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**Topic is:** In Yahshua, With Joy

**Happy Sabbath! Please see our room information at <http://93.88.247.151/chat.html>**

 Zahakiel : *Let's get started. Pastor, please offer an opening prayer.*

 Pastor\_Chick\_CSDA\_7 : **Dear Father in Heaven. As we come before You to meditate on heavenly realities we trust You for a manifold blessing from Your Spirit. Thank You for the great privilege of being gathered with Your people at Your Throne. in YAHSHUA's holy name, AMEN.**

 Barbli : Amen

 Zahakiel : **Amen.**

 Lucan : Amen

 Guest\_Peter\_Jr\_1718 : Amen.

 Guest\_Naraiel : Amen

 Guest\_Peter : Amen

 **Guest\_Adriel : Amen**

 Guest\_Elyna\_Family : Amen.

 Guest\_Ruthline1618 : Amen.

 Guest\_daphna : Amen

 Guest\_gadriel : Amen, Amen

 Zahakiel : *Happy Sabbath to everyone. This is the first study that we have had since the recently concluded Feast of Tabernacles. While we did not have many occasions to meet, even online, I have to testify that I was greatly blessed by the meetings we did have, particularly the Sabbath morning gathering in which we discussed doctrinal questions that we had – my two questions primarily.*

*It has been the case lately that I have sort of avoided talking about doctrinal topics on too deep a level, preferring instead to focus on issues directly related to practical sanctification. And while that is essential, and obviously so, our discussions about our beliefs, examining them and re-examining them, even questioning them prayerfully, is important as well. It strengthens our foundations. It provides the opportunity for new insights. It is beneficial to fellowship to talk about matters that are familiar, and so I would like for us to have discussions like that from time to time.*

*One of the side-issues that was brought up during a Feast meeting, just casually mentioned in fact, really had a powerful impact on me, and I would like to give a short study on it tonight, just pointing out why I believe it has stuck with me for the past week, and how it can really alter the way we read the Word of Yahweh.*

*We all know the Bible verse that reads, “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but Yah is faithful, who will not suffer you to be*

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*tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” (1Cor 10:13)*

*I have always read that passage, probably the way most have, that we may be put into situations that are very unpleasant, but Yah would give us enough grace to deal with the circumstances – and JUST enough that we can “bear” it.*

 Guest\_gadriel : Amen

 Zahakiel : *In other words, he provides us with only enough grace and providential blessings that we scarcely escape, and may well be injured in the process. We rejoice that we survived at all. I think that this principle is the correct one... but only for those who cannot fully claim Yah’s protection. Consider the very first “punishment” described in the Bible after the fall of man had already occurred. We read, “And Cain said unto Yahweh, ‘My punishment [for killing Abel] is greater than I can bear.’” (Gen 4:13) Yahweh’s response was not, “You deserve it, and more,” but instead, “Yahweh said unto him, ‘Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.’ And Yahweh set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.” (Gen 4:15) Cain was not, by any means, inside of Yah’s grace, and yet even the world’s first murderer was given consideration in his punishment.*

*I imagine that the Father would be even more likely to extend aid to a morally unremarkable person, and certainly toward those who claim to be among His people. I believe that those who call on Yah will receive a reply in many cases, even if they are not born again, but the Saints who do so actually thrive, becoming those of whom it is written, “...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.” (Rom 8:37)*

*During our conversation last Sabbath morning, someone (I think it was Pastor “Chick”) said that Yah never gives us more than we can bear... with joy. Those two words at the end made a big difference for me, and put several ideas into a new perspective.*

*We know, for example, that one need not be a Christian in order to reap the benefits of the teachings of Christianity. One who follows the Bible’s laws of diet and health, for example, will be blessed in (at least) body and mind, and with these clearer facilities may be more open to learning of the spirit. Even a worldling who dedicates a day to resting, even just natural rest without a worship component, will see benefits.*

*Now, a child of the world who keeps the 10 Commandments, even if he were to keep them as closely as possible, would not inherit everlasting life unless he found the Faith of Yahshua.*

*Christianity is not about works, but about faith that inspires righteous acts. Nevertheless, Yah’s instructions are not arbitrary – they were given for a reason, and that reason often holds true regardless of religious context.*

*Whether it is a doctor or a prophet who says, “Smoking is bad for your health,” the statement is equally true.*

*It may hardly seem “fair” from a neutral standpoint, but those who accept Yahshua as their Savior may expect a joyful life here on earth, and a joyful life in eternity. Those who do not will not know the peace that may be experienced in this life, nor will they see the life to come. And the truth is, it is not fair. Yahweh did not create human beings to be unhappy. He created them to be joyful, and to know His love. Satan has stolen that joy, and that peace, from humanity, and that is the “unfair” part. As I have said in earlier studies, a CSDA is simply a human being as Yah intended one to be, and anything else is the result of damage and loss. Anything else is the result of Satan’s triumph over individual lives to one degree or another.*

*This is why our covenant with Yahweh is so important, because it contains the instruction to share with those who are not in a state of rest – even in this world – that what Yah has to offer is truly “Good News.” There are no drawbacks, there is no trade-off. We do not surrender joy here to gain joy in Heaven. We do have to sacrifice here, yes. Yahshua says we must take up our cross, and those who do not share our Spirit will conspire and work against us; nevertheless, the sacrifice does not compare to the blessing, the loss does not compare to the benefit that our Father provides.*

*The Scripture says, “...the grace of Yah that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.” (Titus 2:11)*

*The word “grace” may mean slightly different things in different contexts. Ultimately, what it does is to give us the opportunity to choose righteousness, even though we have already fallen under the corporate guilt of Adam’s sin. But that it always IS, regardless of how it works in our lives, is “undeserved.” If a non-convert calls upon Yah, with sincerity and trust, he will not ultimately be saved unless he passes through repentance for sin, the faith of Yahshua, and then baptism into His earthly Body...but he may still see the love of Yah toward him, that undeserved love, in response to his prayer.*

*We have read books, we hear testimonies, from those who have called on Yah’s name – and they are not CSDAs. They are not Adventists, but they are just as loved as any who call themselves by those names. In one of our Feast meetings, for example, Sis. Jody read a testimony from an author who isn’t a member of our Church. Even though I pointed out what I consider to be a misunderstanding that the author holds about the concept of “forgiveness,” the testimony itself is a legitimate example of Yah’s care for those who put their trust in Him. It also led to a very good discussion about the nature and effect of prayer.*

*We are told, as I shared with the Church earlier today, “For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.” (Rom 10:11)*

*Now, the audience that Paul is addressing is a Christian congregation, and He is quoting from the Old Testament, written to the Nation of Israel. Despite this, the text itself does not say that ONLY these groups may expect Yah’s influence over them. It is “whosoever.”*

*Now I have said, and firmly believe, that only those who “know” Yah know what to properly ask for in their prayers without requesting something contrary to His will, and for this and other reasons, only those in Covenant with Him may expect His*

*consistent and positive answer to their petitions. We know that Yah manifests His love for those who are doing what they know to be right to the extent of the light they have, and so they may well read the verse from 1 Cor. 10, about not receiving more trials than they can bear, as I did. But those who are born again, and filled with the Holy Spirit, we have a better Covenant than this. We can bear all... and we can bear all with joy, knowing of Yah's love for us directly, first-hand, and with no barrier between us.*

*The Roman Catholics have placed many things between themselves and the Father's presence. They have the angels, the saints, Mary, and Christ Himself, as an intermediary between themselves and the Father.*

*Most Protestant religious have gotten rid of many of these layers, yet they continue to see Christ as a Mediator – in the sense of a “barrier” – between themselves and Yah's wrath.*

*Perhaps some of US still have something of this mindset, because of the role that Yahshua has necessarily – but temporarily – played.*

*As Adventists, we know that there will come a time when we stand in the presence of the Father without Yahshua as our intermediary. Many Adventists see this as a terrifying time, as the “ultimate test.” They do not, completely, know the love of the Father. The time when we stand before the Father without Yahshua is the goal...it is the way things were, and have always been, intended to be. Yahshua did not stand between Adam in his innocence and the Father.*

*Now, He may have been the Voice that walked in the Garden, and the Means of communication, but He was no more a barrier to wrath than He has been to the angels that stand before the Throne. He is a Facilitator of contact, and now He is a teacher to show us how to stand before the Father in peace...but He is not a barrier.*

*It is the Father who loved us and sent the Son, remember... therefore how can the Son then turn around and say, without understanding the proper context here, “Do not destroy them?” The Son is merely asking the Father to do what the Father designs to do anyway – save to the utmost all who call upon His name.*

 **Guest\_Adriel** : Amen

 **Zahakiel** : *The idea that we may bear all things permitted to come to us “with joy” reminds me of an earlier teaching. One of the things I learned from the CSDA Church is that we may place the prefix “in Yahshua” before any instruction, and that “law,” that “commandment” becomes a promise. For example, if we say, “Thou shalt not steal,” and we place those two words before it, we get, “In Yahshua, thou shalt not steal.” We will not steal as a follower of Christ, because we have no need of anything that may be stolen, nor would we have the inclination to take what we need at the expense of another. The condition, sin, that leads to stealing is simply not present, therefore “we cannot sin, because we are born of Yahweh.”*

 **Pastor\_Chick\_CSDA\_7** : Amen.

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 Guest\_Peter\_Jr\_1718 : *Amen.*

 Zahakiel : *In Yahshua, we shall not kill, or commit adultery, or bow before false idols, or any other thing forbidden by the Law. It is natural, for those who are in Yahshua, to be in harmony with the will of the Creator. That is the power of the Gospel, and it transforms the religion of Christianity, the religion of Creation Seventh Day Adventism, into something very different than what much of the world understands to be religion.*

*And now, this week, we have a suffix to go with the prefix. We have something to add to the end that complements what goes before. Any commandment can be made into a promise by using the prefix, "In Yahshua."*

*Similarly, any promise can be made into a powerful, sanctifying blessing, not merely for survival, but for the growth of love and trust between Yah and ourselves, a deepening of understanding and unity. We may end every promise with, "...with joy," and see how this works. In Yahshua, thou shalt not steal, with joy. It is a joyful thing not to be a slave to that sin.*

 Guest\_Adriel :  *Amen!*

 Zahakiel : *In Yahshua, remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy, with joy. In Yahshua, and for His sake, we may suffer persecution, and loss, and even sorrows, with joy.*

*But, is this last one not a contradiction? How can we suffer sorrows with joy? It is because we understand sorrow, if it is present in a Christian, to be a reaction, merely, to the current circumstances. We may feel sorrow when we see someone rejecting the Gospel, or being harmed, or being wicked, knowing that they are damaging themselves or being damaged by another. This is not pleasant for the One who loves them, or for those who are one with the One who loves them. But this does not alter our character, our nature, which is one of joy.*

*Within our state of joy, we may experience the feelings of sorrow. That is normal, an indication that something is interfering with our ability to experience that joy. When we find it, whether it is an unknown sin, or an injustice we may protest, or a lack we may supply, then we can deal with it according to the "mind of Christ," and then our experience of joy is restored. It is not that the joy itself is restored; Yah does not take our joy away when we are feeling sorrow – but we are able to rest in and appreciate the joy that we have, when we work according to the dictates of our conscience, and our knowledge of our Father's will.*

*This is the converted experience, and with the prefix that unites us with Yahshua, and the suffix "with joy" that unites us with His blessings, there is nothing that can cause us to bear a testimony that is anything less than perfect, and invincible before the world.*

*Are there any comments or questions on tonight's study?*

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 **Guest\_Adriel** : c/q

 Zahakiel : *Go ahead.*

 **Guest\_Adriel** : This study was a blessing, I praise Yahweh for it. But I have a question about the statement you made about a worldling who "keeps" the commandments of Yah, not being saved. I was under the belief because of what Paul states in Romans 2 about those who have not the law (gentiles or worldlings) but do those things contained in the law are a law unto themselves showing the law written in their hearts or something similar, that they would be saved even if they didn't "know" Yahshua. End (Romans 2:13-15)

 Zahakiel : *I am not clear on the distinction you see between what Paul said and what I said. Paul writes that even if the Gentiles do not keep the law, but have a conversion experience of some sort (which would lead them to do the things IN the Law) without keeping the outward appearance, then Yah regards that favorably.*

*Similarly, I pointed out that the outward keeping of the Law's letter is not the critical part, but rather a conversion experience that (then) naturally leads to doing the things in the Law. This, Yah favorably regards.*

*Now, I wasn't making the same point Paul was... I was saying that even if the mere obedience to the letter of the Law has no direct impact on salvation (because it is of faith, and not of works) those commandments in the Law were given for practical reasons, and we can still benefit from the cause-and-effect principle when obeying them. Does that clarify?*

 **Guest\_Adriel** : A

 Zahakiel : *Go ahead.*

 **Guest\_Adriel** : Thanks for the clarification. I need to read through that part again. End

 Lucan : A

 Zahakiel : *Go ahead.*

 Lucan : *If it helps to consider it another way...Paul was talking about people who have the right motive/spirit, but the wrong works. David was talking about people who have the wrong motive/spirit, but the right works. The first one may be saved, the second one cannot. Does that clarify the difference? <End.>*

 **Guest\_Adriel** : A.

 Zahakiel : *Go ahead*

 **Guest\_Adriel** : I see the difference there....but it seems that those people Paul spoke about didn't find the faith of Yahshua did they? Or is that how they had the right motive? End

 Lucan : A

 Zahakiel : **Go ahead.**

 Lucan : *We don't really know. Paul didn't name specific cases, though I suppose if the Christians were encountering them enough to know what Paul was talking about, they probably heard about Yahshua very soon thereafter. The general principle he's using there is that if someone follows the light/righteousness they have available to them, Yahweh will honor that. And since righteousness is righteousness, it's going to look the same in some key ways, even if they don't have the specifics of the law / Yahshua yet. If they had the right spirit, they'd follow the law as soon as they received it. <End.>*

 **Guest\_Adriel : C.**

 Zahakiel : **Go ahead.**

 **Guest\_Adriel : Sorry erased what I wrote. Okay I understand that. I guess what threw me was: "Now, a child of the world who keeps the 10 Commandments, even if he were to keep them as closely as possible, would not inherit everlasting life unless he found the Faith of Yahshua." The "not inheriting eternal life"**

 Lucan : A

 **Guest\_Adriel : even though they were keeping the commandments to the best of their ability, without knowing Yahshua. End**

 Zahakiel : **Go ahead.**

 Lucan : *A child of the world closely keeping the 10 Commandments has \*heard\* of the 10 Commandments and their author. It's not that this person is accidentally keeping the law from a right spirit; they are following a set of practical rules for their personal, self-advancing benefits. To do that, they have to know the law and reject it's author. That person cannot inherit eternal life without a fundamental change. <End.>*

 Zahakiel : *In Paul's day few people had heard of the 10 commandments outside of the Jews and their students. Even fewer had heard of Christianity. Therefore, to keep the Law (in letter) was a rare thing. Today, everyone knows the 10 commandments. Lots of people identify with the "Christian" religion. Therefore, to simply do a bunch of "stuff" because you are supposed to as a Christian...that does nothing to sanctify the soul. However, because those instructions were given for a reason, you may still see some cause and effect benefits, even if you do not get the spiritual blessing of genuine obedience.*

 **Guest\_Adriel : c.**

 Zahakiel : **Go ahead.**

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 **Guest\_Adriel** : 💡 okay, thanks for helping me understand what you were saying. I get it now. 😊 End

 Zahakiel : *Ok* 😊

 Pastor\_Chick\_CSDA\_7 : C

 Zahakiel : *Go ahead.*

 Pastor\_Chick\_CSDA\_7 : **And always remember those who "keep the law to the best of THEIR ABILITY" will never keep it unto salvation. It is ONLY those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus that are saved (now does that bring in more confusion???)**. END.

 **Guest\_Adriel** : A

 Zahakiel : *Go ahead.*

> [Guest\\_horizon](#) has joined the conversation.

 **Guest\_Adriel** : I still believe there will be people in heaven who have not heard of Yahshua or the Sabbath etc. Probably not many from our day, and I do believe that we who have opportunity to know must be saved in the way the bible prescribes. End

 **Guest\_Adriel** : Hi Kyong 😊

 Guest\_horizon : hi Jody 😊

 Guest\_Peter : C

 Zahakiel : *Go ahead.*

 Guest\_horizon : 😊

> Guest\_horizon has left the conversation.

 Guest\_Peter : We are currently reading the book of Acts and it is interesting to see how they in Yahshua experience joy in being punished for the gospel they were presenting...this week's study I believe complement the book of Acts. This is a wonderful study and maybe we can look at the book of Acts and gain even more depth from this study. End.

 Zahakiel : *Are there any others with thoughts to share?*

 Lucan : C

 Zahakiel : *Go ahead.*

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 Lucan : *The part about sorrow and joy reminds me of working outside in the rain. There's a lot of it here, so I always bring a backpack with full rain gear. While I'd obviously rather not be standing out in the rain, with the rain coat on, I'm effectively immune to it. And there's some joy in that experience for me. From the outside, it looks like I'm standing in a bunch of rain and water. But I myself, my skin, my clothing - all are dry. I see that as similar, with the rain being sorrow, and the dryness being joy.* 😊 <End.>

 Pastor\_Chick\_CSDA\_7 : C

 Guest\_Adriel : Amen 😊

 Guest\_Peter : Amen'

 Zahakiel : **Go ahead.**

 Pastor\_Chick\_CSDA\_7 : **Well, I am surprised you need the rain gear 😊 ... It seems you have been sanctified a bit since moving to the rainy side of the country... and yes, that is a good illustration. 😊 END.**

 Zahakiel : ***If there is nothing further, I will ask Bro. Luke to close with a prayer.***

 Lucan : *Dear heavenly Father. We thank you for this time together, and the ensuing discussion of your character and Word. We ask that your Spirit continue with us as we depart within your rest, to prepare for the blessings and challenges of the coming week. In Yahshua's name we pray, amen.*

 Pastor\_Chick\_CSDA\_7 : **Amen.**

 Barbli : Amen

 Guest\_Peter : Amen

 Zahakiel : **Amen**

 Guest\_gadriel : Amen, Amen

 Guest\_daphna : Amen

 Guest\_Naraiel : Amen

 Guest\_Adriel : **Amen**

 Guest\_Ruthline1618 : **Amen.**

 Guest\_Elyna\_Family : Amen.

 Guest\_Peter\_Jr\_1718 : **Amen.**