

See ya.” It’s something we say all the time.... as we’re leaving for work, as we’re going out the door of a friend’s house, before we hang the phone up. “See ya then.” “O-K, I’ll be there. You can count on that.” “Don’t worry about taking the car to the garage. I’ll be over tomorrow morning and see what I can do about it.” “Alright, see ya.” It’s something that we take for granted - that we **will** see whoever we’re talking to.

Everyday we hear of deaths. Everyday people die. On the highways... in airplane crashes... in the hospitals... at home. It hasn’t been us yet, but what does tomorrow hold? What does *today* hold?

We never know when we might die, or when the person might die that we’re talking to. You say, “See ya then.” Can you know that you will see them? Can you know that you will both live until the time that you plan to meet again?

Life is fragile. When will your life be over? **As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace. My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.** *Psalms 103:15-16; 102:3,11 (RSV)* Life is fleeting, and fragile.

Do you know Yahweh? ¹ Yahweh is the Creator of everything. He made you, and He knows exactly when you will die. He is in control of all life - when you’ll live and when you’ll die, when you’ll be sick and when you’ll be well. **Yahweh giveth and Yahweh taketh away; blessed be the Name of Yahweh.** *Job 1:21b (KJV)* But Yahweh does more than know when you’ll live and die. Yahweh offers you hope. Yahweh looks on you with love, and says, “I do not want this person to just live and die. I have a purpose and a plan for this person, and I want to give him/her hope.” Yahweh says this to you: **“See, I have set before you this day life and blessing, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of Yahweh your Mighty One which I command you this day, by loving Yahweh your Mighty One, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, then you shall live and multiply, and Yahweh your Mighty One will bless you.”** *Deuteronomy 30:15-16* We are human beings, prone to sin. Mankind has broken Yahweh’s Law. **All have sinned and come short of the esteem of Yahweh.** *Romans 3:23* Yahweh offers a solution.

About 2000 years ago, Yahweh sent His Son, Yahshua², a part of Himself, to this earth, to pay the price for the whole world. What did He do? He gave His life for us. He died, nailed to a tree. Why did He have to die? Because, Yahweh tells us, **The wages of sin is death.** *Romans 6:23a (KJV)* Because of our sin, we deserve to die. But Yahweh wants us to live. So Yahshua came to earth to pay the death penalty for us. What amazing love! *Romans 6:23b* says, **The gift of Yahweh is eternal Life through Yahshua Messiah our Master.** After being in the grave three days and three nights, Yahshua arose to life. Shortly after that, He went back to be with Yahweh again. Now He lives, and He wants to be Your Savior. You see, He paid the price for the whole world, but there is something we must do. We must *accept* the price He paid. We must accept Him, and give ourselves to Him. If we will accept Him as our Savior, and give ourselves to Him, we do not need to fear death. One day we will die, but we will not stay dead. Though we will be physically dead, in Yahshua we will only be asleep, in a sense. When Yahshua comes again, we shall rise to life, and live forever with Him in Renewed Jerusalem, the beautiful, beautiful city where there is no sin, pain, crying, or death. See what the Scripture tells us? It says, **But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so, through Yahshua, Yahweh will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep** (or physically died). **For this we declare to you by the Word of the Master** (Yahshua), **that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Master, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Master Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the Arch-messenger’s call, and with the sound of the trumpet of Yahweh. And the dead in Messiah will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air; and so we shall always be with Yahweh. Therefore comfort one another with these words.** *1 Thess. 4:13-18*

How do you accept Yahweh and Yahshua? How do you give your life to Him? Hear what Yahshua says: **Do not think that I am come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against**

her mother-in-law; and a man’s foes will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and He who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. *Matthew 10:34-39 (RSV)* Yahshua is saying that when we follow Him, those who are not following Him (which are sometimes our families) will not be very happy about what we are doing. It may cause friction, but we must be willing to give up even family and friends for Yahshua, if that is necessary. That is part of giving ourselves to Him. We must be willing to give up whatever is necessary. He will give us much better things. **Then Peter began to say unto him, “Lo, we have left all, and have followed Thee.” And Yahshua answered and said, “Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and the glad news’ sake, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands** (spiritual family and blessings) **with persecutions** (often times from our physical family, “friends”, employers, etc.); **and in the world to come eternal life.”** *Mark 10:28-30 (KJV)* Yes, we must be willing to give up, if necessary, what is dearest to us, to follow Yahshua. He must become our dearest possession.

There is something else that we must be willing to give up if we will be His. Yahshua says, **For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans (or sinners) the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more? Do not even the publicans so?** *Matthew 5:46-47 (KJV)* Yahshua is saying that sinners love sinners, and that sinners salute sinners. Those who are not following Yahshua are brothers and sisters.

When you give up your dearest possessions to make Yahshua your dearest possession, you become part of a new family, the family of Yahweh. This is what *Mark 10:28-30* is talking about when it says that those who follow Yahshua **shall receive an hundredfold.... brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children.** But it also says that we shall receive persecutions. You see, when you step out of the family of the world, and are adopted into the family of Yahweh, the world no longer loves you. Sinners love sinners, but sinners in general do not love Yahweh’s children. If you will follow Yahshua, you must be willing to give up the world’s love for you. Yahshua, in speaking to Yahweh of His followers, said, **I have given them Thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Set them apart through Thy**

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truth: **Thy Word is truth.** *John 17:14-17 (KJV)*

See though, my friend, you are not losing when you give up the love the world has for you. The world does not truly love you. It only likes you because you go wherever it goes and do whatever it does. The world loves you because you are like it, and do not make it feel guilty for its sinful ways. But when you step out of the world's family, then those of the world's family are pricked in their consciences when they see you. They see that you are different, and they are reminded that they are walking wrongly, and they don't like it. That is why the world will not love you when you come to Yahweh.

But look, my friend, you are not losing. I have told you all this that you might know what you must leave behind if you will follow Yahshua. Now I will show you what you will gain if you follow Him. Do you remember that I said that if we follow Him, we will be able to live again after death, in Renewed Jerusalem? This alone is worth following Him, but there is so much more than this.

Yahshua answered and said, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14:23 (KJV) If we will give our lives to Yahshua to love and obey Him, He will come and dwell in our hearts. See, He gave His life for us on the tree. Shouldn't we give our lives to Him also? If we do, He will send His Spirit to come and live in us. We can be happy and joyful, free and at peace in Him. We need not fear death, for we know that He lives in us, and will raise us to live eternally with Him when He returns. Isn't it amazing that Yahweh, so big and wonderful and great would come to live in little people like you and me? We really are very little, compared to Him, but He lovingly sends His Spirit to come and dwell in us anyway. **With men it is impossible, but not with Yahweh: for with Yahweh all things are possible.** (*Yahshua speaking, in Mark 10:27*)

Being then made free from sin, ye [may become] servants of righteousness. Romans 6:18 (KJV) When we give up self, and surrender our lives to Messiah, He frees us from sin. No longer are we under satan's control, as His bondmen. In Yahweh, we are free to live righteously. How beautiful and sweet to walk righteously with Him. It is possible, very possible, for YOU.

Won't you surrender your life to Him and receive the rewards that He has for you? He is waiting to give them to you. Come to him... before it is too late.

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Yahweh bless you.

Shalom³.

See Ya



"See ya later, Mom."

"Bye, I'll be back soon."

"O-K, I'll see you at two in the afternoon then."

"Bye honey, I'll see you in a bit."

"I'll be back in just a minute, sure thing."

"I've gotta go. We'll talk later."

A hasty "See ya"
and you're gone.
You're coming back....
but are you?