

# לחיים

**L'Chaim** – to life – is a familiar phrase among Jewish people. The enjoyment of life, living life to the fullest, is what most people seek.

## **Life! But what's it all about?**

Some people feel a satisfying, worthwhile life includes:

- a good education
- close friends
- a good marriage and healthy children
- helping those in need
- involvement with Israel and the Jewish community
- financial security

These may be important, but we all know people who have or do these things and still aren't satisfied.

## Why?

Because there is something even more important than all these things. The Holy Scriptures\* tell us five vital facts we need to understand and apply.

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\*In addition to the Hebrew Tenach, Scriptures are quoted from the NASB (used by permission).

# 1 Relationship

**G-d is the source of a satisfying,  
worthwhile life**

***“You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever” (Psalm 16:11).***

**תוֹדִיעֵנִי אֵלֶּיךָ חַיִּים שְׂבַע שְׂמֵחוֹת אֶת־פָּנֶיךָ נְעִמּוֹת בְּיָמֶיךָ נֶצַח**

This kind of life is the result of a close relationship with G-d.

***“In Your presence...in Your right hand”*** speaks of a personal relationship which can be as intimate as the one between Abraham and G-d:

***“Abraham My friend” (Isaiah 41:8).***

**אַבְרָהָם אֱהָבִי**

Deep down, most people want a life and relationship like this.

Dr. Velvel Greene, a Jewish scientist said:

“The Jewish nature and soul needs to know G-d.  
This is its purpose on earth. Our souls are looking for G-d  
and we are trying to know G-d.”

**Then why do most people fail to experience  
this life and relationship with G-d?**

קרבות

# 2 Sin

## We have separated ourselves from G-d

G-d's character is the standard by which we are to live.

***“Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall be holy, for I the L-rd your G-d am holy’ (Leviticus 19:2).***

**קְדוּשָׁה תִּהְיוּ כִּי קָדוֹשׁ אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם**

Anytime we deviate from G-d's holiness, we violate  
His perfect standard, and this is called sin.

All of us have sinned.

***“Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins” (Ecclesiastes 7:20; cf. Psalm 53:2-4).***

**כִּי אָדָם אֵין צַדִּיק בָּאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה טוֹב וְלֹא יִחַטָּא**

Since G-d is holy and just, He will not establish a personal relationship with us until our sin is removed. He cannot allow sin in His presence.

***“Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You can not look on wickedness with favor” (Habakkuk 1:13).***

**טָהוֹר עֵינַיִם מִרְאוֹת רָע וְהַבִּיט אֶל-עֲמָל לֹא תוּכַל**

Because sin is a violation of G-d's standard and character, He must judge our sin and reject it. This is why sin causes spiritual death and results in separation from G-d.

***“But everyone will die for his own iniquity”***

*(Jeremiah 31:30; vs. 29 in some translations; cf. Ezekiel 18:20).*

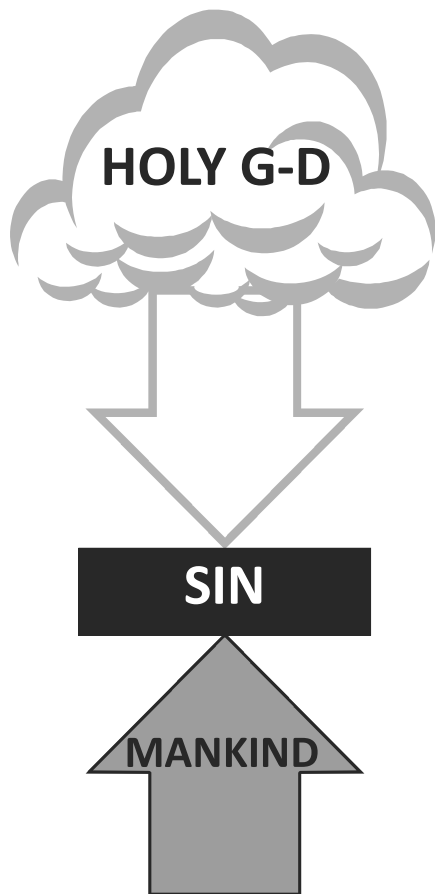
**כִּי אִם־אִישׁ בְּעֹנּוֹ יָמוּת**

**Can't we solve the problem by living rightly?**

***“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your G-d,  
and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear”***

*(Isaiah 59:2).*

**כִּי אִם־עֲוֹנֹתֵיכֶם הָיוּ מִבְּדִלִים בֵּינְכֶם לְבֵין אֱלֹהֵיכֶם  
וְחַטָּאוֹתֵיכֶם הִסְתִּירוּ פָנִים מִכֶּם מִשְׁמוֹעַ**



**We cannot remove the  
sin barrier by our own effort.**

***“For all of us have become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment”  
(Isaiah 64:6; vs. 5 in some translations).***

**וְנִהְיֵה כְּטָמֵא כָּלֵנוּ וּכְבָּגָד עֲדִים כָּל־צְדָקֹתֵינוּ וְנֶבֶל כְּעֹלָה כָּלֵנוּ  
וְעֹנֵנוּ כְּרוּחַ יִשְׁאָנוּ**

Human effort is not enough, we cannot solve  
the sin problem.



***“No man can by any means redeem his brother or give to G-d a ransom for him for the redemption of his soul is costly”***  
*(Psalm 49:7-8; vs. 8-9 in some translations).*

אִם לֹא-פֹדֶה יִפְדֶּה אִישׁ לְאִיָּתוֹ לְאֱלֹהִים כִּפְרוֹ. וַיִּקֶּר פְּדִיוֹן נַפְשָׁם וַחֲדָל לְעוֹלָם

**Then how can this problem of spiritual death  
(separation from G-d) be solved?**

G-d must take the initiative; He must provide the solution.

***But G-d will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me”*** *(Psalm 49:15; vs. 16 in some translations).*

אֲדַאֲלֶהֱיִם יִפְדֶּה נַפְשִׁי מִיַּד-שְׁאוֹל

# 3

## Atonement

### The separation can be removed

By believing G-d's Word and applying the blood of the atonement, this separation, the sin barrier, can be removed.

Abraham was an example of the importance of personal faith.

***“Then he believed in the L-rd; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness” (Genesis 15:6).***

וְהָאֱמֵן בְּיָהוָה וַיַּחְשְׁבֶהָ לוֹ צְדָקָה

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But Moses said one more thing is essential: the blood of atonement.

***“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement”***(Leviticus 17:11; cf. Leviticus 10:17; 4:35).

כִּי נַפֶּשׁ הַבָּשָׂר בַּדָּם הוּא וְאֲנִי נֹתַתִּיו לָכֶם עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לְכַפֵּר  
עַל־נַפְשֵׁיכֶם כִּי־הַדָּם הוּא בְּנַפֶּשׁ יִכָּפֵר

**Why would G-d want man to go through the  
awful procedure of killing an animal?**

When the offerer saw the sacrifice suffering and bleeding for the sins which he had committed, he was impressed with the awfulness of his sin and the penalty of death he deserved (see Ezekiel 18:4, 20).

## **The sacrifice shows the sinner G-d's:**

- HOLINESS because of His hatred of all evil.
- JUSTICE because He does not leave sin unpunished.
- MERCY because of His readiness to pardon the truly repentant by providing a substitute. Our good deeds are not enough!

The animal sacrifice provided the necessary blood of atonement and was an act of faith acceptable to G-d.

**Today we have no priesthood or temple.  
There can be no sacrifices. How can we have the  
blood of atonement today?**

# 4

## Lamb of G-d

## G-d has provided the blood of atonement

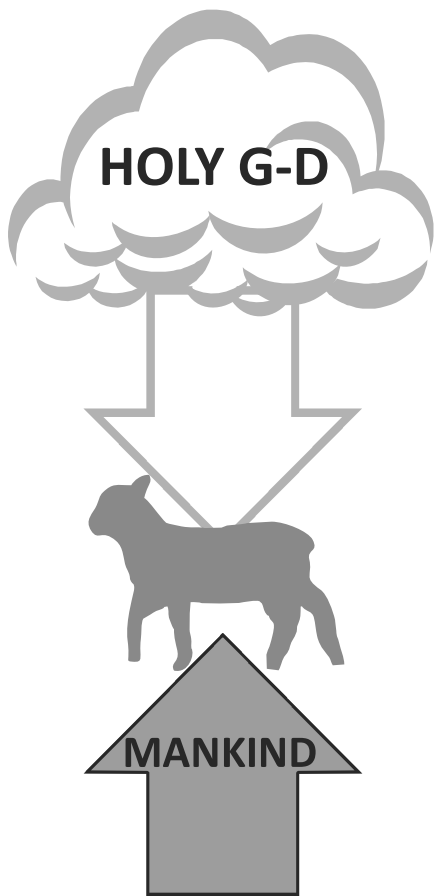
*“All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the L-RD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him” (Isaiah 53:6).*

כָּלֵנוּ כָּצֵאֵן תְּעִינֵנוּ אִישׁ לְדֶרֶכוֹ פָּנִינוּ וַיהוָה הִפְגִּיעַ בּוֹ אֶת עֲוֹן כָּלֵנוּ

*“He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people ....Yet He Himself bore the sin of many” (Isaiah 53:8, 12).*

כִּי נִגְזַר מֵאֶרֶץ חַיִּים מִפֶּשַׁע עַמִּי נִגַּע לָמוֹ... וְהוּא חֲטָאֲרֵבִים נִשָּׂא

In Isaiah 52:13-15 the author identifies the “He” of these passages as G-d’s servant who will be exalted. In other Scripture, Isaiah equates this servant of G-d with Messiah (e.g., Isaiah 42:1).



**G-d's provision of the blood of atonement through the Messiah follows the same principles G-d set up in the sacrificial system.**

- **SIN-OFFERING:** atonement **for a man** by means of a sacrifice.
- **PESACH/PASSOVER:** atonement **for a family** by means of a sacrifice.
- **YOM KIPPUR:** atonement **for a nation** by means of a sacrifice.
- **MESSIAH:** atonement **for all** by means of a sacrifice.

Under the sacrificial system, personal faith was necessary along with the blood of atonement. Today the object of our faith is the sacrifice Messiah has made for us.

**G-d made sure we could recognize Messiah  
by certain specific identifying marks.**

These are among the signs described by the prophets of Israel:

- His ancestry was from the family of David (Jeremiah 23:5-6).
- The city of His birth was Bethlehem (Micah 5:1; vs. 2 in some translations).
- He had a supernatural nature (Isaiah 9:5-6; Jeremiah 23:5-6).
- The manner of His execution is described (Psalm 22:14-17).
- He rose from the dead (Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:10).
- The time of His coming was before the destruction of Herod's Temple in 70 CE (Daniel 9:26).

## **Has anyone ever fulfilled these prophecies, or even come close?**

History tells us that Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus the Messiah) fulfilled these and many other prophecies.

There are at least 48 specific prophecies concerning Messiah which Yeshua (Jesus of Nazareth) fulfilled. The probability that one person could fulfill all 48 prophecies is 1 out of 10 with 157 zeros after it!

During His lifetime many people called Him Messiah ("Christ" is the Greek translation) and believed in Him (Matthew 16:16; John 1:45-51; Acts 6:7).



Many people since that time, both Jews and Gentiles, have had their sins forgiven and gained a personal relationship with the G-d of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob through Yeshua. Through faith in Him we are able to enjoy the abundant life Yeshua promised (John 10:10).

**Since the blood of atonement has been provided  
through Messiah Yeshua,  
there is only one thing left for you to do.**

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# 5 Faith

## Repent and trust Yeshua's blood sacrifice to remove your sins

Receiving Messiah Jesus involves a decision to turn from your own ways to G-d's ways. Trust Him to forgive your sins and bring you into a right relationship with G-d. (See Acts 20:21.)

***“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of G-d, even to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12).***

When you receive Messiah Jesus by faith (trusting what He has done for you), He comes into your life. He gives you the desire and ability to live a life pleasing to G-d.

***“For G-d so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).***

**Some people think that receiving Yeshua by  
faith means you're no longer Jewish.**

**That's not true!**

As Jesus put it: ***“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets;  
I did not come to abolish but to fulfill” (Matthew 5:17).***

The apostle Paul preserved his Jewish identity: ***“I say then, G-d has not  
rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite,  
a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin” (Romans 11:1).***

**Don't let anything hold you back!  
Why not invite Messiah Yeshua to give you a  
right relationship with G-d right now?**

## **Remember:**

1. G-d is the source of a worthwhile life.
2. Your sin has separated you from G-d.
3. G-d's provision through Messiah is the solution to the sin barrier.
4. G-d asks you to trust Messiah Yeshua to forgive your sins and give you a right relationship with G-d.

**You can receive Yeshua by faith right now through prayer.**

Prayer is talking to G-d and is a good way to express your repentance and faith. You may want to use this prayer to express your decision to trust the L-rd Jesus as your Savior.

***“Messiah Yeshua, I admit I have sinned. I believe you have provided the blood of atonement for me. I trust you as my Savior. Thank you for forgiving my sins and coming into my life as you promised.”***

**Yeshua always keeps His promises.**

**Did you receive Him by faith just now?**

If yes, do you know what that means?

**It means the following is now true in your life:**

1. Messiah Yeshua has entered your life, and He promises to never leave you (Hebrew 13:5).
2. All your sins are forgiven (Colossians 2:13).
3. You have a brand new relationship with G-d; you are His child and He will never abandon you (John 1:12; Hebrews 13:5).
4. You have become a completely new person inside, and G-d's Spirit lives within you (2 Corinthians 5:17; John 14:16-17).
5. You have been set free to serve G-d and help others (John 8:31-35; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 2:10).
6. You need not fear death, you will live in eternity with G-d (Daniel 12:2; John 6:47; 1 Corinthians 15:54-55).

## **So what now?**

### **Continue to trust Yeshua.**

The way you began is the way to keep going (Colossians 2:6; Hebrews 11:6).  
As you keep trusting Him, you'll grow in your new relationship.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Let Him communicate with you; read the Bible (1 Peter 2:2).
2. Talk to Him about everything (Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:7).
3. Spend time with others who have believed in Him (Hebrews 10:24-25).
4. Tell others about Him (Acts 1:8).

***“Behold, days are coming,” declares the L-rd, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.”***

**הִנֵּה יָמִים בָּאִים נֹאֲמ־יְהוָה וְכָרַתִּי אֶת־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶת־בֵּית יְהוּדָה בְּרִית חֲדָשָׁה:**

***“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;  
and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh  
and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ezekiel 36:25-27).***

**וְנָתַתִּי לָכֶם לֵב חֲדָשׁ וְרוּחַ חֲדָשָׁה אֶתֶּן בְּקִרְבְּכֶם  
וְהִסְרֹתִי אֶת־לֵב הָאֶבֶן מִבְּשָׁרְכֶם  
וְנָתַתִּי לָכֶם לֵב בָּשָׂר:**