "join it" by just sitting among its members when it assembles to worship YEHOVAH God.
- D.** you must be PUT INTO it by YEHOVAH God by His placing His holy spirit within you after baptism.

**29.** "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit"

- A.** is just a "religious sounding" phrase which has no special meaning for us today.
- B.** was only for the apostles and the Messiah.
- C.** is simply the RECEIVING of the holy spirit which automatically puts us -- immerses us -- into the body of the Messiah -- the true Ecclesia of YEHOVAH God.
- D.** has nothing to do with being immersed, plunged into -- put into -- the true ecclesia.

**30.** Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A.** In most cases the laying on of the hands of YEHOVAH's servants is not necessary at all for receiving the holy spirit.
- B.** In most cases YEHOVAH God gives one His holy spirit through the laying on of the hands of His authorized servants.
- C.** The laying on of hands for the receipt of the holy spirit does not illustrate the great power and authority YEHOVAH has vested in His True Ecclesia as His human agent.

**D.** It is all right for a person to decide for himself whether or not he wants the hands of YEHOVAH's servants laid on him for the receiving of the holy spirit.

**31.** Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

**A.** Merely saying, "I accept the Messiah's shed blood and his death" is all you need do to receive the power of the holy spirit and eternal salvation.

**B.** Man desperately needs the powerful aid of YEHOVAH's holy spirit to obey His laws and thus grow in YEHOVAH's holy character.

**C.** YEHOVAH's holy spirit is His free gift to us if we submit to His conditions of repentance, belief, and water baptism.

**D.** Water baptism should not be delayed -- it might be neglected until too late!

**32.** To be baptized "IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT" means

**A.** to be baptized by their authority.

**B.** to be baptized by their express permission.

**C.** to be baptized "in the name of Yeshua the Messiah."

**D.** to be baptized or immersed "INTO" the divine family NAME called YEHOVAH God -- the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God -- so that one may properly be called a "son of YEHOVAH God," though NOT YET BORN of YEHOVAH's spirit.

### Lesson 28

#### Avoid a Counterfeit Baptism!

**33.** Infant baptism is wrong

**A.** because it is a mockery of the teachings of YEHOVAH's Bible -- newly born infants cannot repent or believe since they can't even begin to think for themselves yet.

**B.** because nowhere in the world is infant baptism taught.

**C.** because it would be injurious to the infant's health.

**D.** because baptism is not required of any people of any age.

**34.** The "no works" baptism continues to be taught by Satan's ministers

**A.** because "the carnal mind is enmity to God" and hates YEHOVAH's works.

**B.** because the inherent inborn good nature in people compels them to do the good works YEHOVAH requires.

**C.** because it is taught in the Bible.

**D.** because it will make this a better, more Godly world.

**35.** What is the Bible EVIDENCE of one's having received the baptism of YEHOVAH's spirit?

**A.** No change in character.

**B.** One's self-righteousness

**C.** The showing of Godly "fruits" which the holy spirit manifests in one's life -- such as love, joy, peace

**D.** The throwing of one's self into violent contortions and the screaming of hideous jibberish.

**36.** Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

**A.** The Bible teaches that one person can be baptized for another person.

**B.** Baptism for a dead person is vain and ridiculous.

**C.** The flitting "spirits" of the unbaptized dead are very joyful and thankful when they learn the living are baptized on their behalf.

**D.** The doctrine of baptism for a dead person does not come to us from paganism.

**37.** Can we -- should we -- baptize ourselves?

- A.** Yes, because baptism is based on and patterned after the Old Testament mikvah purification ritual.
- B.** No, because the Bible indicates another person must plunge the baptism candidate under the water.
- C.** No, a representative of YEHOVAH's true ecclesia must always be present at a baptism.
- D.** No, we must follow the example of the Catholic Church when it comes to Baptism.

**38.** What is the hope of the dead?

- A.** Who knows, for the dead cannot tell us.
- B.** The hope of having someone baptized for them.
- C.** The hope of going to heaven.
- D.** The hope of a resurrection to immortality from the dead -- which hope they had when alive.

**39.** Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A.** The "Baptism with fire" is commanded for salvation.
- B.** The repentant should seek "baptism with fire."
- C.** Those who seek the baptism with fire realize what they are asking for.
- D.** The baptism with fire shall eternally burn up those who persistently continue to seek it.

**40.** Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A.** The persistently unrepentant are compared to chaff which is to be burned -- baptized into a fiery eternal death -- at the final judgment.
- B.** The persistently evil or unrepentant ones are compared to tares -- weeds -- which are to be eternally burned up.
- C.** The persistently unrepentant evil person is not compared to an unfruitful tree.
- D.** In a parable, Yeshua compares the righteous

people to wheat which will be harvested into YEHOVAH's Kingdom at his appearance.

**41.** Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A.** Those who receive true spiritual gifts cannot intelligently control the use of them.
- B.** Tongues "seekers" at tarry meetings act in a way befitting a true spirit-led Christian.
- C.** The "tongues" spoken at tarry meetings are not true languages at all, but are vain babblings inspired by Satan's demons.
- D.** The "tongues" spoken at tarry meetings are highly refined and most edifying to all..

**42.** What does YEHOVAH God demand of us before baptism?

- A.** Nothing in particular.
- B.** A six months trial period of living a spiritually obedient life.
- C.** A thorough understanding of all the spiritual truths taught in the Bible.
- D.** A completely surrendered and repentant attitude -- that's all.

### Articles to Write For:

Have We Been Neglecting the Sacred Fellowship Meal?

Where Did the 12 Apostles Go?

### Answers to Questions in Lesson 28:

**1.** No **2.** No **3.** The resurrection to immortality -- which hope they had when alive. **4.** tares, weeds **5.** Yes. **6.** Yes. **7.** burn up **8.** As soon as possible. **9.** A completely surrendered and repentant attitude. **10.** No **11.** No **12.** languages **13.** The showing of Godly fruits -- love, joy, peace. **14.** Yes.

