

# YAIY NEWS



## Are You a Saint?

The saints of Yahweh will one day be gathered together and be granted everlasting life. But, who are the saints? That is, what constitutes one worthy of sainthood? Is there a standard one must meet, a physical action one must perform? Or does one merely make a profession of faith?

To answer these questions, in our quest to better understand who the saints of Yahweh are, we will examine the Hebrew and Greek words which have been translated as “saint.” In the Hebrew text there are two such words, i.e. *chasid*, **Strong’s** #2623, and *qadosh*, **Strong’s** #6918; their Greek equivalents are *osios*, **Strong’s** #3741, *agios*, **Strong’s** #40, respectively.



*The Mighty El, Yahweh, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun to the going down of it. Out of Zion, the perfections of beauty, Elohim has shined forth. Our Elohim comes, and does not keep silence: a fire devours before Him, and it is very tempestuous all around Him. He calls to the heavens*

*above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people: Gather My saints (chasid) together to Me, those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare His righteousness; for Elohim is Judge Himself, Psalms 50:1-6.*

In the above portion of Scripture, the Hebrew word translated as “saint” is *chasid*, **Strong’s** #2623. The actual meaning of *chasid*, according to **The Analytical Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon**, by Davidson, is: KIND, BENEVOLENT, GRACIOUS, MERCIFUL; with PIOUS, RIGHTEOUS and HOLY being secondary meanings.

From the word *chasid*, we learn that the attributes of sainthood are kindness, benevolence, graciousness, and mercy. This is seen where *chasid* has been translated as such,

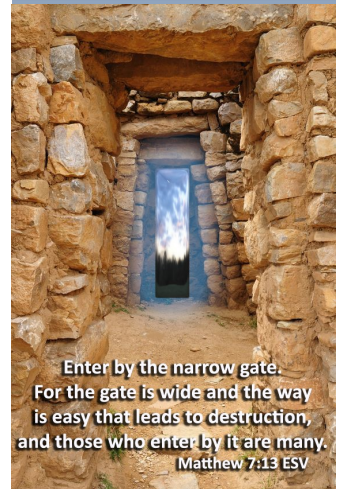
*Therefore has Yahweh recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in His eyesight, with the merciful (chasid) You will show Yourself merciful. With the pure you will show Yourself pure; and with the perverse You will show yourself forward, Psalm 18:24-26.*

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:13 (ESV)

Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

James 4:17 (NASB)



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## Are You a Saint?...cont.

Using the *Septuagint (LXX)* as a stepping stone to the *Greek New Testament*, we find that the Hebrew word *chasid* in the above verse was translated into Greek as *osios*, *Strong's* #3741. *The New Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon* defines this word as: UNDEFILED BY SIN, FREE FROM WICKNESS, RELIGIOUSLY OBSERVING EVERY MORAL OBLIGATION, PURE, HOLY, PIOUS. And *The Analytical lexicon to the Greek New Testament* by Mounce says *osios* means: SANTIONED BY THE SUPREME LAW OF [YAHWEH] AND NATURE; PIOUS, DEVOUT.

In the *Greek New Testament*, *osios* appears a total of eight times, translated as: MERCIES in Acts 13:34; HOLY in 1 Timothy 2:8, Hebrews 7:26, and Revelation 15:4; and HOLY ONE in Acts 2:27, 13:35, and Revelation 16:5.

Regressing for a moment to Psalms 50:5, therein we read that the saints of Yahweh have made a covenant by sacrifice. Speaking of Yahshua, Hebrews 7:26-27 says, *For such a high priest became us, holy (osios), guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needs not daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the people: for this He did once and for all, when He offered up Himself.*

Though Yahshua made the ultimate sacrifice “once and for all” (making atonement for the sins of mankind), it is still essential that we, as saints of Yahweh, present our bodies as living sacrifices unto Yahweh (Rom. 12:1).

The other Hebrew word translated as “saint” is *qadosh*, *Strong's* #6918. Though this word is most often translated as “holy”, the actual meaning is: TO SET APART, or BE SACRED. In the *LXX* it is frequently translated as *agios*, *Strong's* #40, a word whose meaning is: TO SEPARATE FROM COMMON CONDITION AND USE; DEDICATED. An example wherein both of these words is used is Psalms 16:3 which reads, *As for the saints (qadosh/agios) that are in the earth, they are the excellent in whom is all My delight.*

Here the “saints” spoken about are the set-apart ones, those who have come out of spiritual Babylon to follow Yahweh. They have heard the cry to *Come forth, My people, out of her, that you have no fellowship with her sins*, Revelation 18:4.

This is echoed in 1 Peter 1:13-16 which reads, *Therefore girding up the loins of your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Yahshua the Messiah; as children of obedience, not fashioning yourselves according to your former lusts in your ignorance: but like as He Who called you is holy (agios), you yourselves also be holy (agios) in all manner of living: because it is written, You shall be holy (agios): for I am holy (agios).*

Why? Because, *You are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy (agios) nation, a people for Yahweh's own possession that you may show forth the excellencies of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light*, 1 Peter 2:9.

It is in Exodus 19:5-6 that we find the condition for becoming a kingdom of priests, a holy nation:

*Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession from among all peoples: for all the earth is Mine: and you shall be for Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy (qadosh/agios) nation.*

The stipulation is again repeated in Revelation 14:12 where we read, *Here is the patience of the saints (agios); they that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua.*

It will be the obedient, the merciful, the set-apart ones who will rejoice with Yahweh at the great wedding feast:

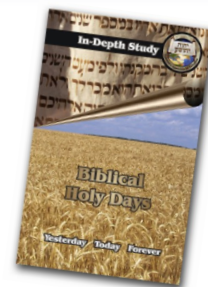
*Let us rejoice and be very glad, and let us give glory to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready. And it was given to her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints (agios)*, Revelation 19:78.

Upon Yahshua's return, will you be counted among the saints of Yahweh, those who walk in the light of His Word?



## USA Feast of Tabernacles

With this issue we include the Feast of Tabernacles registration form and other pertinent information for this year. We look forward to fellowshipping with others who are called out from the world to partake of this and other appointed times throughout the year. The spiritual lessons and insight through fellowship in the Spirit and Truth of Yahweh's Word prepares us for the coming Kingdom and beyond. Investments made now, have eternal rewards beyond anything this world can offer. If you're new to the Biblical Holy Days of Yahweh, please feel free to request or read online *Biblical Holy Days (Yesterday, Today, Forever)*.



## New Fiber Optics

Praise Yahweh! YAIY is switching over to a fiber optic network on July 9th, which is now available to us in this area. We were limited in broadband through satellite before, but this new service will provide Internet speeds which are 10 times faster. It should also be more reliable long term as a basic utility through our local electric company.

This new technology will allow us to also bring in VOIP and allow us to drop our current landline telephone service. This will be a benefit for services we need to continue the work and provide us a break in monthly financial costs. We will see at least a 30% drop for Internet and 40% drop in costs for telephone service which we feel is quite substantial.

We thank everyone for their prayers, patience, and continued support for the work.



## New International Contacts

We are pleased to have recently added some additional international contacts to our website. This is a service to mainly help those in other countries seeking local Feast sites and weekly Sabbath fellowships.

While all those listed on our website are not directly affiliated with us, we recommend them due to the sound doctrines they are teaching and fruits of the Spirit being evident in their lives. We acknowledge the elders listed by name and their authority to baptize individuals, in addition to their leading the congregations they are currently overseeing. We have some brothers also listed on our International Contacts page who have shown themselves worthy to be a contact for others wanting fellowship. Our new listed contacts are two elders in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Also a brother in Melbourne, Australia. See contact numbers below:

### Port Elizabeth, South Africa

-Elder Neil Alberts

-Contact Number: 083 450 4399

### Port Elizabeth, South Africa

-Elder Johann Barnard

-Contact Number: 084 060 7749

### Melbourne, Australia

-Brother Mathew John

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## From the Heart

*Yahweh, Your mercy is real,  
Regardless of the way I feel.*

*Thank you for your mercy and grace,  
When I've fallen from Your appointed place.  
O Yahweh, Justifier of those boldly come,  
From my heart, I say, "Thy will be done."*

*Let Thy Truth penetrate within,  
So wisdom can become my best friend.  
In need, send Your restoration power,  
Else I should wither like a flower.*

*My flesh is weak, help me seek Your face,  
So that I may recover Your appointed place.*

*Master, turn not away Your voice,  
Enable me to make the right and perfect choice  
That from my heart, I may shout "REJOICE."*

Brother Ryan C. Irving, Sr.



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Except one has not first been given over to a reprobate mind and sent a strong delusion from which there is no remedy, how hardly will he discover This Truth (Rom. 1:28; 2 Thess. 2:11-12). Proximity to The Shepherd while pasturing in the wilderness of this world, is a preventative from being becoming prey to the wolf (Satan) (2 Pet. 2:19).

Indeed, when once one has found the secret place under the shadow of The Shepherd (Yahshua) Who makes him to lie down in green pastures and leads him beside still waters, why then would any afterward, continue to position himself away from The Shepherd just to become prey to the devourer (Psa. 91:1, 23:2, 4; 1 Pet. 5:8)?

### Prayer List

Dolores Parker, Terrell Frasure, David & Barbara Creel, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Karen van Schalkwyk, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Diana Murphy, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Georgiana Greene and Family, Linda Franchino, Al J. Pagano, Lois Firth, Hap Tew, Richard Rodriguez and Family, Kathy English, Jeff Gilman, Arthur Journey, Mark Strahan, Michael Davis, Shirley Morin, Mae Flowers, Alice Goodchild, Merle Tyler, Heidi Fleischmann, Chauncey Hargrove, Dirkie & Francious Swarts, Olivier B. Muzima, Esteban Garcia and Family, Winifred Marie, Charles Scott Jr. and Sr., David & Nancy Wilson Family/Friends, Audrey Wilkes, Adeline Black, Audrey Steadman, Adi Stahlin, Mary Giles, Kareem Greene Family/Friends, Ja'Quon & Schosche MucSarney, Rueben & Desire McIntyre, Henry Sunderman and Family, Tisha Palmory, Victor Kiiru, Kenya Evalo Washington, Roger Norman, John Wade, Errol Hunt, Chris and Marisca Barnard, Michael Johnson, Bob Covey, George and Kenya Washington, Terryn Willard, Melodie Illgen, Melanie Marks, Shaun Dampier, Jerry Castle, Leonard & Bertha Sefu, Marilyn Montague, Arturo Ramos, Jephthah Maika, Yvonne (in hospital, no last name given), Rebecca Bautista and Family, Rose Waddy, Jordan Vira and Family, Brent Houdeshell, Ryan C. Irving, Sr. Ann McKenzie, Victor Freire, Leny Richa. Also include in your prayers, individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families, overseas brethren, and the peace of Jerusalem.



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*And give Him no rest, till He establish,  
and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth, Isaiah 62:7.*

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