

Requirements and Paths to Salvation

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1. Introduction

Normally most Churches do not understand the various paths to salvation, as they do not know the **Feasts of the LORD** (Lev 23:2), these are God's Feasts, not the Jew's, not man's. These are also known as **The Appointed Times** and also as the **Holy Days of God**. An in depth knowledge of these are required in order to understand the various paths to salvation, yes there is more than one path. In fact there are 3 paths through all history and if you are living in the **end time** there is one additional path. Today, the six mainstream groups of Christian Churches in error all say the Torah or God's Laws were done away with. The Law or Torah contain within it the Holy Days along with much more.

When the Apostles set up the Congregations, today called Churches, they were set up according to Yeshua's (Jesus) instructions (via the Holy Spirit) with a call or invitation for all people to become the Saints of God. The criteria for being a Saint is defined by God, it is not defined by man. Initially, most all in the original Congregations set up by Paul as well as those set up by Peter were the Saints. As time went on and the Gentiles grew in number within the Churches, they removed themselves from everything they considered Jewish, or Jewish traditions. This drastically changed how they walked. In major error, **what they considered Jewish traditions were in fact God's Laws**. This removal has resulted in all the six mainstream groups of Christian Churches of today walking in major error as to what God requires. Understand that what man says has no validity; it is only what God says that we are to follow. God's word as given to us is truth. God does not change. Unless scripture tells us something has been done away with, it is still in effect. Yeshua has told us directly, that the entire Bible is in effect (Mat 4:4), including the Law or Torah (Mat 5:18). It is in effect right up to the very **Last Day** of man walking on this earth. It does not matter what you might think Paul or other Apostles tell you, if it goes against what Yeshua tells us, then you have misunderstood scripture from others.

Throughout history, a small remnant group has always walked in the same manner as the original Congregations. This group has been persecuted and pursued by the Catholic Church and others over a long period of time. This small group or groups of individuals have continuously walked forward as the Saints were instructed to walk. Many were martyred along the way. Today a very few individuals scattered out through the entire world still walk forward in the same manner as the original Congregations. These are known as Complete Bible Followers and also as Messianic Christians. They consist of both Jews and Gentiles. As a Congregation they have little strength and are very difficult to find.

The path to salvation for these Saints is and always has been, following the Complete Bible, Old and New Testaments, in total obedience to God's word. Along the way, those that were martyred for their faith in Yeshua also joined those of the Saints even if they previously had not been walking in obedience to the Complete Bible. Now in the **end time**, when God brings His test or temptation upon the entire world, those that pass the test, and walk through the Tribulation Period will be given the status of Saint, even though they were not walking in a manner of following the Complete Bible previously. This reward had never previously been offered by God, ever. This great reward also brings with it a great punishment, to those that fail the test. They lose their salvation

(Rev 14:11), the salvation that they would have most likely received if they died before the test of God is given. This reward offered to all Christians is another path to becoming one of the Saints, it is in principal the same path given to the martyrs in the past, those that were not walking completely correct, but by faith and trust choose the way of God and not the way of the world even though it resulted in their death.

The other path to salvation is the one to the masses and is what will be addressed in the following sections.

2. The First and Second Resurrections

The **first resurrection**, as given to us is clear in the scriptures, it is that of the **Saints only**. It occurs at the end of the Tribulation, with Yeshua coming in the clouds. The dead rise first, and then followed by those that are alive, all in their order. Once gathered, Yeshua then comes down to earth, standing on the Mount of Olives and all His Saints come with Him (Zec 14: 4-5). The rest of the dead continue to sleep until the second resurrection. Those people that remain alive at the end of the Tribulation, those with a righteous heart, are allowed to live in the various Nations of the world. This is the start of the Millennium, where Yeshua and His Saints rule the entire earth with a rod of iron. Through the Millennium, all people living, procreating and dying lead regular lives, however they all follow the Law or Torah. Some follow joyfully, others follow under duress. All people are forced to live by the Torah, if they do not they are punished according to what they did not follow.

At the end of the Millennium, Satan that was locked up over the Millennium is released. He gathers those that rebel against God and then comes against the camp of the Saints in Jerusalem. Fire comes down from God and destroys them. This is the final day, the **Last Day**, the end of man walking on earth, the day of Judgment, the day of the **second resurrection**. All people, the great masses, of both the evil and the righteous are resurrected and judged. This includes people from Adam right up to the start of the Last Day. The current earth and heavens are burnt up and New Heavens and New Earth are created along with a New Jerusalem. All those whose name is not written in the book of life are thrown in the lake of fire, forever, where their worm dieth not. Those whose name is in the book of life now spend eternity on the New Earth with the Father and the Son.

The masses, those that did not respond to the calling to become a Saint, are judged by Yeshua at the **second resurrection**. They did not walk in total obedience to God's directives, so they are judged with some amount of leniency. A question of how much leniency cannot be answered, only Yeshua knows. Scripture tells us it will be based upon how they walked. It will be based upon a specific amount of obedience and the condition of the heart. It leaves a lot of uncertainty to man, as to how severe or how lenient Yeshua Judges.

Scripture tells us what Yeshua expects for the walk of the masses, this will be covered in the next section.

3. Salvation for the Masses

To read the Bible with discernment, to finely divide the word is not simple, it is very complex and requires many different actions and thought processes that are described by the simple word *“think”*. To apply this to the Bible one must have a highly evolved sense of logic. God’s word is unbelievably logical.

First to understand this topic, we must examine the letters in the Book of Revelations, written by Yeshua. These were to be sent to the seven Churches by John and are recorded for all mankind. The main reason or theme for the Book of Revelations is to call those who are about to go through the Times of Sorrow and the Tribulation Period, to repent, change and walk forward properly before it is too late. Understanding this logic, allows one to see that the seven letters are to seven existing groups of Christian Churches in today’s time. Yes, there are seven groups of Christian Churches in today’s time. One can fit the seven existing Churches of today to the seven various letters of Yeshua fairly easily. The seven groups are established by what they follow for their Church Doctrine and what Bible and or other writings they use.

The seven Churches of today are the following; ***Catholic, Orthodox, Latter Day Saints, Jehovah Witness, Seventh Day Adventist (SDA), Protestant, and Complete Bible Followers***. Six of these will be required to go through the Tribulation, taking the test or temptation of God. One Church will not be required to take the test, or go through the Tribulation. Scripture tells us for this one Church, they will be spared but it is not by a resurrection, as the resurrection only takes place at the end of the Tribulation. Scripture is clear on this (Rev 6:9-11, 1Th 4:15-17). The Church that is spared from the Tribulation is the one that contains the Saints. None of the 6 mainstream groups of Churches of today meet the requirements of being the Saints; hence they will ***All*** take the test and be required to pass through the Tribulation.

A comparison of two Churches, the ***Seventh Day Adventist*** and the ***Complete Bible Followers***, is made as there are commonalities between these two, commonalities that does not exist with any of the other five Churches. These commonalities are important as they lead to an understanding of what Yeshua will use as criteria for his Judgment of the masses or ***Great Fall Harvest at the second resurrection***.

Understand that the letters in Revelations to the 7 Churches by Yeshua, have some people in each Church that fit with the criticism given to the other churches. In other words as an example, all Churches have people that are neither hot nor cold, which is the main way the Laodicea Church goes forward. Alternately, there are a few people in the various Churches that worship on both Saturday and again on Sunday as well as keeping the Holy Days. These are really members of the Philadelphia Church even though they attend one of the other six mainstream groups of Churches. The letters themselves identify the major error or trait that each of the group of Churches has and what needs to be changed before it is too late.

Two Churches have 3 main or dominant commonalities. These are the Philadelphia Church and the Smyrna Church. The commonalities are that both keep the 10 Commandments, they both keep the seventh day Sabbath and both have people that call themselves Jews and are not but do lie. All the other 5 churches have people that follow replacement theology, that they believe they are now Israel or that the Church has replaced Israel. However the two Churches identified by Yeshua are much worse than the others in this error, since Yeshua has singled out this action that goes beyond replacement theology and has harsh words for them.

Scripture defining the two churches with the 3 commonalities are given below, starting first with the letter to the Philadelphia Church, then followed by the letter to the Smyrna Church.

Rev 3:7 And to the angel of the church **in Philadelphia** write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

Rev 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for **thou hast a little strength**, and **hast kept my word**, and **hast not denied my name**.

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the **synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie**; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Rev 3:10 Because thou **hast kept the word of my patience**, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem*, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him my new name*.

Rev 3:13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The manner that this Church walks is the same as the early Congregations and those within the Church are the Saints. The Philadelphia Church is told they will not be subjected to the test or temptation coming down upon the world. There is no correction or adjustment that they are to make as given to this Church, rather they are told to hold fast to how they walk. However there are those that belong to this Church that say they are Jews and are not. These are known as a Two House group that altered the way the main original group was walking and separated themselves from the original followers that were walking on the correct path. This Philadelphia Church in today's time is the Complete Bible Followers, often called Messianic Christians but this second term is also used loosely by others that do not follow the Complete Bible.

Recognize the strong condemnation Yeshua uses for those that say they are Jews and are not, but lie. Yeshua calls them the synagogue of Satan. Yeshua is extremely upset with these people within these two Churches. It would appear in both of these two Churches, that one of the three traps of the world, the pride of life, is the result of this erroneous belief. God's word warns us to beware of the three traps of the world.

The LORD hates those that lie, so a punishment will be taken upon those that call themselves Jews and are not. This erroneous belief in the Complete Bible Followers Church stems from what is called British Israelism, and these people fall into the temptation of accepting this approach. In the SDA it stems from their belief that they are the only Church that walks correctly and then being presumptuous some of them say they are the 144,000 Israelites in the Book of Revelations. In the other 5 Churches replacement theology occurs as a result of the Nation of Israel not existing for about 1,800 years. From logic and Jewish history, they think the Church replaced Israel. Their error is nowhere near as great as those Yeshua calls the synagogue of Satan.

The good commonality of the Philadelphia Church, with the Smyrna Church, is that both keep the 10 Commandments and the seventh day Sabbath and keep it in the manner that it was given.

Surprisingly the Smyrna Church is not told to repent and change, rather they are told they will be tried for 10 days (Years) and to be faithful unto death. But they also have those that call themselves Jews and are not.

Rev 2:8 And unto the angel of the church **in Smyrna** write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

Rev 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the **blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.**

Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have **tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death**, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

This Church is the Seventh Day Adventist and they will be required along with the other five mainstream Churches to take the test and pass through the Tribulation period. Only this Church keeps the seventh day Sabbath and keeps it in the manner that it was given. They also keep the 10 Commandments, but they do not keep the Torah or the Holy Days of God. In common with the Complete Bible Followers, they also have those that say they are Jews and are not, this action being worse than that of the other five mainstream Churches.

What is very noticeable and of major importance is that the SDA's are not told to repent and correct themselves, they are told to hold fast to how they walk, but they will not be spared in having to go through the Tribulation. All of the other five Churches are told to repent and change in how they walk before the Tribulation starts.

The SDA's not being criticized by Yeshua on how they walk, is extremely important. It means Yeshua has an approval of their manner of going forward through life. Note that the seventh day weekly Sabbath is included in the 10 Commandments. What is being shown to us by these scriptures is that Yeshua requires **All** Churches to walk in following **the 10 Commandments** as a minimum requirement. This will be pursued further in the following section.

4. Walking in the 10 Commandments

We are clearly told to **hear and obey** Yeshua and **to walk as he walked**. We are to **follow Him** in what He showed us by example. Yeshua also directly tells us to walk in the Law or Torah, Mat 5:17-19. Yeshua reinforced that we are to live by every word of God, both in the Old and New Testaments, Mat 4:4. Yeshua stressed growing in the heart with love. Love to God is walking in total obedience to God's Laws. Sin is defined for us as breaking any one of God's Laws. **Breaking any**

one Law is defined as breaking all the Laws. Repentance is walking forward as a new person no longer sinning, right up to the time we die. Salvation is a conditional promise dependent upon how we are walking at the time of our death. Iniquity is walking in lawlessness, walking outside the Law, walking in sin. It is all their in scripture as to how God wants us to walk and grow as one of His children.

We are saved by the **gift of God** to us, we are saved by **grace**. That does not in any way do away with walking in the Law. It just means we cannot earn salvation by our actions. However we are judged by our actions or works. Our faith depends upon how we walk.

The call by Yeshua to the Congregations are for all to become Saints, Rom 1:7, 1Co 1:2. Originally the first congregations accepted the call. Then, over the centuries very few responded. This means the large masses are not walking in the manner that is required to become one of the Saints. The large masses will be judged by a certain relaxing of the requirements God has given us and wanted all of us to follow.

We are told that on the **Last Day**, which is defined in scripture for us, is the end of the Millennium followed by Judgment Day with the second resurrection. The Last Day is the day where Yeshua does not lose any that are His. This is the Last Day of the Holy Days of the Fall Harvest. It is the Great Fall Harvest of God's people, the resurrection of the large masses.

There is other scripture that combines or correlates, with the letter of Yeshua to the Church of Smyrna, to the SDA's. It is the following.

Mat 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

Mat 19:17 And he said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.**

Mat 19:18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, **Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,**

Mat 19:19 **Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

Yeshua is telling the rich young man that is asking Him, what he needs to do to obtain eternal life or salvation. Yeshua tells him that he needs to keep the 10 Commandments. Yeshua is in these scriptures telling the masses what is required of them; how they are to walk in order to obtain eternal life. The young man calling Yeshua a **Good Master** shows his acceptance of Yeshua as an authority of God's word.

This scripture Mat 19:16-19 is tied directly to the letter in Revelations to the Church of Smyrna. The 10 Commandments are how the masses are required to walk. This is why Yeshua did not correct this Church. This also means the same judgment criteria will be applied to the Israelites in the Old Testament times as well as to those of today's time. All the masses will be judged equally. The masses are all those that are not the Saints.

Further Yeshua says the following.

Joh 14:15 **If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

For the masses this verse is referring to the 10 Commandments. To the Saints it is referring to the Law or Torah.

From the correlation of these verses we are shown that the masses are judged by the 10 Commandments at the second resurrection. At the present 5 of the mainstream Churches worship on Sunday and not on Saturday, meaning they definitely are not following the 10 Commandments. If one is not following all of the 10 commandments, will Yeshua show any leniency ? Or will he judge strictly according to all 10 of the commandments ?

5. Summary

In the study of God's word, one must use logic and combine or be able to correlate scriptures that go together. Mat 19:16-19 goes with Rev 2:8-11, these together give us further understanding of God's word and His requirements as given to us, being that all that are His must follow the 10 Commandments.

The Saints are the **First Fruits**; they are taken at the **first resurrection**. They are the ones that follow the Torah and Yeshua. Alternately they are martyrs that die for their faith in Yeshua. Also they are the ones that pass the test that God brings upon the whole world just before the start of the Tribulation and then walk through the Tribulation.

The **Great Fall Harvest** is the masses that walked in a manner that results in their name being written in the book of life. They are resurrected to eternal life with the Father and Yeshua at the Last Day, at the **second resurrection**.

At present there is just enough time left in order to be able to walk in the Complete Bible and become one of the Saints, to respond to the call to become one of the Saints. Alternate to that is to walk totally in the 10 Commandments and know how to pass the test of God that is shortly coming down upon the entire world. Recognize the Saturday Sabbath is part of the 10 Commandments.

If you are one of the masses, be very careful on how you walk as you do not know if Yeshua will be strict or lenient on how he judges you. Do you wish to leave that unknown up to chance ? Where you spend eternity depends upon how you walked and how Yeshua Judges all the masses.

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