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AN INVITATION

One Short Life





We who wrote this paper actually live together like an extended family, sharing all things in common, just as the first disciples did in the first century. The Bible plainly says regarding the first church, "All who believed were together and shared all things in common."¹ It goes on to describe how they were of one heart and soul, and that there was not a needy person among them, for they gave up all their possessions to meet the needs of their spiritual brothers and sisters.² Some people say this was only for back then, but we've been living this way for over 40 years. You can come and see for yourself at any of our addresses, which are printed in the back of this paper and on our web site, www.twelvetribes.org.

In each of our communities, there are one or more houses in a cluster, some in cities and some on farms. Several families and single people live together in each house, according to the size of the house. We like large houses because we like to live together. Married couples have their own rooms, plus as many adjacent rooms as needed for their children. The single men share one or more rooms, as do the single women. We all share a common kitchen and dining room, where we take our meals together "with gladness and sincerity of heart."³

In at least one house in the cluster we have a large gathering room where we gather together every morning and evening to worship our Creator in song and dance as in Psalm 150, using the prescribed musical instruments that we are learning to build and play. We are all free to speak from our hearts the things we are learning, as our heavenly Father teaches us through one another, according to the gifting and grace given to each per-

son.⁴ As a spiritual priesthood, we pray together for the pressing needs of our people and for our Father's will to be done on earth.

After our morning gathering we have breakfast together and then go to work in our various places, doing the deeds prepared for each one of us.⁵ We work together in our own cafés, farms, cottage industries, and trades, not as independent contractors or employees of outside companies. All income from our various endeavors goes into a common purse from which all of our needs are met equitably. We don't have our own independent income or debts to carry by ourselves, except for the debt of love we owe to our Savior, which we repay by loving and caring for one another.

We love and cherish our children. We teach them at home, using a curriculum we are developing ourselves, to give them the basic skills they need to read, write, and speak effectively, to live together in peace, and to fulfill their created purpose. Our children's training goes far beyond the classroom, however, as they are fully integrated into every aspect of our socially and spiritually rich tribal life. They learn to cook and sew, build and farm, care for animals, sing and dance, play musical instruments, and most importantly, extend hospitality to the constant flow of guests who are drawn to the light of our life of love.

Together we are experiencing and demonstrating the restoration of all things spoken of by the prophets of old,⁶ and by our Master Yahshua,⁷ whose life, death, and resurrection make this life possible. ✱

⁴1 Corinthians 14:26; 1 Peter 4:11; Romans 12:6 ⁵Ephesians 2:10 ⁶Isaiah 49:6; Jeremiah 30:20; 31:1,4,13,14; Malachi 4:5-6 ⁷Matthew 5:17-19; 17:10-11; 22:37-40; Luke 1:17; 24:44 (*Yahshua* is the original Hebrew name of the one called *Jesus* in most English translations of the Bible. See page 26 for more about this name.)

¹Acts 2:44 ²Acts 4:32-35 ³Acts 2:46

*God has made everything beautiful in its time.
He has also set eternity in the human heart;
yet no one can comprehend what God
has done from beginning to end.
Ecclesiastes 3:11*

*The reason we are living our short lives on earth
is to prepare for where we will spend eternity.
It doesn't really matter how long or short
our lives are; what matters is how
we live our short lives...*

Those words were written about 3,000 years ago by King Solomon, a very wise man who ruled over Israel in the days of its greatest glory. He understood that a man's heart and soul is what is peaking out through his eyeballs, and lives way beyond the short life of his mortal body. Solomon also understood that each person is going to have to give an account before his Creator for how he lived his short life on this earth,¹ which will determine where he will spend eternity.

Yes, on the scale of time, it doesn't really matter how long or short our lives are; what matters is *how* we live our short lives on this earth. Our Creator could have made it so that we would live hundreds or thousands of years, but for the sake of restraining evil,² He gives us only a few years, not more than seventy or eighty for most, knowing that the course of each life will become clear soon enough.

The earth is a testing ground for man. Our Creator made each one of us with a conscience that speaks to us about everything we do or say. It confirms us when we do what is right, and it nags us when we do what is wrong — things that hurt our fellow human beings, or even the planet that we share.

The conscience is God's vice-regent in the human heart, His objective voice which doesn't yield to the reasoning of man or the ever-changing trends of society. We can push past this voice or even silence it completely to gratify our selfish desires, but we do so to our own peril, and tragically, to the hurt of the people whose lives we touch.

As we live our short lives on this earth, our character is formed by the choices we make in the circumstances we face. Each circumstance is a test of our character, and how we respond either maintains or erodes the image of



God that is inherent in our very nature.³ Whether we give ourselves to doing what is good, or we give ourselves to doing what is evil, eventually our character becomes set in us, like concrete, as this sobering verse in the Book of Revelation proclaims:

He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. (Revelation 22:11)

"Still" here means unchanging throughout eternity. Every single human soul that has ever lived is going to spend eternity *somewhere*, and that somewhere will be determined by the way he lives his short life in this age.

THE THREE ETERNAL DESTINIES OF MAN

It is appointed for every person to die once, and after that comes the judgment,⁴ which determines his or her eternal destiny. According to the Scriptures, there are only three possible eternal destinies, which correspond to the courses people's lives take during their short lives on this earth, as characterized in Revelation 22:11.

The Unjust and Filthy

To be *unjust* is to disregard the rights, needs, and suffering of others in the decisions you make, especially for the sake of your own comfort and advantage. For some this is a way of life. They are the *unjust*. Some are lawyers who use their wit to help the guilty avoid the just consequences of their crimes; some are judges who condemn the innocent or acquit the guilty; some are politicians who advance themselves by flattery and empty

¹ Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 ² Genesis 6:3

³ Genesis 1:26 ⁴ Hebrews 9:27

promises, using their office for their own personal gain; some are doctors who prescribe unnecessary tests and procedures in order to generate income; some are reporters or publishers who exaggerate or misrepresent stories to appeal to people's lower nature, or to advance their own agenda; some are merchants who knowingly sell faulty merchandise; some are craftsmen or laborers who do shoddy work. And then there is the middle-aged man who forsakes his wife for a younger woman after she has borne his children and cared for his household for twenty years, or the woman who neglects the care of her children for the sake of her career, or the lazy who live off of the labor of others.⁵

There are countless examples, but they all have one thing in common. The unjust justify themselves in the pursuit and maintenance of their own comfort without regard for the suffering of others. At the end of their lives they will have received their comfort in full.⁶

The *filthy* are those who use and abuse others to gratify their own sexual cravings, as well as those who indulge and profit from the sexual cravings of others. The sexual desire and capacity of men and women were given to them by their Creator for the purpose of bonding one man and one woman together in a lifelong marriage covenant that bears the fruit of healthy, happy, and secure children. Sexual relationships outside of a lifetime commitment to love and care for the other person and the children that may be conceived is just selfish indulgence. It degrades everyone involved and decreases their capacity to form deep and lasting relationships.

The *unjust* and the *filthy*, although they may appear different outwardly, are really two sides of the same coin, and they will share the same eternal destiny. It is the destiny the Bible calls the *Sea of Fire*, which was prepared for the Evil One and his deceiving spirits.⁷ There will be room there for all who have followed these evil spirits in this life, suppressing the voice of their conscience to choose the evil over the good.

The Righteous (their names will be found in the Book of Life⁸)

The *righteous* are those whose lives are characterized by faithfulness in their marriages, diligence in their work, and kindness toward the lives they touch. Although they are not perfect in it, they suffer in life to do the good they know in their conscience, even when it costs them discomfort or rejection. They live within the boundaries of the everlasting covenant of Genesis 3:16-19, in godly fear of their Creator. After their suffering in death,⁹ they will be judged worthy of a second life rather than a second death.¹⁰ They will be restored to their created purpose and given a restored earth to care for, and to fill with their offspring, with no trace or influence from the Evil One. Although there are very few of them in comparison to the *unjust*

and *filthy*, ultimately they will fill the universe, for the earth will be too small for them.

The vast universe, filled with trillions upon trillions of galaxies, each with billions of stars, with countless planets in orbit around them, was created to be inhabited by man. Beautiful and glorious as they are against the velvety darkness of night, the stars were not only meant to gaze upon in wonder, but to travel to and colonize, forever and ever. But our Creator, in His great love for man and the rest of His creation, restrains fallen man in his madness, lest he destroy the universe just as he is rapidly destroying the earth.

First, man must put an end to selfishness, and to the reign of Satan, the evil spirit-being who, with his host of evil spirits, holds man under his sway in his all-consuming hatred and defiance of our Creator. That is where the *holy* come in.

The Holy

The *holy* are those who were once on the same path as the unjust and filthy, or even of the righteous, but who hated their lives in this world, saw where this world was headed, and didn't want to go there. In their desperation they cried out to their Maker, whoever and wherever He was, and begged Him to reveal Himself to them. In His great love, He heard them and led them to His people, from whom they heard the Good News of a Savior who died in our place and went into the bowels of death to receive the full wages of our sins, and was resurrected as the irrefutable evidence that His sacrifice on our behalf was accepted. Coming from the lips of those who were living a life of self-sacrificing love and unity in the midst of a world full of selfishness and alienation, this message pierced their hearts and compelled them to forsake their own selfish lives and possessions to follow this Savior with them.

We who write this paper are those people, and our mission is to overthrow Satan by putting an end to selfishness in our lives by the grace we receive from our heavenly Father when we cry out to Him in the name of our Savior and Master Yahshua.¹¹ As the Apostle Paul wrote almost 2000 years ago, "we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore [we] all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves, but for him who for their sake died and was raised."¹²

Holy means *set apart for sacred use*, and our lives are set apart from the world and its ways. We live together and share all things in common. We give all of our strength to serving our Master Yahshua by loving and caring for one another as we work together in unity to bring about our Father's will on this earth: the end of Satan's reign. Living and working so closely together

⁵ Revelation 22:15 ⁶ Luke 6:24 ⁷ Matthew 25:41 ⁸ Revelation 20:15 ⁹ Death (Hades) is a place of torment; see Luke 16:28. ¹⁰ John 5:29; Revelation 20:14; 21:8

¹¹ *Yahshua* is the original Hebrew name of the one called *Jesus* in most English translations of the Bible. See "The Name Above All Names" on page 26.

¹² 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

gives us continual opportunities to see how selfishness raises its ugly head in our lives, and to put it under our feet. We know that if our Father can just get a people who will obey Him no matter what, if He can get a foothold on this planet where His love and justice rule the human heart, then our Master Yahshua will come back to this earth to put an end to Satan's reign.

But this Man [Yahshua], after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. (Hebrews 10:12-13)

We are living our short lives on this earth for this purpose: to walk as our Master Yahshua walked,¹³ loving one another as he loved us,¹⁴ and overcoming sin as he overcame,¹⁵ so that we can be worthy to rule with him when he comes back to this earth to restore all things¹⁶ to the way our Creator intended them to be. When the restoration of man is complete, then will the promise come about: a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells.¹⁷

THE ETERNAL REWARD FOR HOW WE LIVE OUR SHORT LIVES...

When all is said and done, the just judgment of the Creator of all will stand:

- The *unjust* and *filthy* will have their reward: to spend eternity with the one they chose to follow in their short lives on earth — the evil ruler of this present age, called *Satan*. His was the voice that always convinced them to satisfy their own desires regardless of the effect on others, therefore they will share his destiny in the Sea of Fire.¹⁸
- The *righteous* will have their reward: to spend eternity where righteousness dwells, because in their short lives they consistently heeded the voice of their conscience, doing what was right and just;¹⁹
- And the *holy* will have their reward: to spend eternity ruling with their Master Yahshua over the righteous who will populate the never-ending universe, caring for them as Yahshua did during his short life on this earth, for they loved his words and had learned his ways.

*As it is written: "Eye has not seen,
nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man
the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.
(1 Corinthians 2:9-10)*

¹³ 1 John 2:6; 4:17 ¹⁴ John 13:34-35; 15:12 ¹⁵ Hebrews 4:15; 5:7-9; Revelation 3:21
¹⁶ Acts 3:21 ¹⁷ 2 Peter 3:13 ¹⁸ Matthew 25:41-46; Revelation 20:10 ¹⁹ Matthew 25:34-40; John 5:29; Romans 2:6-7

CON+SCIENCE

If you don't know that there are consequences for every decision you make, every word you speak, every deed you do, then what is life?

If what you do now doesn't make any difference one way or another, if eternity is not affected by today, then life is meaningless now, too. You might as well be an insect and wander on your way.

CO+KNOWING

But even the person who feels that his life is worth nothing actually knows inside that there are consequences to what he does, but he goes against that knowledge. He denies it, but he knows deep down that it is true: there is a God up there somewhere who watches, and it matters what we do.

We've heard it said that there is no God, no one in charge of the universe, no judgment to come, no one looking down on us, no recompense for our deeds...

WITH+KNOWLEDGE

Others say that there is a wrathful God who judged you before you were born, who has already condemned you, no matter what you do.

We live our lives believing what we will, but when death comes, as it does to each one, then our eyes will see what we have become. Will we say, "Oh, no! Why didn't someone tell me where my deeds were taking me?"

KNOWING WITH GOD

Why are there such dramatic consequences for being human?

Why can't we be like a little bird, make our nest, and not think about eternity? Or why can't we be like water, flowing like a river into timeless time?

What would heaven be like if you went there the way you are now? Would just being there change your character? Or would your hurtful ways just make heaven into hell?

CONSCIENCE

Forgiveness

"That's not enough!" said the woman to the bus driver. He was late. Circumstances beyond his control had caused the delay, and he said "I'm sorry" at least six times. But it was *not enough*. No matter what he said or how he said it, she could not forgive him for keeping her waiting.

Has that ever happened to you? That no matter how sorry you were, it was *not enough*? Or perhaps the shoe was on the other foot, and you simply could not forgive. Bitterness creeps in, doesn't it? Bitterness makes you sick. It holds you back from enjoying life.

On the other hand, forgiveness releases you, or the one who hurt you, from a debt. Actually, it sets free both the one hurt and the one who caused the hurt.

It's easy to remember hurts, and hard to forget them. Why is it so hard to forgive and forget?

Only those who have known forgiveness can forgive. To forgive is to look hopefully into the future and not bitterly into the past.

Forgiveness is not free. It costs you something to forgive. You have to give up your demand for justice. You have to put to death the offense that is lodged in your heart. That opens up the future, both for the one who is forgiven and the one who forgives.

Can you imagine being released from all guilt and bitterness?

No longer being weighed down with regret? Greeting each new day with hope? That's what eternal life is like — living continually in a guiltless state, set free to love.

How can you love someone whom you can't forgive, or who can't forgive you? But how can you forgive, and how can you be forgiven?

We are all guilty of hurting others, of doing things against our conscience, or failing to do what we ought to do. This is called *sin*, which incurs *guilt*. Guilt is not just a bad feeling; it is a debt that must be paid. If you die with guilt, then you must pay that debt in death.

Death is not peaceful oblivion. It is a place of *torment*¹ where your soul must face the guilt of all the hurt you have caused in your life and fully accept the responsibility for it, reaching repentance. You must come to the end of all of your excuses. Some people will never cease justifying themselves, therefore their torment will never end.

But it is possible to be released from your debt of guilt in this life. This is because there was a man who lived his entire life without

ever sinning against another human being, or against himself or his Creator. His name is *Yahshua*.² His every word and deed expressed love for all whose lives he touched. But the purity of his life and the penetrating truthfulness of his words enraged the self-righteous religious leaders of his day, and they demanded his death. He was brutally executed, nailed to a cross and hung up naked to die in shame before his accusers.

He willingly gave his sinless life as a sacrifice. Having no guilt of his own, he took upon himself the guilt of all of our sins, and received their fair wages in Death. For three days and nights he received the unimaginable torment that all of our sins deserved, and when Death had exhausted its fury on him, his soul was released from Death's grip and returned to his body, filling it with indestructible life. His resurrection was the proof that the sacrifice of his life was accepted on our behalf.

To pay for our sins cost him everything, and to receive the forgiveness he purchased with his life costs us everything. It is life for life. We must forsake our rotten, stinking life to receive his pure, indestructible life. We must leave the kingdoms of this world, which are driven by self-interest, and enter the kingdom of God, which is driven by self-sacrifice. This transfer of kingdoms, which is salvation itself, happens in baptism where we renounce and forsake our old life and possessions, calling upon *Yahshua* to save us, and then we entrust our lives into the hands of his body on earth — those who have gone before us in giving their lives to him.

Yahshua's body on earth is the ultimate *weCulture* (in contrast to *iCulture*). It is described in the Book of Acts in the New Testament. Acts 2:44 puts it in a nutshell: "*All who believed were together and shared all things in common,*" and Acts 4:32 amplifies it: "*Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.*"

We who write this paper are living this very life described in the Scriptures. We are disciples of *Yahshua*. We are thankful, hopeful, forgiven, and free, and there's nothing else we'd rather do, nowhere else we'd rather be. We would love for you to enjoy with us the freedom that comes from being forgiven. You can be set free from *iCulture* to live a life of love and unity with others who have been forgiven and have the power to forgive. We live in communities all over the world. Our addresses are in the back of this freepaper. ❀

¹ Luke 16:28

² *Yahshua* is the original Hebrew name of one called *Jesus* in most English translations of the Bible. See "The Name Above All Names" on the page 26 for more about this name.

CONSEQUENTIAL

EFFECT

Man was born for a great purpose. It was never intended that we just be living lives which are inconsequential to the downfall of Satan's tyranny over this planet. Our lives were intended to go so strongly against the grain of this present evil age that they will bring about return of the Messiah and the end of Satan's reign.

It is obvious that the whole world lies under the sway of the Evil One, as 1 John 5:19 asserts. It is as if unrighteousness has built for itself walls, and lawlessness sits upon the towers. Unrighteousness has a wall of protection surrounding it in this current world order. There is no hope to accomplish a change in such a system as this, which allows no room for truth, righteousness, or peace. God's purpose for man is that he should rule even over His archenemy, the invisible spirit-being who rules over this fallen world, who is known as *Satan*, which means *adversary* in the Hebrew language. He is the spiritual force that divides people from one another and tempts us to do evil instead of the good we know we should do. There is no corruption in this world that does not spring from the seed that Satan sows in the human heart. We need a Savior.

The whole world has heard of the birth of "Baby Jesus" in Bethlehem, and songs are sung about Him, but who is doing anything about the reason He was born? Although our Creator could have destroyed Satan in an instant, He willed that the *creature*, man, would destroy the *creature*, Satan. That is why "the Lord Jesus," as the world knows Him, came as a *man*. Yes, Yahshua¹ came as a true man, an unfallen man. All other men were born fallen and powerless to save themselves. They are in need of a savior.

Therefore, about two thousand years ago there was an eventful birth in Bethlehem, as Bing Crosby sang in his version of the classic Christmas

song, "God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray; O tidings of comfort and joy..." Indeed, it was Good News! In the life, death, and resurrection of Yahshua redemption has been accomplished for the sake of creation.

The only way for anyone not to be smashed down by this current world order and to live a life of consequential effect is to follow the most radical man who ever walked the earth — Yahshua of Nazareth. His commandments are the firm foundation of the life of true disciples, a life of continual devotion as Acts 2:42 describes: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers." This devotion produced the amazing life of Acts 2:44, "All who believed were together and had all things in common."

Adherence to Acts 2:42 is the primary cause of the success or failure of community life. The lack of it produced Christianity, where the gospel and the apostles' teachings become mere legends and do as much good as "Alice in Wonderland" toward bringing about the Kingdom of God. Obedience to Acts 2:42 enables a person to fulfill his created purpose — to overcome the Evil One. The commandments of Yahshua the Messiah can only be lived out in the fervent community life described in Acts 4:32-35 and caused by the devotion of Acts 2:42.

To disobey Satan is to destroy him. When anyone consistently disobeys evil and does good, Satan's stronghold is undermined and on its way to being destroyed. But it is only by knowing and obeying the True One, Yahshua, that man can overthrow Satan. Not one time did Yahshua disobey his Father and obey Satan, even unto death. Now he waits in heaven until there is a people on earth who will do the same.²

¹ *Yahshua* is the Hebrew name of the Savior. See page 26 for more about this name.

² Hebrews 10:13

Yahshua, the Healer

All of our Father's expectations in creation were focused upon man. When He created man (male and female), He had what He needed to advance His purpose for all creation — the universe. But first Satan had to be subdued and his power destroyed.³ In man, our Father had what He could now use to destroy the works of the Evil One. Only after He had made man was He satisfied and could rest.

We who live together for the cause of God on earth are the executioners of Satan's fallen spiritual army, which has been the cause of the many woes of man since his fall in the Garden. The list of their evil atrocities grows larger and larger the longer Satan is allowed to accuse and divide those who aspire to follow the Messiah, and pervert the true pattern and foundation of the apostolic church. Because Satan has been allowed to do this all these years, keeping the church in an impotent and compromised state, there has been no progress toward the undoing of Satan's evil works. Thus the earth remains in slavery.

We do not live the way we do in the Communities of the Twelve Tribes without effect. Our life together will bring about the destruction of this world order and usher in a new age of peace when Yahshua the Messiah returns to set up his Kingdom here on this earth. The mode of our life together goes directly against the spirit of this age, this perverse generation. We are not living inconsequential lives in Messiah.

In Acts 2:44, the undeniable life of Messiah among His believers burned as a bright witness to all. They were of one heart and soul, and, shared all things in common. There is no way to achieve this life of togetherness apart from the firm foundation of devotion to the four things in Acts 2:42. This life is established and upheld by His apostles who teach the very commandments of Messiah Himself. This life was the bright light of salvation that shone deep into the souls of the disciples and saved them to the uttermost. It is only through continual devotion to these four things in Acts 2:42 that anyone can be delivered from the bondage of the Evil One.

Once again, the call of God is on the earth, calling people to be immersed into the life of continual devotion to Messiah, where Satan is bound and cast out. When He called us, we came, because we knew His voice. We knew He was the true One who could deliver us from the Evil One's bondage, and we followed Him. And yes, He is calling you, too, to come and be immersed into His life. May His kingdom come! ✠

² Hebrews 2:5-10, *Amplified Bible*

Who is Yahshua, and why would we want to be his disciples? Well, He's the most loving person to ever walk the earth, the greatest friend that ever lived. He taught, lived, and dreamed about the truest love. The little children in his day instinctively knew that he was the kindest, and the best. Most people today call him *Jesus*, but we know him by his Hebrew name, *Yahshua*, which means "Yahweh's Salvation." That name has such deep meaning to those of us who know we need such true healing.

We are those who need help and guidance to get over the things that always stood in the way of having true friends. We are the ones who knew that there had to be more to this life than anything the world had to offer, a people who longed for a second chance to start all over, to have a fresh new start, a new beginning, like a new breath of life, and the power to love. We are the ones he came for.

We heard about this Yahshua, and how he loved us, from a people who were actually living together and loving one another. They were living the life others can only dream of. That really affected us. We fell in

love with what was in Yahshua's heart through the real love and kindness that was shown to us. Some of us gave up everything we had and moved right in, others took us years to get up the courage.

But one thing we all had in common, whether we knew what to call it or not, we were longing for forgiveness. We wanted peace with God, whoever that was. We wanted to know why we were created. We were actually starving for authority in our lives, and to know what the author of our lives had in mind for us.

These things all seem so clear to us now, but at that time, we had no idea what was wrong with us. And really, neither did anyone else.

We have no idea who will get these papers when we hand them out, but we always pray that they will get into the hands of those who have the same heart as ours. We are a very faulty people, but we strive to be loyal to the one who gave up his very life because he saw our need. Our need was love, and if one word could explain what Yahshua is all about, it would be just that: Love. He's the one we have come to know. ✠

The greatest wisdom to live your life by:
"LOVE ONE ANOTHER"
John 13:34

Prepare for Eternity

Compared to eternity, the length of our lives on earth is short. It is like the blink of an eye, or a grain of sand. But it doesn't matter how long or short our life is. What matters is how we live our short lives. The only reason we live our short lives here on earth is to prepare for eternity.

Our Creator could have people live for five thousand years, but He didn't. He didn't need to, because living a few years is enough to make a determination about a person's character, and where he will spend eternity.

When God created the universe, He created it for a reason. The universe is not just a few stars. If you had a super-powered telescope that could see everywhere in the observable universe, you could see one billion trillion stars. And if you flew in a light-speed rocket to the edge of the observable universe at 46.5 billion light-years away, you would still see the whole universe around you. Fly to the edge again, and you still are not at the end. And each of these trillions and trillions (you can keep saying trillions a trillion times and never get to the end) of stars have planets that were created to be filled with human beings just as God intended.

Man is His highest creation, made in His very image. Man is eternal, just like his Creator. He created mankind to populate the universe with life, and to love eternally.

It is enough that we live just a few years in these mortal bodies, as long as we understand that our immortal souls are meant to live for eternity, and how we live this short life determines where we will spend eternity.

Ever since the creation of the world His eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things He has made. So they are without excuse... (Romans 1:20)

Just look at the birds flying, the flowers, and all the beautiful trees bearing fruit, and you can know that there is a Creator. Every man knows that in his conscience. God is so wonderful and compassionate to give man a conscience so that he can know how to please his Creator. Man knows the difference between good and evil.

Our few years on this earth are given to us to spend as we see fit. Our Creator speaks to us through creation and our conscience to come to the same conclusion: We should do good and not evil.

Life is so precious to our Creator that there has to be a judgment of those who don't consider it precious. Our conscience tells us to value life, to do good, to treat others as we want to be treated.

God appreciates the struggle to do good. He understands the plight of man. People who work hard to

support their families, and who are faithful to their promises, retain the image of God. People who listen to their conscience and obey its quiet voice are those who will find mercy in the judgment.

Eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality (Romans 2:7)

All those who hate their conscience need a place to belong in their eternally fallen state. There are evil people who do not care about others. They were not born this way. They became this way by refusing to listen to their conscience, so it became seared. Since they are eternal beings, there must be a place in the universe for them. The Bible calls this eternal quarantine the *sea of fire* — a horrible place created for Satan and his fallen angels. It is also the destiny of those who destroy or corrupt the lives of others.

The cowardly and unbelieving, the abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the sea which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. (Revelation 21:8)

Because our Creator knew the plight of man, He made a plan to redeem those who hate their selfish ways. He made forgiveness available to them through the sacrifice of His son, Yahshua.¹ To those who respond to His love, and turn from their selfishness, He grants a new start.

Even those who had made themselves worthy of the sea of fire can find forgiveness. Those who love Him will obey Him. Those who obey Him will become like Him. And those who become like Him will one day be worthy to reign with Him:

...You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God. And we shall reign on the earth. (Revelation 5:9-10)

Our judgment is not a matter of fate. It is determined by how we live our short lives. There are the good, the bad, and the redeemed — three categories of people with three different eternal destinies.

Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; yes, they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak. You will change them, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end. The children of Your servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before You. (Psalms 102:25-28)

This is speaking of the eternal age that our Creator looks forward to, when all His wonderful plans will not be on hold anymore.

So now you know why He made a short life for man: to determine where he will spend eternity. 🌿

¹ Yahshua is the Hebrew name of the Savior. See page 26 for more about this name.



There was actually a time recorded in the Book of Acts when the followers of Yahshua shared a way of life that was a bright flame of the love of God, shining out into the darkness of this world. This life of simple obedience to the gospel was called their “first love.”

First can mean first in order of time or foremost, that is, primary in rank and importance — that which comes before all else.

Their *first love* not only happened first, but it was also of primary importance, coming before all else. It is the very essence of true devotion. In fact, nothing less should even be called devotion. This *first love* is the standard, the rallying flag to guide the army, and the rule by which to measure, the standard by which the church continues to be judged.

But I have this against you, that you have abandoned your first love.
(Revelation 2:4)

What is this “first love” that they left? What are the “first works” they were told to return to? What is this true devotion that comes before all else?

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

The word *devoting* comes from a Latin word that means to make a vow. It means to give or apply one’s time entirely to a particular activity or

cause. Acts 2:42 spells out what it meant to have one’s *first love*. These disciples gave all their time and energy to these four things:

- The Apostle’s Teaching – the bread of life for spiritual life;
- Fellowship – the whole social life of the community of believers;
- Breaking of Bread – giving thanks and appreciation for their Savior;
- Prayer – individually and in their daily gatherings together.

The result of this devotion was the thriving new spiritual community that was the light to the world:

And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common. (Acts 2:44)

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts 4:32)

There were no needy among them; no rich or poor; none lonely, or overlooked. The life of devotion to God, expressed by the miraculous love those disciples had for each other, was the result of obedience to the potent words of their savior, Yahshua:

He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. As I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this all shall know that you are My disciples, if you have love toward one another. (John 13:34-35)

In these records in the Book of Acts, we have the “first works” and the “first love” on display for all to see, the banner of love lifted high for all who love their Savior with an incorruptible love. But why hasn’t it be seen in the past 1,900 years of Christianity? What happened to that grand display of love? Is it possible that they left their first love, and lost their lampstand as Revelation 2:4-5 warns?

But I have against you that you left your first love. Therefore, remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and will remove your lamp stand out of its place unless you repent. ❄

A kind man invited me into a café called the *Yellow Deli*. I looked around with wonder and asked, "Did you all make this yourselves?"

He said, "Yes."

I could tell everything was hand-made and done with care. He gave me a cup of water and talked with me. He asked me about myself, made me feel like my life was significant. He invited me to join him and his friends for dinner that evening.

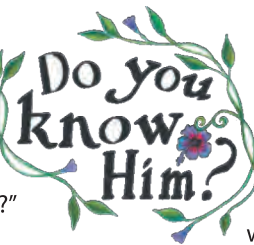
The kind man's friends and family were there too. We all sat down together and they asked me all about my life. I had never felt so noticed and cared for before.

He sent his sweet little daughter to me with a portion of food. She looked up at me so sincerely that even though I wasn't very hungry I couldn't help but accept her hospitality.

The meal was simple and casual, but I felt like an honored guest. I talked with the kind man all evening until we were both very tired. He invited me to stay the night. I almost said, "No thanks" since I had an apartment nearby, but then I realized: I'm already at home. I had never felt at home before.

The kind man showed me my room. The bed was neatly made and a simple basket of fruit and small snacks was sitting atop the bedside table. It had a card in it with my name and a nice note. I asked, "How did you get it ready so quickly?"

He said, "We were already hoping you'd stay the night."



I gave him a hug.

I woke up to the sound of music. They were singing and playing guitar outside my door. I couldn't believe it. I thought I was still dreaming, but the

sun was out so I knew it was actually morning. I got dressed and went downstairs where I saw him and his friends and family gathered together in a circle. Someone started singing and the musicians and everyone else joined in together.

I was amazed. After several songs, one person after another shared their thankfulness and appreciation for their life and friends and the purpose they lived for. I wondered when the preacher was getting ready to stand up, but he never did. We all prayed together and then set up for breakfast.

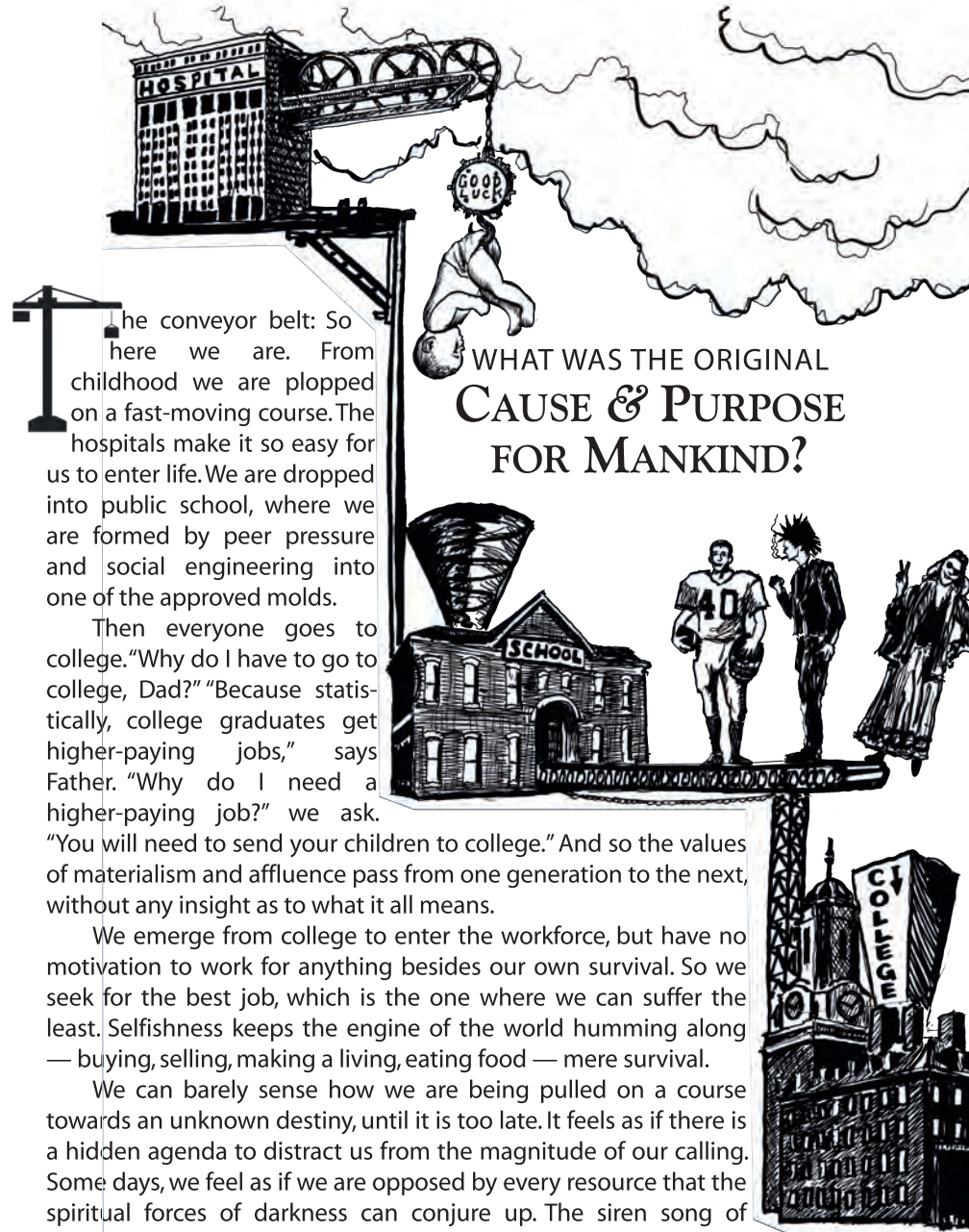
The kind man invited me to come to the deli and work with him. I said, "Yes! It's the least I could do!"

He showed me how to slice the meats and veggies and how to wash the dishes. It was simple work, but I was happy to do it. I worked all day long and my feet hurt, but I didn't really want to stop. He said, "Isn't it amazing how love sustains us?"

At the end of the day, he invited me home again. He said, in fact, I could stay as long as I wanted. I never left...

Have you met him before? His name is Yahshua, and he's found in a people who love God with all their heart. The kind man was actually a bunch of people I encountered, but they all had the same heart and spirit.

We all love one another and care for one another. We live together and share everything in common just as the first disciples did. We are the Commonwealth of Israel and we have wonderful story to tell. 🌿



WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL CAUSE & PURPOSE FOR MANKIND?

The conveyor belt: So here we are. From childhood we are plopped on a fast-moving course. The hospitals make it so easy for us to enter life. We are dropped into public school, where we are formed by peer pressure and social engineering into one of the approved molds.

Then everyone goes to college. "Why do I have to go to college, Dad?" "Because statistically, college graduates get higher-paying jobs," says Father. "Why do I need a higher-paying job?" we ask.

"You will need to send your children to college." And so the values of materialism and affluence pass from one generation to the next, without any insight as to what it all means.

We emerge from college to enter the workforce, but have no motivation to work for anything besides our own survival. So we seek for the best job, which is the one where we can suffer the least. Selfishness keeps the engine of the world humming along — buying, selling, making a living, eating food — mere survival.

We can barely sense how we are being pulled on a course towards an unknown destiny, until it is too late. It feels as if there is a hidden agenda to distract us from the magnitude of our calling. Some days, we feel as if we are opposed by every resource that the spiritual forces of darkness can conjure up. The siren song of comfort and ease, pleasure and security are devices to keep us in line on the conveyor belt of life.

Before we realize it, our life is half over. Our energy has waned. The machine we have helped to build now grinds up and spits us out, leaving us alone and wounded. The gravity of our failures and our baggage pulls us down, and we can't hold our heads up high enough to consider our eternal purpose. We take our turn at the door of the funeral home, watching our

in the spiritual realm. His thoughts were lifted up in pride against His Creator. He became an adversary to the God who is love. Ultimately, he desired rulership of the universe, as he saw fit.

Man was created to put an end to this enemy. One created being would destroy the other.

This Adversary works primarily through deception and trickery. He keeps man in ignorance of his created purpose and his great worth. In the futility of this state, man falls further and further away from his created purpose, and is reduced to selfishness and pride.

Man is a paradox. Created in the image of God, he grows to look more like the Adversary. He sometimes has virtuous thoughts, but he cannot keep his promises when the testing comes. He is higher than all of the animals, but he lowers himself to behave like an animal.

Man is in a battle with this spiritual enemy, and the effects are seen in the material realm. Man is under the sway of the Evil One. Man not only fails to care for the earth and its inhabitants, but he has become a tool of the Evil One to destroy his own habitat.

The fallen angel knows how to lead us further and further away from our noble purpose through our selfishness. Ever since the Fall there has been a strong inclination in mankind towards selfishness. It ruins our relationships, misguides our decisions, and corrupts our actions in every scope of life.

And still, man retains the innate knowledge that he was created for a great purpose. He has a conscience, so he knows the right thing to do, but he does not do it. He knows there is a purpose, but he cannot find it.

WHAT IS MAN?

What is man that you take thought of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than Elohim, you crown him with glory and majesty. You make him to rule over the works of your hands. You have put all things under his feet. (Psalm 8:4-6)

The writer of this psalm asks a question in amazement, sensing that God appreciates man more than he thought he deserved. "Why do you think so highly of him?" God doesn't think about anything else except man. Man is His highest thought. He is watching everything man does. He is listening to every word that man speaks.

The psychologist Carl Jung said, "Man is an enigma to himself," noticing the puzzling, contradic-

friends pass
by, until our day
comes, and we taste
the regret of all the ways

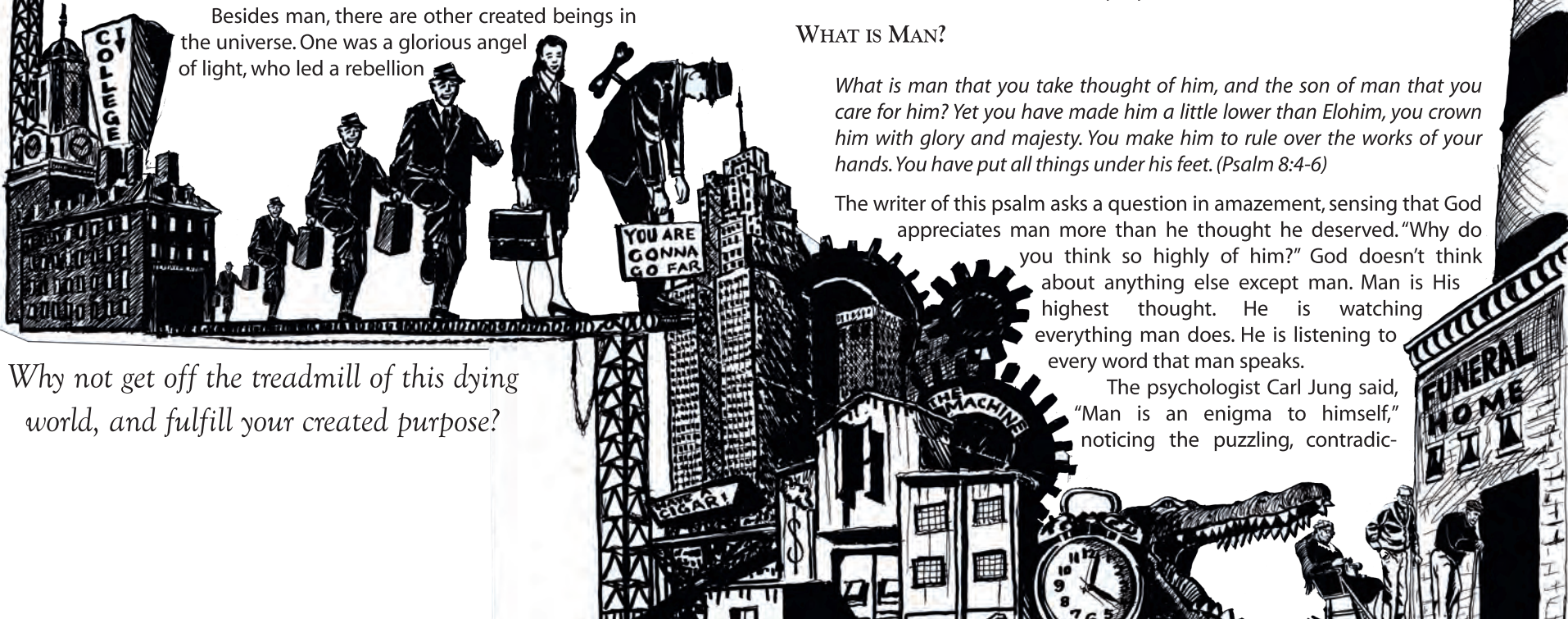
we wished we had loved more than we did, and all the things we wished we had never done, if we could only have another chance.

Man hardly realizes what he is missing. The highest expression of man's fallenness is that our Creator's highest creation is held in ignorance of his created purpose. We were created to defeat the Evil One, and to rule over all of creation. We are so easily deceived into giving away our dignity for worthless things. We give up the image of God for the sake of advancing ourselves.

Self-concern has been the downfall of humanity for thousands of years. It is the emotion by which we are tricked. We are deluded into thinking we are only pleasing ourselves, but in reality we are unwittingly advancing the unseen realm of darkness. Self is the means by which the Evil One gains an inroad into the human soul.

THE ADVERSARY

Besides man, there are other created beings in the universe. One was a glorious angel of light, who led a rebellion



Why not get off the treadmill of this dying world, and fulfill your created purpose?

tory character of man. He observed the enigma without understanding the deep spiritual battle within every person.

Man has an innate sense that he was created to do something remarkable. He longs to find the greater purpose beyond mere selfish survival. When he has a noble thought, he spends his energy on others, guided by virtues and values. He is capable of great good.

Out of all the creatures the God of heaven created, there were none as marvelous and majestic as man. It gave Him rest to look upon His highest creation. Man is male and female, ruling together in harmony.

God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

From the beginning, God appointed man to rule over the whole earth. Man was to bring care and order wherever he went. His material form was perfectly made to be a dwelling place for the immaterial spirit of his Creator. What a great and high calling!

REDEMPTION

The Creator knew that we needed help to escape our fallen condition. In His love, He provided His own Son to pay the penalties we deserved. The forgiveness He obtained for us makes it possible for us to have a new start. Those who respond to His love will give their whole lives to see His eternal purpose come about.

The purpose of redemption is not higher than the purpose of creation. Redemption makes it possible for us to fulfill the original cause and purpose for humanity, which is to rule over all creation. But man must first rule over his own soul, keeping it from defilement. Then he must rule over the fallen angel in the spiritual realm, who constantly entices and deceives.

Finally, after man has learned to be what he was meant to be, he will be set free to fill all creation with love.

In the coming age man will be the very dwelling place of God. He will house the spiritual essence of God in the spiritual realm, throughout the universe. God needs man to bring His purpose about, but man must be willing, for God will not violate man's will. Are you willing? ✨



LIKE A BEEHIVE

*The word for **community** in Hebrew is **edah**, which also means **beehive**. This word conveys the way a hive of bees live and work together with a common identity. Bees have no concern for themselves, but only for the hive. **So it is with the communities of God.***

Have you ever watched a beehive? It is fascinating to see thousands of little bees working together to produce honey. As you go near the hive, you can hear an exciting buzz as they go about the many tasks necessary to keep the hive alive. The workers are responsible to collect nectar and guard the hive. The young bees keep the hive in good condition, feed the larvae, and support in other household chores. There is never a dull moment in the busy life of a bee.

This is much like the life of our communities. No matter what we do, we love to do it together. We gather together every morning and evening to thank our Father for His salvation, and to hear Him speak to us through one another. These gatherings keep fresh our genuine love and care for each other and renew our vision. As we work, we take advantage of the situations we face, guarding ourselves from the selfishness and pride that could separate us and cause our love to grow cold.

Our children are a vital part of our life. We not only educate them, but we work with them to accomplish the simple tasks necessary to maintain our "hive." Our life is vibrant and full of purpose, and the warmth that comes from the sweet fellowship of friends speaking their hearts to one another. We celebrate the Sabbath every week and keep the festivals given to Israel of old.

But there are a few things that differ in our life from that of a beehive. One is that we are not driven by instinct or controlled by something separate from our own will. We are all here because we chose to leave behind our own independent lives in order to increase the life of this hive. Our life is not closed in like a beehive, nor do we have stingers to harm uninvited guests. We welcome anyone to experience our life with us.

Please come and see what it is like among a people who express the warmth and love of their Creator.



THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

In the days of John the Baptist and the Son of God, the preserved language of the devout Jews was Hebrew. So, when the angel Gabriel brought the good news to the Hebrew virgin, Miriam (or Mary in English), that she would give birth to the Savior of the world, and told her what His name would be, what language do you suppose he spoke? Hebrew, of course! And certainly Miriam and Yoceph (or Joseph in English) named the child just as the angel had commanded them — *Yahshua*.

In Matthew 1:21, your Bible probably reads, "...and you shall call His name *Jesus*, for He will save His people from their sins." But the name *Jesus* is a modern English adaptation of the Greek name, *Iesous*, which is itself a corruption of the original Hebrew name *Yahshua*. The name *Jesus* or *Iesous* has no meaning of its own, but the Hebrew name *Yahshua* literally means *YHWH's Salvation*,¹ which makes sense out of what the angel said in Matthew 1:21, "...you shall call His name *Yahshua* [*Yahweh's Salvation*], for He shall save His people from their sins."

¹ *Yah* is the personal name of God, and *shua* is from a Hebrew root word that means "to save." God identified Himself to Moses as *YAH* (meaning "I AM") in Exodus 3:14, as in Psalm 68:4 ("whose name is *Yah*"), and as most familiar in the word Halleluyah ("Praise *Yah*"). And in John 5:43 and 17:11, *Yahshua* says that He came in His Father's name, "the name which You have given Me" (NASB), so it is

יהושע

If you look in a pre-1769 King James Bible, you will find the name *Jesus* in these two passages:

Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David... (Acts 7:45, 1611 KJV)

For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. (Hebrews 4:8, 1611 KJV)

However, if you look in any modern translation of the Bible, including the New King James, you will find that in place of the name *Jesus* they use the name *Joshua*, for in the context it is clear that it is speaking there of Moses' successor and not the Son of God. But in the Greek manuscript the name in both of these verses is *Iesous*.

You see, *Joshua* is the popular English transliteration of the Hebrew name of Moses' successor, which meant, "He will save." This name looks forward to the name of the Son of God, for *Joshua* was the prophetic forerunner of the Messiah, bringing Israel into the Promised Land and

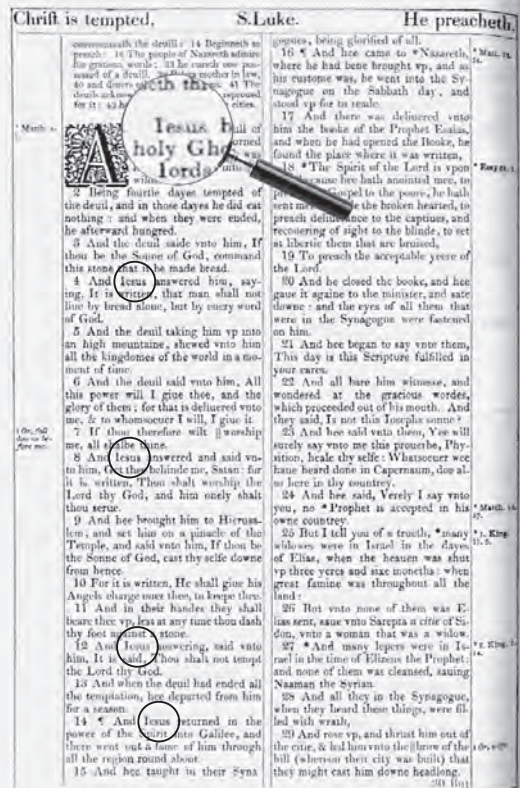
leading them to victory over their enemies. But since the translators obviously know this fact, why do they only translate *Iesous* as *Joshua* in these two verses, and as *Jesus* everywhere else?

The NIV New Testament even has a footnote supporting this fact under Matthew 1:21: "*Jesus* is the Greek form of *Joshua*."

But the fact is, the name of God's Son was not even written or pronounced as "*Jesus*" in English until the 1600s, simply because there was no "J" sound or letter in English before then.² The modern letter "J" evolved from the letter "I" which began to be written with a "tail" when it appeared as the first letter in a word. So in old English the name now written as *Jesus* was actually written and pronounced much like the original Greek *Iesous*.

Eventually the hard "J" sound crept into the English language to accompany the different way of writing the initial "I" in the name.

You may also find it interesting that in Acts 26:14-15, it says that the apostle Paul heard the name of the



A page from the 1611 Authorized Version (King James Bible). Note the lack of a "J" in the Savior's name.

Son of God pronounced "in the Hebrew tongue" by the Son of God Himself, so he certainly didn't hear the Greek name *Iesous* or the English name *Jesus*, but rather the Hebrew name, the name above all names, *Yahshua*.³ ✱

not surprising that the Father's name would be incorporated into the Son's name, *Yahshua*.² *Compact Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary* (Oxford University Press, 1971), pp. 1496, 1507 ³ Philippians 2:9; Acts 4:12

Which Way is the Way?

Did you know that the early believers of the first century were often called *The Way*?¹ Did you ever wonder why? What is the Way? Yahshua said He was *the Way, the Truth and the Life*, so if we walk as He and His disciples walked, and live as they lived, how would that look? So please consider, what is the Way? A seldom-discussed verse in Christian churches is Genesis 18:19.

For I have known him [Abraham], that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the Way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him. (Genesis 18:19)

The early believers considered Abraham to be the father of their faith,² and Yahshua made it very clear to the Jewish religious leaders of His day that if they wanted to call Abraham their father then they would have to do the deeds of Abraham³ — that is, *command their children and their household after them to keep the Way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice*. He said this to them because of their callous disregard of their poor brothers, which He vividly exposed in the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus.⁴

God has always had it on His heart that there would be no rich or poor among His people.⁵ To truly accomplish this requires a certain environment — *community*. How can you “encourage one another daily”⁶ unless you are together? You have to live together, eat together, work together, and worship together in order to have the same care one for another.⁷ This is the environment that love creates, for love brings people together.

All who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all as any had need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Act 2:44-47)

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common... There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. (Act 4:32-35)

The gospel proclaimed by Yahshua and His apostles (who were commanded to teach others all they had been taught by Him⁸), caused a radical response in the hearts of those who heard it, which you can read about in the Book of Acts. What they did with their lives after being “cut to the heart” by the words they heard created a place for others to come into as well. As “the Lord added daily to those who were being saved” many more communities were formed.

THE ORIGINAL PATTERN

Did you know that most of the letters of the New Testament were written to churches (communities) where the disciples lived together in the same way as the community in Jerusalem?⁹ This vibrant and social way of life was to be the pattern for how the church was to be established in every place. And it surely would be if God’s love were truly poured out in the hearts of those who believed. It is only in this environment, where *all give all*, that the call to “do justice and righteousness” can be fulfilled.

For the love of Messiah controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh [i.e., according to one’s natural inclinations]. (2 Corinthians 5:14-16)

No longer living for yourself means that you don’t just decide to “do your own thing,” because you know your friends need you. You are an essential part in building up the Body of Messiah. If the quarterback just decided to leave the field during the game, his team would lose. Paul said, “Your life is hidden in Messiah”¹⁰ — *your life is not your own*. That means

¹ Acts 9:2; 18:25; 19:9,23; 24:14,22 ² Romans 4:11-12,16; Galatians 3:29 ³ John 8:39 ⁴ Luke 16:19-31 ⁵ Deuteronomy 15:4-11; James 2:15; 1 John 3:17

⁶ Hebrews 3:13 ⁷ 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 ⁸ Matthew 28:19 ⁹ 1 Thessalonians 2:14; Romans 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 1:2 ¹⁰ Colossians 3:3



you are vitally connected to your fellow believers and you submit to one another so as to receive direction for your life.¹¹

Living for others may mean that your “works of service” include getting up early to help cook breakfast for your friends, or staying up late to paint the hallway, or to clean the kitchen so the place where you all live stays nice and clean. Or even though you’re very tired, your sleep-denying concern for others compels you to talk with a needy brother late into the night.

So the Good News was meant to establish an actual place where disciples can truly keep their Master’s commands to love one another as He loved them.¹² This is the way the Way was when it was called *The Way* in the first century.¹³

Sadly, compromise set in, selfishness reared its ugly head, and the life of togetherness dwindled away. Eventually, instead of being the church, people started going to church. As you can see, today’s churches bear no resemblance to that early way of life.

Thankfully, God is restoring this way of life on the earth! The original gospel has been restored, and it is producing the same love, resulting in the same life, which you can see for yourself in many places all over the earth. They are listed on the address pages in the back of this paper. We have been living this way for almost 50 years. There are actual places where you can learn (for *disciple* means *learner*) how to no longer live for yourself. Yahshua himself said that the greatest in the Kingdom would be the servant of all. If you have a heart to live for Him (which translates into a heart to live for others who have His Spirit), then come to one of these places. Our hearts and our homes are always open. You can come for a day or to stay — forever! We hope to see you soon! ✨

¹¹ Ephesians 5:21 ¹² John 13:34-35 ¹³ Acts 9:2; 18:25; 19:9,23; 24:14,22

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THERE IS A PEOPLE who woke up this morning with one thing on their minds: to love their Creator with all their heart, soul, and strength, and to love one another just as He loved them. Being ordinary human beings, we are far from perfect in our love, yet, in hope, we persevere. Our goal? That the Kingdom of God would come on earth as it is in heaven, so that love and justice can rule on the earth. Sound impossible? It would be, were it not that Yahshua, the Messiah, came to redeem mankind, to set us free from the curse of sin, and to enable us to love. Because we have come to see His worth and our own desperate need, we have surrendered everything in order to follow Him. Our hearts and our homes are open night and day to any who are interested in our life or are weary of their sin and want to know the purpose for which they were created. ✠